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ColdFrames In Action

Saturday 2 April 2011 2 pm – 4pm

in downtown Toronto, @ Broadview & Danforth

*Please arrive early to register, as we always begin on time
... late arrivals may miss key information not to be repeated ...*

This tour will be a seasoned question-and-answer presentation as we move from plot to plot in
Riverdale Meadow Community Garden

\$20- per person

Hot beverages and tasty samplings from ColdFrames included

Tour inventive new designs, new materials, and innovative applications, in a broad range of micro-climates in the heart of Toronto, on the side of the Don Valley.

Based on a range of unique resources - still, as always - these are Kyla Dixon-Muir's original uses of no-cost or low-cost recycling of previously-loved materials as the basis of this growing, greening initiative.

Learn about planting, watering, and ventilation strategies for over-wintering crops, for late-fall-through winter harvests and winter re-seedings, and more for early spring head-starts. See Soil Solarization in action for earliest spring seedings. View re-uses of simple structures (from fall and winter uses) for hardening-off spring transplants to outdoor climates used for early planting-out of your windowsill-started seedlings, too. View the abundant growth of last fall's seed sowings.

See how these organic gardening techniques can be applied in small spaces for home yards, or for school or community garden or allotment plots, as well as for hoop houses or unheated greenhouses, to maximize the use of existing garden space and to minimize fossil fuels from buying fresh foreign produce through our coldest months.

This tour is particularly suited to community garden leaders and to school teachers and horticultural society organizers; individuals with food gardening experience are also welcome. Learn techniques for growing foods, and tips to develop programmes for fall-through-winter-into-spring organic gardening in spaces as small or as large as your locale and budget permit.

Wear sensible Canadian attire, including sturdy waterproof footwear, and hats, gloves, scarves, and wind-resistant coats. *Bundle up thoroughly, please !*

This garden is located on the side of the Don Valley, and is open to strong winds. The garden and its surrounding meadow include hillsides, and the pathways are uneven terrain.

*As this garden is on Toronto District School Board Property
their bylaws prohibit animals, so please do not bring pets.*

Books about Community Gardening, ColdFraming *and other* Season Extension Techniques, as well as ColdFrame construction kits, , Soil Thermometers, and Garden Blankets (floating row covers), local organic Seeds, organic catnip, and more will be available to purchase.

Location:

Riverdale Meadow Community Garden,
On the property of City Adult Learning Centre, 1 Danforth Ave.,
West of Broadview Avenue, South side of Danforth Ave.

(immediately at the end of the Luminous Veil, over the Price Edward Viaduct, *before* the on-ramp to the DVP N/B)

the garden is behind rear-most parking lot, south of all buildings

By car or bike: The driveway into CALC is immediately at the East end of Prince Edward Viaduct (bridge with luminous veil above the Don Valley) where Bloor St. becomes Danforth Ave., (*If you're crossing the bridge eastbound, this driveway is west of the on-ramp to DVP Northbound - drive slowly.*) Take the driveway all the way back of all buildings to the fenced-in parking lot. The garden is on the far side of this lot's fence.

By TTC, or on foot: There is a walkway along the east side of the school's property, west of Pizza-Pizza. Use the pedestrian crossway by the DVP on-ramp. Pass the greenhouse, keep walking south of all buildings, enter the parking lot; the garden gate is on the south fence of the parking lot. As there are 2 staircases that may be snow- or ice-covered, use caution.

*An advisal will be posted on the garden's website by 9:00 a.m. the morning of the tour,
IF it becomes necessary to postpone the tour to the next day,
which would be Sunday 3 April 2011, (same times, 2pm to 4pm)
due to inhospitable weather.*

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please r.s.v.p. to reserve your space

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Join in and be amazed, as you learn more about Kyla Dixon-Muir's Hundred Footstep Diet!