

Good Green Death Project Newsletter March 2018



Good Green Death Project Workshop

REEPgreen Sustainable Living Series February 2018

Ellen and Susan were delighted to talk up the Good Green Death Project to a full house at a workshop at REEP house <https://reepgreen.ca/> in downtown Kitchener last month. There were many questions that we were able to answer about green burial options, concerns about current options and our vision. Response was very positive as we tried to blend factual information from Ellen with Susan's secret desire to be a stand-up comedian. That's not to say Ellen isn't funny. And Susan isn't necessarily, but that won't stop her. There was definitely laughter in the room. Let us know if you're looking for a speaker for your group or organization.

What's next?

A Will for the Woods

Thursday April 19, 2018 7 pm
Princess Twin Cinema, 46 King St N, Waterloo
Presented by the Good Green Death Project
Thank you to our sponsor: Hilton Landmarks

Tickets: \$10 <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-will-for-the-woods-tickets-42952090860>



What if our last act could be a gift to the planet? Determined that his final resting place will benefit the earth, musician, psychiatrist, and folk dancer Clark Wang prepares for his own green burial while battling lymphoma. The spirited Clark and his partner Jane, boldly facing his mortality, embrace the planning of a spiritually meaningful funeral and join with a compassionate local cemetarian to use green burial to save a North Carolina woods from being clear-cut.

With poignancy and unexpected humor, *A Will for the Woods* portrays the last days of a multifaceted advocate – and one community's role in the genesis of a revolutionary movement. As the film follows Clark's dream of leaving a legacy in harmony with timeless cycles, environmentalism takes on a profound intimacy.

After the film, join Good Green Death Project Instigators, Susan Koswan and Ellen Newman, and other panellists to learn about the Good Green Death Project, and what green funeral and burial options are currently available in the region.

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Thinking outside of the casket...

We're also working on:

- drafting a business plan
- becoming an incorporated not-for-profit
- preparing a response to questions raised at November 1, 2017 meeting with Manager of Consumer Affairs
- rescheduling meeting with Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) that was postponed due to illness
- exploring potential locations for the Project
- exploring potential funding sources for start-up and operation

As always, we welcome your thoughts, your time and your energy towards our goal of creating an integrated Hospice, and Recomposition facility on a protected conservation burial ground that will support family and community and enhance our natural environment.

GGDP and Media (social and otherwise)!

Kitchener Post (Nov. 2, 2017) <https://www.kitchenerpost.ca/community-story/7767252-good-green-death-project-introduces-the-idea-of-composting-human-remains/>

Kitchener Citizen (Feb. 8, 2018) <http://www.kitchenercitizen.com/greenburialsfeb2018.html>

CBC (Feb 10, 2018) <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/green-burials-waterloo-region-1.4526427>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/p/Ba1ePjgiDi4/>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/goodgreendeadth>

Funding and Membership

The Good Green Death Project is currently entirely volunteer-run and unfunded, driven by passion and personal interest. Our current expenses include website hosting and domain name fees, building a resource base for future Good Green Death Forums and Death Cafes, and saving for incorporation costs.

All donations are gratefully received and deposited into a dedicated account at a local credit union. If you are interested in becoming a Member of the Good Green Death Project, the annual fee is \$20 and will entitle you to a regular newsletter and access to the members-only Good Green Death Project Facebook Group to share ideas, stay current on our progress and meet like-minded folks. Email money transfers are preferred.

You can reach us at

info@goodgreendeadthproject.ca to subscribe, unsubscribe, become a member, ask questions, share your thoughts...your time...your expertise...your money... ;-)

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