

Whispers of Hope

2017

The Dream Team – shakers and movers of earth and plants



If you look outside the front righthand windows of the Care Centre Lobby you will spot the bubbling basalt rocks over a dry pond. The development of this garden was one of Horticulture's first adventures in learning sustainable practices in garden design.

Much consideration was given by the newly formed Dream Team before turning the Alcove into a place of quiet reflection despite the fact it was beside two very busy entrances to the Care Centre and the Gathering Place -the desire was for a hopeful reflective spot of refreshment and respite. Rocks were moved, native and non-native shade lovers planted, and a quiet water feature developed in the corner by the windows. Residents chose a new name for this alcove; it became "The Whispers of Hope" and in a very real sense, the hope-filled beginning of sustainable garden development at Trinity Village

The Development of a Mixed Shade Garden

Along the way we made a connection with the kind and generous friends of Trinity Village – the Michael and Marie Gondosh family. Maria is a gardener too and prided herself in her delightful home landscapes wherever she lived. Their financial partnership advanced more than the development of the garden you enjoy today. It gave energy and encouragement to a group of like-minded residents and staff who wanted to continue creating stimulating spaces for people to enjoy out-of-doors at Trinity Village.

Today you will often see people enjoying a cuppa something by the bubbling rocks or resting benchwise to enjoy the sparrows flitting between birdhouse and bath under the shade of the Bloodgood Maple.

