

Plant sale sprouts gifts for mom

The Milton & District Horticultural Society will be holding its plant sale and silent auction at the Fair Grounds on Robert Street Saturday. The doors will open at 8 a.m. to halls one and two, which will be filled with plants for sale, along with a variety of silent auction items. Event-goers will find a wide selection of perennials, annuals, herbs, vegetables or shrubs at great prices. Most of the perennials come from society members' gardens. These are mature, hardy plants that have been growing under local conditions, giving a much better chance of a successful planting. Residents who need help deciding on which plant, or how best to grow it, there will be

experienced gardeners available to answer questions. Still looking for a Mother's Day gift? Choose from hanging baskets, roses, or arrangements. There may also be something in the extensive silent auction that's perfect for her. The auction has some exciting big-ticket items to bid on, such as a gorgeous patio set from Lowe's, and too many gift cards to list. This event is completely volunteer driven and the main funding for the not-for-profit society, which manages a number of community gardens and other properties in Milton. Purchases can be made via cash, cheque, credit and debit.

Battle for spelling supremacy

Put your spelling skills to the test at the upcoming Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee, set for Monday (May 15). The event, which will take place in MinMaxx Hall at the Milton Centre for the Arts, will see a number of teams representing local businesses and organizations compete in a hilarious battle for spelling supremacy. Guests are invited to attend the event and cheer on teams. Tickets cost \$15 per person and are available at the box office and online.

All proceeds will benefit Literacy North Halton, a not-for-profit organization that offers programs for adults looking to upgrade their skills. The Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee is one of two fundraising events held in support of Literacy North Halton's Adult Learning Centre. A practice round will begin at 6:45 p.m. Monday, with the bee beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.inhaltdlearning.ca/spelling_bee.htm.

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