

town and country home show

Surveyor knows about restoring older homes

NANCY HOSKIN
Correspondent

Ian Woods began his training as a Chartered Surveyor in 1959, and has worked on projects in 26 countries around the globe. This weekend, Woods, the only presenter from Markham, will conduct seminars daily entitled This Old New House during the Town and Country Home Show at Markham Fairgrounds.

"It's important to understand what a surveyor does and what his inspection details," Woods said. "Information is the biggest thing we have going for ourselves in my profession. I will approach my presentations in a practical, but humorous matter to make people stop and think when they look at purchasing a home."

While Woods enjoys working with century homes, because the immediate market in Markham is vast, his firm deals with a variety of surveying projects, from private homes to industrial properties.

"Let the buyer beware" is good law and good sense, with a building being no exception, according to Woods. Its purchaser, or occu-

pier, needs full information on its state of repair, whether he represents a business expanding into new premises, a financial institution adding to its portfolio or is simply an individual buying a home.

Whatever the size and value of the property, a chartered building surveyor has an indispensable role. His advice will be a key factor in the decision the intending owner makes to complete the purchase, in security and peace of mind, or to reject the opportunity as unsound.

Chartered Surveyors form a profession which can trace its roots back in history through many centuries. The systematic evaluation and recording of property has evolved down the centuries. The Surveyors Club in 1792 was perhaps the first formal group, eventually leading to the granting of the Royal Charter in 1881 by Queen Victoria.

The Chartered Surveyor's disci-

plines include virtually anything to do with land or property and buildings.

A surveyor will look at every part of the property which is readily accessible and he will then give you a detailed report on what he has found. Firstly, you will want to know that the house is structurally sound. The report will tell you whether there are any cracks in the walls and what they mean and whether the structure is sound and strong enough.

You will want to know if the property is dry and weather tight. The report will comment among other things on the condition of the roof and rainwater pipes, if there is any evidence of rising dampness or lack of pointing. Allowing water to come through the brickwork.

Many purchasers are concerned about woodworm and termites, depending upon how much of the timber the surveyor is able to inspect.



Markham Surveyor Ian Woods demonstrates digital lines and levels of a building. It's used primarily in Theolite used to evaluate horizontal and vertical assessing older homes.

Variety adds to show

The producers of the Town & Country Home Show believe that consumers deserve more for their money when attending a consumer show. That's why this show offers the advice of experts on a variety of topics that will interest visitors.

According to co-producer, Debra Gross, a comprehensive schedule of seminars has been arranged this year, free with admission to the show.

Here's a sampling of what visitors will see and hear:

Re-live Everyday Life In Upper Canada, when Joyce Lewis of the Ontario Historical Society presents an illustrated talk that focuses on the period from 1780 to 1840.

Gain new insight into the lives of Canadians who lived in small towns and on the farm, as they tended their homes, raised their children and struggled to survive in this young country.

The Ontario Historical Society also presents George Duncan, who will talk about The Architecture of Old Markham Village: Images of Small Town Ontario, and Dorothy Duncan, who will discuss Furnishing A Home in the 19th Century, a topic that includes information on the elements of a period room, and advice on re-creating that look today.

Making your money work for you is a subject of crucial importance these days. The Town & Country Home Show will present experts from two firms who can help you handle funds wisely: Bill Skitch of Sutherland Investments will look at The Ten Commandments of Investing Your Money; The Quest for Financial Independence; while Keith Watters of CYR Financing Ltd. will examine Creative Mortgage Financing, and offer general investment tips.

Buying a home is the largest single investment most people will ever make. One of the best ways to be sure your money is well-spent is to consult a house inspector before purchasing.

Ian Woods of I.K. Woods & Partners, in Markham, will talk about This Old New House daily. Woods will run through a checklist of things to look for, and avoid, when buying.

Conserving energy is still important to homeowners. With this in mind, Don Aram of Ontario Hydro will explain how to do just that in Making Your Home Energy Efficient.

Many homeowners are saving money today by tackling do-it-yourself projects, themselves. Gill Knapp, of Unilock Paving Stones, will conduct the seminar, Do-It-Yourself Paving. With Stones, presenting an easy 10-step method which may turn you into a pro.

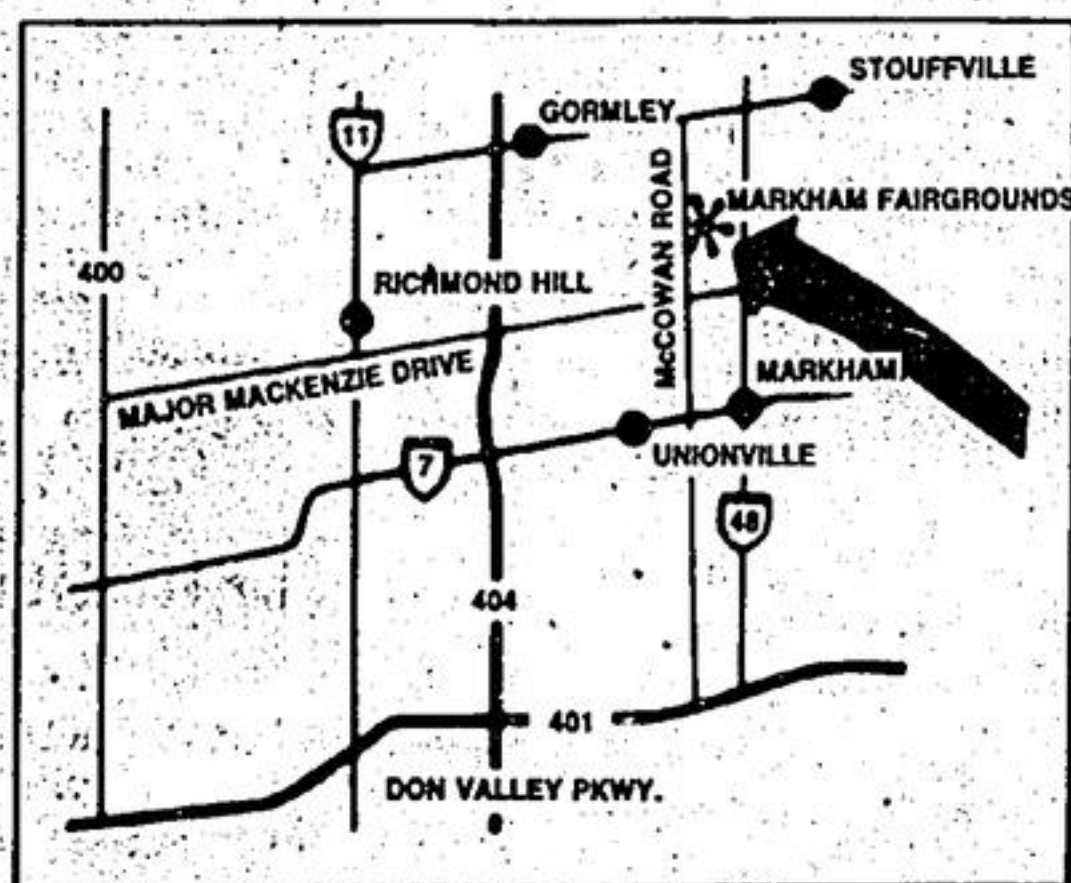
Marc Nadeau, of The Wine Establishment, will present a series of seminars on The Proper Care and Storage of Wines, How To Build a Home Wine Cellar and Wine Identification: A Nose-On Experience.

If you've pondered the possibility of hiring an architect, be sure to listen to Bernard Rausch as he presents the seminar, Living In Suburbia: The Architect's Alternative, the reasons why you should hire an architect to design, or redesign, your suburban home.

"Our show has got everything to make your life more affordable, interesting and rewarding," Gross said.

Welcome to the 1st Spring Home Show at Markham Fairgrounds Town & Country HOME SHOW

- home, patio and garden products and services
- demonstrations
- seminars
- entertainment



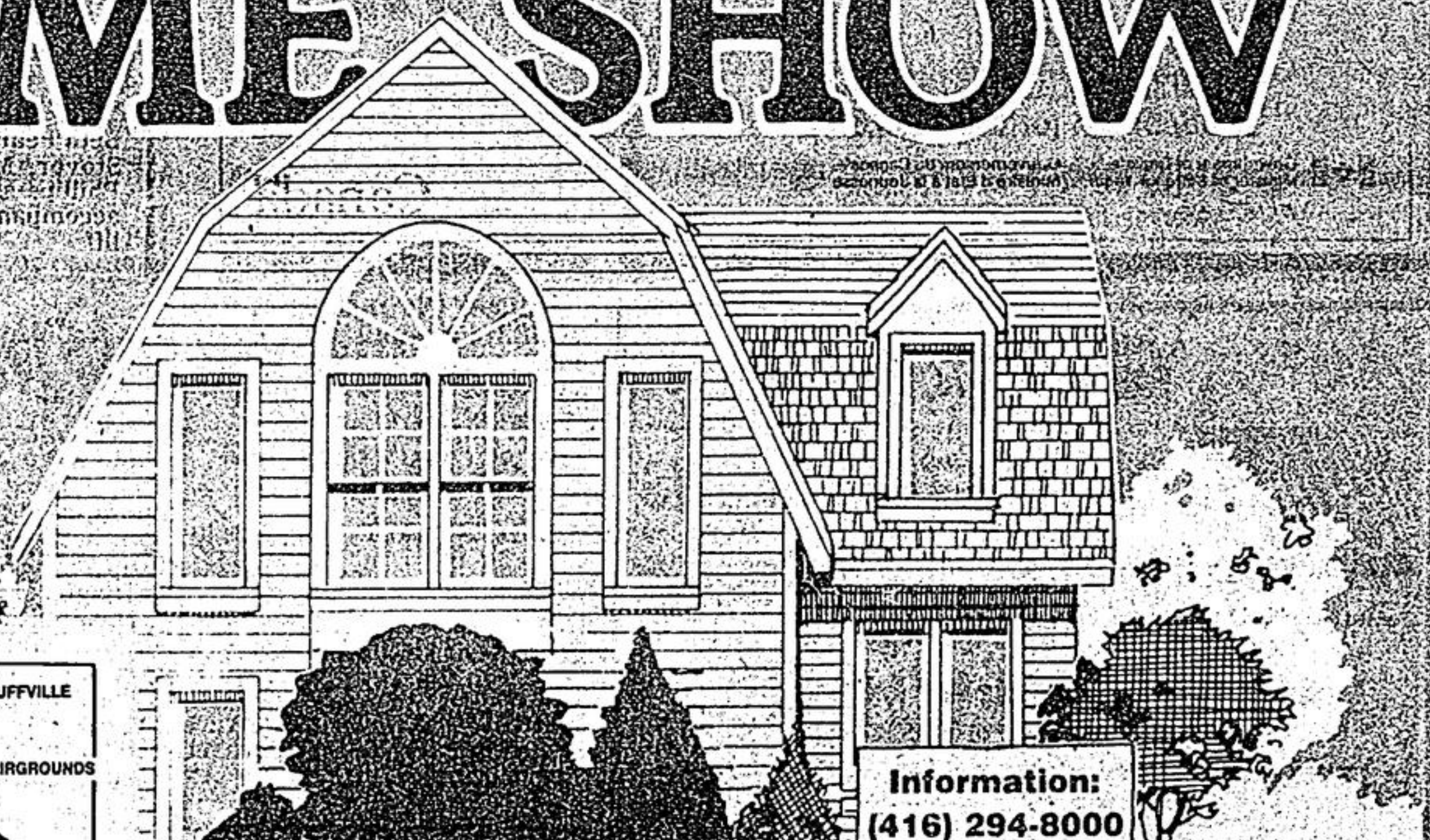
Free parking

Three exciting days...

Friday, April 29, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Admission... Adults: \$4.
Seniors & Youths (13-17): \$3.

Listen for details



Information:
(416) 294-8000

Free seminars hourly on subjects that can save you money, make you money, and add to life's enjoyment. Learn and share with the experts!

Free family entertainment tap your toes to the music of the Lime Ridge Old Time Fiddlers. Laugh at the antics of Dale Page playing his Calliope, Munch and relax in the Popcorn Video Theatre, featuring family movie fare.

Hourly door prizes enter for a chance to win valuable products and services. Grand prize is a satellite TV system valued at \$1500.

Indoor and outdoor exhibits 5 buildings of indoor displays plus outdoor products shown in their natural setting. The Town & Country Home Show is full of ideas and conveniences to help you plan your easy living summertime!

Women's day — Friday, April 29 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Ladies admission only \$3

APRIL 29-MAY 1, 1988 MARKHAM FAIRGROUNDS