

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Nature's Marquee: an evening of colour in nature, 5-8 p.m. at Red Door Gallery, 127 Mill St. (east side). Images from nature by painter Linda Donais Weir and photographer Melissa Auchincloss-Smith. Info: www.reddoorgallery.ca

St. John's Annual Roast Beef Dinner: 6 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church, corner of Trafalgar Rd. and 15 Sideroad. Takeouts available. Tickets: 905-877-5797 or 905-873-6280. Adults \$15, children (6-10 years) \$6.

Georgetown Kiwanis Lobsterfest: 7 p.m. at the Gellert Centre, includes dinner (all-you-can-eat lobster and steak) and a dance. Info: georgetownkiwanis.ca, 905-877-4411 ext. 221.

Live at the JET: Pete Paquette is Elvis (the Moments), 8 p.m. at the John Elliott Theatre. Tickets: 905-877-3700 or www.haltonhills.ca/theatre

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Ray Parsons: will be playing classical guitar, 2-4 p.m. in the Helson Gallery in the Halton Hills Cultural Centre. Free; you may come and go as you please.

Craft and Baked Goods Sale: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the front parking lot of the Halton Hills Christian School. A fundraiser for Georgetown Christian Reform Church counsellors.

Old Seed House Garden Planting Day: 9-11:30 a.m. Help create beautiful displays of flowers in the garden.

Bake sale and bazaar: 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Seniors' residence, 8 Durham St. in Georgetown. Lots of bargains.

Health and wellness day: at Holy Cross Church. Free event with educational speakers, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk-ins welcome.

Norval United Church Chicken Barbecue: 4-7:30 p.m. at Huttonville Public

School (Embleton Rd., west of Mississauga Rd.) Tickets: 905-873-7211.

Milton Horticultural Society's annual plant sale: 11 a.m. at the Milton Fairgrounds. Plus Momstown Milton will be providing a fun event for kids with seed planting, decorating pots and a sensory play area. Info: Milton District

Horticultural Society on Facebook.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Free health seminar: with registered dietitian, 2-3 p.m. at Genesis Walk-in & Family Clinic, 221 Miller Dr., Georgetown. Learn how to control diabetes, high blood pressure, weight issues, child nutrition. Pre-register in

person at the clinic or by phone (spaces limited). Info: 905-873-6776, www.GenesisHealthTeam.com.

Bruce Trail Halton Hills Chapter Hike: Medium pace, moderate to strenuous terrain (partially rocky) – approximately 9 km. Depart at 9:30 a.m. from the Georgetown Market Place

parking lot, south of the medical building, east of Walmart. Wear hiking boots, bring water/snacks & bug repellent. Refreshments after the hike at the pub in Waterdown. Hike leader: Angelika 905-877-7805 asgk.canada@sympatico.ca

Nature's Marquee photo walk: Join Melissa Auchincloss-Smith for a free sunset nature photography walk through Hungry Hollow, 5-8 p.m. Learn about composition and how to capture light in natural subjects. Bring any camera and sturdy footwear. Call the artist to register: 519-829 9398. Meet at Red Door Gallery, 127 Mill St. Info: www.reddoorgallery.ca.

May Concert Series: continues with Night and Day featuring Russell Braun (baritone), Monica Whicher (soprano), Carolyn Maule (pianist) will perform 2:30 p.m. at St. John's United Church, 11 Guelph St. Tickets 905-877-2531.

Celiac Society meeting: Boston Pizza, 65 Resolution Dr. (at Steeles) in the Walmart Plaza. 1 p.m. order/eat from gluten-wise menu, and meeting 1:30-2:30 p.m. (It's not required that you order lunch). Speaker: Christine Cholak, registered dietitian on decoding food labels.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Equilibrium-Georgetown: meets 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) at Norval United Church. Topic: Canadian produced video on hope and how we are all affected by mental illness in our communities. Info: georgetown@equilibrium-oakville.com or CMHA, 905-693-4270.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Ballinafad Euchre: Ballinafad Hall Board hosts euchre at the Ballinafad Community, 7:30 p.m. sharp. Cost: \$3.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Park Public School Family Fun Day: rain or shine, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the school, 6 Hyde Park Dr., Georgetown.

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Cleaning a closet? It's more like an archeological dig

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We just enjoyed a long weekend, most commonly referred to as the May 2-4 weekend.

Traditionally, one is supposed to work in the yard, plant the flowerbeds, and do all that outside stuff. It's also supposed to be a weekend to relax a little.

Apparently The Sidekick didn't read that part of the May 2-4 rule book, that 'relaxing' part.

Now we did some work around the yard, and she did edge one flowerbed... okay, part way around one flowerbed. It seems her interests were inside the house, not quite as gung ho in the yard.

After a long day Saturday, (and both of us downing a few Tylenol before bed,) we got up Sunday morning, determined to 'take it easy' that day.

Right...

We attended church, and even took a scenic route home, to mellow out.

It was when we got home that it happened. I changed into my grubby clothes to resume my attack on the yard, when The Sidekick uttered those words no man wants to here.

"We could clean out the closets in the bedroom...."

Cleaning out the closets is one of THE most unappealing tasks known to a member of the male species. It's right up there with cleaning out the basement, cleaning out the garage, and borders on being as bad as having to watch



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six back-to-back episodes of "Say Yes to The Dress," or "19 Kids and Counting" on a Sunday afternoon.

Having said that, I must admit, I've successfully been able to dodge that bullet for the past seven years, (since we got married,) so I was running low on inventive excuses as to why I couldn't clean out my closet.

I was cornered. I had to tackle the closet.

In retrospect, I'm not sure 'cleaning out the closet' would be classed as a 'job'. I think it might be more aptly referred to as an 'archeological dig'.

Winter clothes came out, summer clothes that were threadbare or ripped came out, old shoes, old slippers, even two extra pillows I'd forgotten I even had were buried in the dig.

And a number of pairs of blue and black jeans, and dress pants, all size 36-30, were buried in the site. We all know that 36-30 ship sailed some time ago.

Shirts in size Large (and that's a imported size large— we all know the real size large is much, well, 'larger;') and a couple Mediums from my early 30s, had holed up in there as well.

I must admit, it was a little jaunt into my past, as I found items of clothing that had totally escaped my memory.

I filled a couple of giant garbage bags, and may have to employ a fork-lift to load them into the truck.

The final result? It's fabulous.

Now, as I climb into my bed at night, I can actually lay peacefully in the darkness, knowing full well that a scant few feet away, my closet is pretty much up to snuff, to the point where Martha Stewart might even give me a B-minus.

But the best part— I not only have a well-organized, up-to-date, uncluttered closet— I also have the necessary ammunition to use on The Sidekick regarding cleaning things.

As I write this column, seated on the verandah, with a cold drink and the laptop in front of me, I can watch her. She's just spent 45 minutes cleaning out the trunk of her car, as well as the interior.

Seems she just found a three-week-old avocado under the driver's seat...