



It was no easy feat but 12-year-old Andre Pagliaro and sister Anna, 8, unraveled the riddle to solve the second annual Great Toogood Pond Treasure Hunt. Here, they hold up the 100 silver dollars they discovered in their quest.

What a team

Local sleuths win festival treasures

By Marty Hare
 Andre Pagliaro and his sister Anna now have 100 reasons to remember the Unionville Festival. Andre, 12, and Anna, 8, worked out the clues and found the treasure chest key at the second annual Great Toogood Pond Treasure Hunt.
 In doing so, they beat hundreds of other treasure hunters to the 100 silver dollar prize. Hunt organizer Marty Hare explained the clues:
 Clue 1 layed down the rules, and the prize. (You don't have to dig, swim, trespass or get into trouble to find it!)
 Clue 2 had pictures of eight pond-area objects — fences, signs and things. The clover leaf, being natural, was the odd one out. The riddle's "dollar as each year passed," phrase put the search around things old and natural.
 Clue 3 placed you on the (Monopoly) boardwalk. The best (telescope) view from the Pond's northern boardwalk looks

through trees at the pond pavilion, and the old, natural boulders surrounding it.
 Clue 4 indicated that at the end of the maze was a key below many tumbling blocks (rocks). The riddle asked you to be "bolder," and indicated "underneath."
 Clue 5, the man skipping rocks and the riddle, "a stone's throw away," reinforced the rock or boulder theme.
 Clue 6 had the sleuth standing on a platform over the third large diamond (rock) underneath a light bulb. The key was hidden in a space under one of the large boulders at the north-east side of the pond pavilion.
 The boulder was directly in line with a lamp post and a cement slab in the grass.
 And what will Andre do with his prize?
 "I think I'll keep the silver dollars as a souvenir," he said this week. But sources say he's negotiating a deal to buy out his sister's share.

Retiree's reward is free time

After 30 years, Betty McColgan is leaving the church behind. Her June retirement marks the end of a long, rewarding career. As minister of education at St. Andrew's United, Ms. McColgan has spent the last three years educating children and adults in leadership skills; conducting confirmation classes and Sunday church school.
 Her responsibilities also include planning special events and programs, as well as occasionally conducting Sunday worship services.
 Last Sunday's service honored Ms. McColgan and her achievements, for which she received a substantial cheque as a gift from the congregation.
 "The gift makes it possible for me to have a winter holiday for the first time in my life," she noted.

Her graduation from the United Church of Canada as a diaconal minister in 1957 led to an exciting and varied ministry that took her from one end of the country to the other.
 Ms. McColgan was a Christian education worker in Newfoundland's Twillingate Presbytery and developed a number of national leadership training programs.

She also initiated a cross generational curriculum for Indians in northern Manitoba.
 Ontario became her home after she accepted a position at Thornhill United Church as director of Christian education, where she stayed for eight years.

Before moving to St. Andrews in 1984, Ms. McColgan helped Birch Cliff United in Scarborough salvage their declining congregation, and initiated church programs and an active church board.

Ms. McColgan has a home in Thornhill, but plans to spend most of her new-found leisure time travelling.

Community work also interests her, though she has never had the time, before now, to become directly involved.

"People tell me I'm a young 65," she says, "and they ask me why I'm retiring. I tell them retirement is my reward."



Waves ahoy!

Student sailors at Unionville Public School shy away from a ceremonial splash of water given by Kindergarten teacher Carol Wells to mark the christening of a new boat in the school's playground. School Principal Neil Gallichan credits Markham District High School students and teachers for building the boat; art teacher Dorsey James for carving the bowsprit; Markham Hydro for donating the supplies and the school board for building the foundation. — Sjoerd Witteveen

Visit the Titanic

A replica of the Titanic will be among the attractions as Cullen Country Barns hosts a model ship exhibition June 7 through June 26. The Queen Mary and The Queen Elizabeth are also included in the works of craftsman Jack McCready.

The Whitby resident employs the same construction techniques used in building the full-sized ships when making his models.

Cullen Country Barns is located in Unionville at Steeles Ave. and Kennedy Rd.

Musicians at theatre

The Fine Art of Music will host a piano and organ recital to showcase the talents of 150 Markham and Unionville students at the Markham Theatre, June 16.

An award presentation is planned after the show for outstanding musical and

academic achievement.

Top students will receive acknowledgement from the University of Toronto's Royal Conservatory of Music.

Tickets for the June 16 show are available at the Markham Theatre for \$5.75. Showtime is 7 p.m.



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