

Community Suppers in Trinity Bellwoods Park



Building on our experience with the “pop-up” Hot House Café, Jiva and Gene would like to propose community meals in Trinity Bellwoods Park this summer on Tuesday nights after the farmers’ market. There would be 3 meals in July and 2 meals in August skipping the first weeks in both month because of holidays.

Our idea would be to invite local restauranteurs, caterers and other people with a history in food and restaurants to guest host these meals overseen by Jiva. Tuesdays are slow days in most restaurants as well as being market days. We would use the rec centre kitchen as well as the wood fired oven in the garden at 900 Queen West and Gene would keep the oven going preparing whatever meal component the guest chef wanted to make.

We would also like to have a portable grill and/or propane burner available to prepare food in close proximity to where it would be available to eat under the trees just south of the rec centre. There are many details still to be worked out including funding as well as the final cost of the meal to park goers.

Currently we have the support of CELOS the Centre For Local Research Into Public Space headed by Jutta Mason. They have applied for funds to document our effort if we are successful as well as some funds for materials such as tables and other elements to outfit and define the area in the park we would use.

We would like the backing of The Friends of Trinity Bellwoods as we go forward with this project looking for support form various sources. Our hope is that this experiment could lead to a permanent café in the park and that the built resources of the park could become better used than they currently are. The potential for community building and the goal of making the park a creative and vital destination are also motivating reasons for doing this.