

Guild Park Night Before Christmas

By Rose Mitchell Spohn, Treasurer, Friends of Guild Park & Gardens (With apologies to Clement Moore)



'Twas the week before Christmas in Scarborough's Guild Park,



That "jewel" envisioned by Spencer and Rosa Clark;

Although the old Inn was now a construction site



The neighbours were hoping "things will be done right."



The Friendship Tulips had been planted in the historical bed
While visions of visiting park artifacts danced in their heads.

I had just finished reworking the Friends' numbers,
And was about to head for a winter's eve slumber.

When in the Guild Forest there arose such a clatter,
I went to Guild Park to see what was the matter.



When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a light showing two ghostly figures.
Although they were a bit of a blur,
I knew in a moment they were Rosa and Spencer.

They had come to Guild Park to reminisce
But had brought with them a Christmas list.
"A park Master Plan is the top priority

Too many silos in this megacity.

"The city must meet with the people of this neighbourhood,



So that their vision for this park can be understood.

And because all city parks are not all the same,

Let us give you our requests by name:

Washrooms, drinking fountains, a quiet space, and nature walks.



Artifacts maintained, Greek theatre enhanced, arts programming and artist talks.

But let us give praise where praise is due,

People have worked hard; to them we say 'Thank you.'

The gardens here are a wonder to be seen

We are expecting the same in 2016.



Monument Walk, Guild Park's latest treasure,
Looks to be a wonderful place to walk at leisure.
We are thrilled the forest has started to grow back
After the 2013 ice storm and EAB attack.

And through the summer, wildflowers continued to bloom

While the local wildlife still make this park their home.

We noticed new locations for Mobius Curve and Wishing Well,

The Firehouse Wall and the School House Bell.

And Guild Park traditions continue both old and new;

To the Friends, GVCA, GFT and GRG, we say 'Thank you.'

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Guild Renaissance Group

Autumn 2015



Guildwood Village Community Association

Established 1957

We are pleased that Guild Park continues to be

A place where Art meets Nature meets Community."

And I heard them exclaim, ere they faded from sight—

"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

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