

PHOTO BY NIGEL LAING

#6396  
Horse Chestnut  
*Aesculus hippocastanum*  
Near West Point Grey Community Centre Entrance  
49° 16' 17" N, -123° 12' 18" W

## AN ARTIST PROJECT BY HOLLY SCHMIDT | [BEATAPATH.CA/ALL-THE-TREES](http://BEATAPATH.CA/ALL-THE-TREES)

### EMAIL TO TREE #6396

Hello from Berlin! Dear Vancouver tree, I saw your ID on Facebook where people are sharing your project across the world. Since I found you on Facebook, my question is: what's the most important message you think my friends should share about the Canadian trees involved in this project?

— ANONYMOUS

### RESPONSE FROM TREE #6396

Thank you for taking the time to send a note from so far away. I realize we haven't met in person, so I will describe myself a little. I'm a rather large Horse Chestnut tree of a certain age, living in the West Point Grey neighbourhood. I have a nice living situation near Aberthau Mansion where I can greet visitors as they enter the parking lot. Summer is my favourite time of year because my umbrella-like groupings of leaves provide shade from the sun and cover from the rain for people as they come and go.

I think the most important message to send on behalf of the Canadian trees involved in the project is that we are part of an ecological community with deep connections that aren't always apparent to people. Slow down and take the time to get to know us better. You're part of our community, too.

If you have a few moments, you might want to stop and say hello to some Berlin friends of mine along Unter der Linden.  
Best,  
Holly Schmidt on behalf of Horse Chestnut Tree

# BEAT A PATH -- ALL THE TREES

PART OF THE ARTIST IN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM WITH THE VANCOUVER PARK BOARD, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WEST POINT GREY COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE JERICHO STEWARDSHIP GROUP, THE LEGACY POSTER PROJECT AND EXHIBITION ARE SUPPORTED BY THE ROUNDHOUSE COMMUNITY ARTS & RECREATION CENTRE.