

Good Green Death Project Newsletter May 2018

A Will for the Woods – Princess Twin Cinemas, April 19, 2018



If you were not able to join us for this showing, you missed a wonderful film and an engaging discussion.

A Will for the Woods documents the death journey of Dr. Clark Wang. Determined that his final resting place will benefit the earth, musician, psychiatrist, and folk dancer Dr. Wang prepares for his own green burial while battling lymphoma. The film was both funny and poignant, and informed a great discussion period afterwards.

Panelists joining us for the discussion after the film were Glenna Huff – Sales and Client Services for Parkview Cemetery in Bechtel Park in the City of Waterloo, Cory Blacquiere – Landscape Architect and Cemetery Designer with Hilton Landmarks, and Karry Sawatzky – a death educator in private practice. Attendees learned about the green burial section at Parkview Cemetery, what legal sustainable burial options are available in the area, how burial in a forest might affect trees, and much more. Jen Davis also joined us to demonstrate her game [Exit Matters](#), created to help make the often difficult conversation about the end of life into a more meaningful and less daunting experience.

We are grateful to Hilton Landmarks for their sponsorship of the event, as well as John Tutt and the staff of the Princess Cinemas for being so accommodating and supportive. If you were there, we'd love to hear your thoughts! Drop us a line at info@goodgreendeadproject.ca

What's next?

May 24, 2018
7 – 9 pm

Kitchener-Waterloo Memorial Society Meeting

Grand River Unitarian Congregation

Susan will be there to talk about the Good Green Death Project and answer questions.

June 16, 2018
9 – 11:30 am

Parkview Cemetery Expansion – Grand Opening

City of Waterloo (Bridge St & University Ave)

The Good Green Death Project will be there! Come by and say hi!

Get all the details here: www.waterloo.ca/cemetery

What else have we been up to?

The Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO)

Susan, Ellen and John Kloeze of Actium Composting met with the BAO in March on the recommendation of the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services. We described our concept, answered and asked questions and got some great feedback and guidance.

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Thinking outside of the casket...

Report to the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (MGCS)

After our meeting with the MGCS in November 2017 to present our concept, the ministry came back with several questions. We submitted our response in April 2018 to both the ministry and the BAO for their feedback ... and expect more questions!!

We're also working on...

- a business plan
- becoming incorporated as a not-for-profit
- potential speaking engagements
- a fall educational/fundraising event
- potential locations for the Project, and
- 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)!

Click [here](#) to read a great article about The Good Green Death Project which appeared in The Waterloo Region Record on April 17, 2018

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!

Funding and Membership

The Good Green Death Project is 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 events, and incorporation costs.

Donations are gratefully received and deposited into a dedicated account at a local credit union. If you are interested in becoming a member, the annual fee is \$20 and will entitle you to a regular newsletter updating our progress. Email money transfers are preferred.

We need a volunteer photographer!

If you're handy with a cell phone camera and would be willing to take photos at our events (because we often forget to do this!!) please contact us at info@goodgreendeadproject.ca

You can reach us at

info@goodgreendeadproject.ca to subscribe, unsubscribe, become a member, ask questions, invite us to speak, and share your thoughts...your time...your expertise...your money... ;-)

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