

The Friends
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FAMILY Newsletter

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It's Spring!

Diana returns!

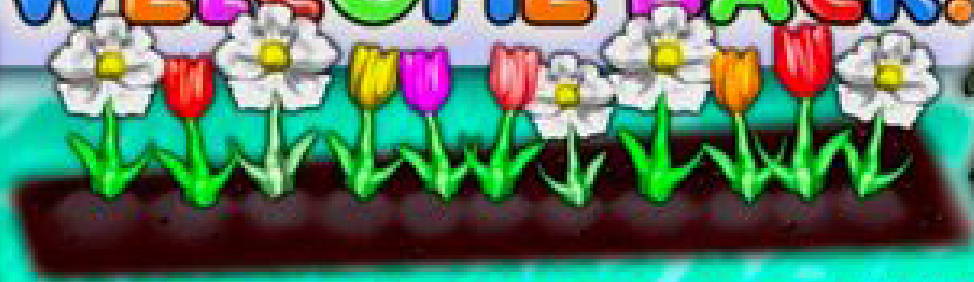
The beloved statue of the Roman Goddess Diana has finally returned to the Halifax Public Gardens! Diana is the Roman Goddess of hunting, animals and the Moon. The ancient Greeks and ancient Romans believed in many of the same gods, but they each called them by different names. Diana's Greek name is Artemis! Did you know there are actually statues of 3 different Goddesses in The Gardens? Diana, Ceres, and one other - can you name the third? (Check your answer at the bottom of the page!) With Diana fixed up and looking as good as new, it's Ceres' turn to get all fixed up! Good bye Ceres, and good luck!



WELCOME BACK!



Goodbye Ceres!



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Time Capsule?

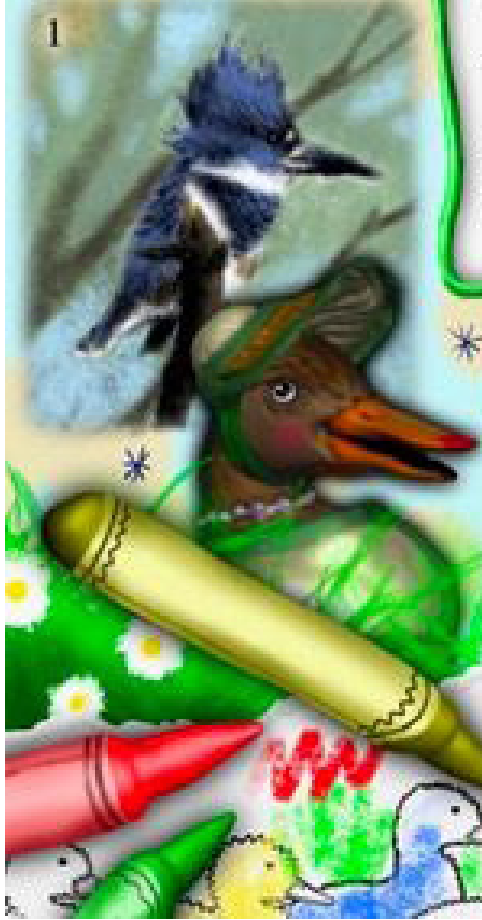
The Goddess Diana has been returned to her rightful place in The Halifax Public Gardens, but not before a secret was hidden inside the base of the statue! Something called a time capsule was put inside. A time capsule is a container filled with different objects from our day-to-day lives. People leave time capsules hidden for years, and then open them up to see what things were like in the past, and how things have changed! Three of the eight objects below were actually put inside the time capsule - can you guess which ones? (See right for answer key)



Birds, birds, birds!

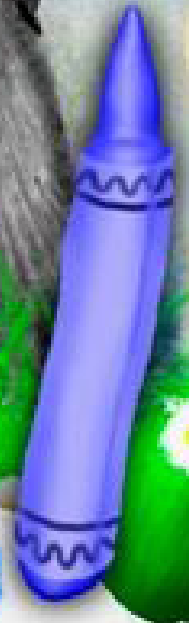
Around the public gardens, you may find many different types of birds, ranging from mallard ducks like me, to bright red cardinals, ruby-throated hummingbirds, and even the majestic great blue heron. Study the pictures around me, and keep your eyes out! Lots of people love to watch birds - see how many different types you can spot!

- 1 *Belted Kingfisher*
- 2 *American Goldfinch*
- 3 *Ruby-throated Hummingbird*
- 4 *Mallard Duck*
- 5 *Great Blue Heron*
- 6 *Northern Cardinal*



Q: WHAT DO DUCKS WATCH ON T.V.?

A: "Duckumentary"



Ray and B.B.



Meet Ray and B.B.! The best friends in all of the Halifax Public Gardens! B.B. stands for Brainy Bird - Ray says she's the smartest duck he's ever met! They love the Public Gardens - Ray the bee loves all the delicious flowers, and B.B. loves to swim in it's peaceful pond! The two of them meet every day to buzz and waddle about. Ray is very curious - he loves to spend the whole day asking B.B. about everything he sees. B.B. loves to tell fun facts, so they get along great! Keep an eye out - you might spot them!

!!! Notice nature !!!



Look to the left and right of this text - how many logos did you recognize? How many plants and animals did you recognize? In our modern world, many people recognize more logos than they do local plants and wildlife! This was not always the case. Before the internet and the technology we have today, it was important for people to be able to recognize different species of plants and animals. We sometimes forget that humans are part of nature too, and the more we know about it, the better we can live in harmony with it! Learning about the nature around you can make you feel more connected to where you live.



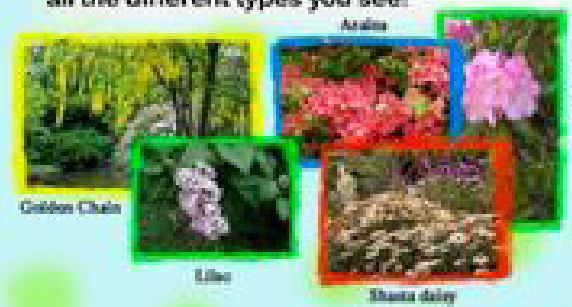
YUMMY!!!

Spring has sprung: flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, insects are buzzing about, and a fresh spring breeze gently blows. What do those things have in common? They all have to do with pollination! Most plants need pollen from other plants of the same species to reproduce. Plants are stuck in one place, so they need some help moving their pollen around. That's where animals come in! Pollinators are extremely important for the Earth!



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Pollinators need to be protected! As humans, we breathe air. Plants create new oxygen for us to breathe, and absorb harmful carbon dioxide. Plants are also very important for making many types of medicine, and food for us to eat! Without pollinators we would have no plants, and no air to breathe. We wouldn't be able live on Earth anymore! Pollinators love gardens, especially the Halifax Public Gardens. Below are some of the favorite plants pollinators love to stop at in June. Be on the lookout for pollinators - keep track of all the different types you see!



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