



Welcome to this week's presentation and conversation hosted by the
Canadian Association for the Club of Rome,
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Forests and Climate Change.

Our speaker today is Dr. Diana Beresford-Kroeger, a botanist, medical biochemist, & author. Her books include *The Sweetness of a Simple Life*, *The Global Forest*, *Arboretum Borealis: A Lifeline of the Planet*, *Arboretum America: A Philosophy of the Forest*, & *A Garden for Life*. A feature documentary about her work, the Canadian Screen Awards-nominated *Call of the Forest: The Forgotten Wisdom of Trees*, appeared in 2017. In 2019, Carleton U recognized Dr. Beresford-Kroeger's efforts towards preserving the earth's climate & forests by conferring upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*. Her latest book is *To Speak for the Trees: My Life's Journey From Ancient Celtic Wisdom To a Healing Vision of the Forest*.

DESCRIPTION: There is a trinity in climate change. The triad is simple—it is composed of carbon dioxide, oxygen, & biodiversity. Billions of years ago, carbon dioxide ruled the roost. The planet was toxic & didn't have much life. Very slowly, DNA emerged, giving rise to the five kingdoms of life. The plants generated oxygen. Trees & forests became champions at this. Now, we have cut too many trees & destroyed the biodiversity of our planet's forests. Resolving the calamity of climate change is simple--three words: carbon dioxide, oxygen, & biodiversity. Let's begin, let's take the first footsteps to cure this.

The presentation will be followed by a conversation, questions, and observations from the participants.

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