

Stouffville/Uxbridge Tribune

Thanksgiving Holiday

Deadlines:
Oct. 10 Issue

Booking Deadline
Thursday, Oct. 4 - 3 pm

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Thursday, Oct. 4 - 5 pm

More editor's mail

Taxpayers must stop Mulroney

Dear Editor,

This is an open letter to the citizens of Canada:

We are embarking upon very difficult times; times which require positive, unmistakable action by each and every one of us.

Events are looming on the horizon that will affect us all. Everywhere you turn, the topic of conversation is the GST and the manner in which it is being foisted upon us.

Next follows the question, "But what can you do about it?" People say the government is ramming it down our throats. From where I sit, friends and neighbors, we're lining up with our mouths open.

Less than five days ago, the Prime Minister, in goading Jean Chretien, stated that he would not be told what to do by a "pri-

vate citizen," (wrong!) but only be accountable to the "duly elected representatives of the people" in the legislature.

Now, after additional Senate appointments and an ugly rumor of more coming, he states that in 2 1/2 years, if the people don't like what he has done, they will make their wishes known at that time.

Well, my friends, I am one of those people, and I do not wish to wait for 2 1/2 years.

Any citizen of Canada who lives in a riding in which the MP is a Progressive Conservative must, in these times, take action.

Contact your local MP - write, telephone, FAX, or whatever - and direct him or her to cross the floor of the 'House' and sit, in good conscience, in opposition to the GST.

These 'duly elected representatives of the people' are respon-

sible to us, and us only. I dare say they would like to be re-elected.

Once the opposition is large enough, the government can be brought down.

Don't suggest that we can't afford an election. What we can't afford is the turmoil, confusion, and disarray into which Canada is falling, even as you read this letter.

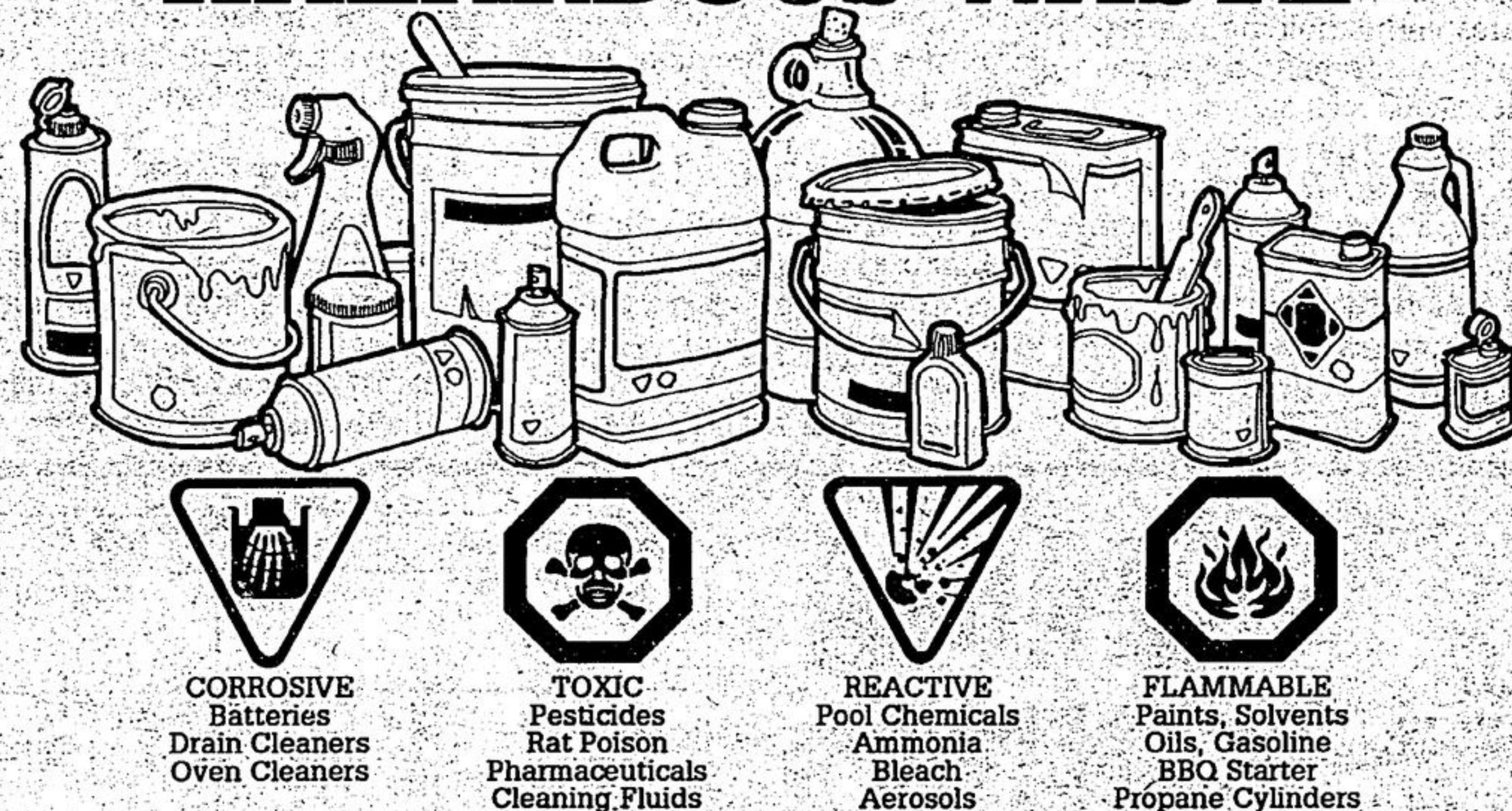
Do it! Write your MP - don't delay!

It's just like going to the dentist. To save the tooth you have to scrape away the decay.

P.S. I usually vote "Tory" but I will not turn a blind eye this time. The Meech Lake fiasco and the devastating-Oka situation has demonstrated an abusive misuse of power. Now this?? Do it!

Barbara Andrus
Stirling, Ontario

GET RID OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



AT THE REGION OF YORK'S HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

When you use these hazardous products, you use them carefully. When you don't need them any more, you should dispose of them just as carefully. That's what Household Hazardous Waste Day is all about.

What to do:

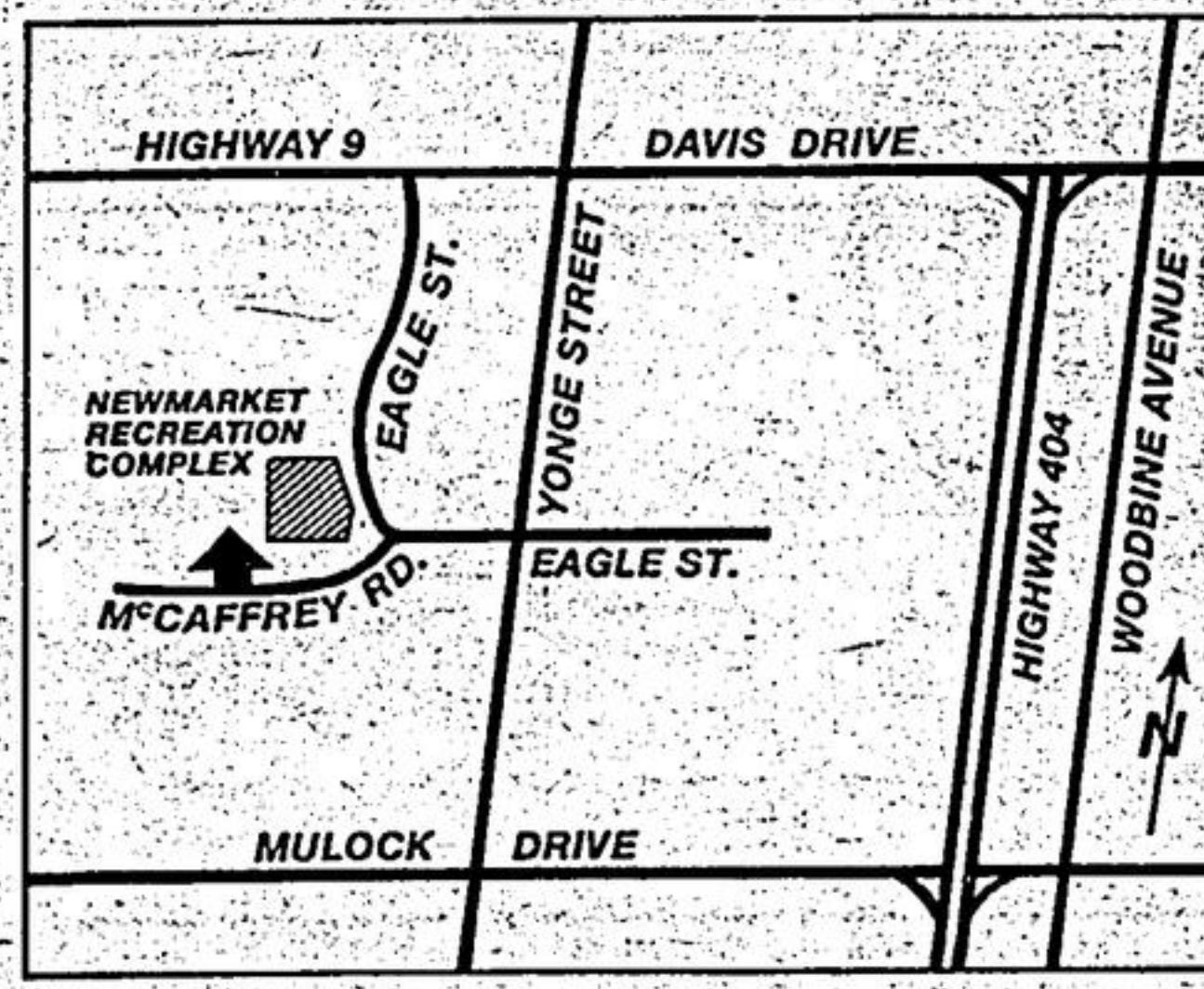
1. Look under your kitchen and bathroom sinks, look in the medicine cabinet, in your tool shed, your garage and the basement. You'll probably find all kinds of cleaners, waxes, detergents, cosmetics, expired prescriptions, solvents, paints, bug killers, oil and grease, etc.

2. Make sure all materials are in original container or contents are very well marked on container. Be sure all containers are capped.

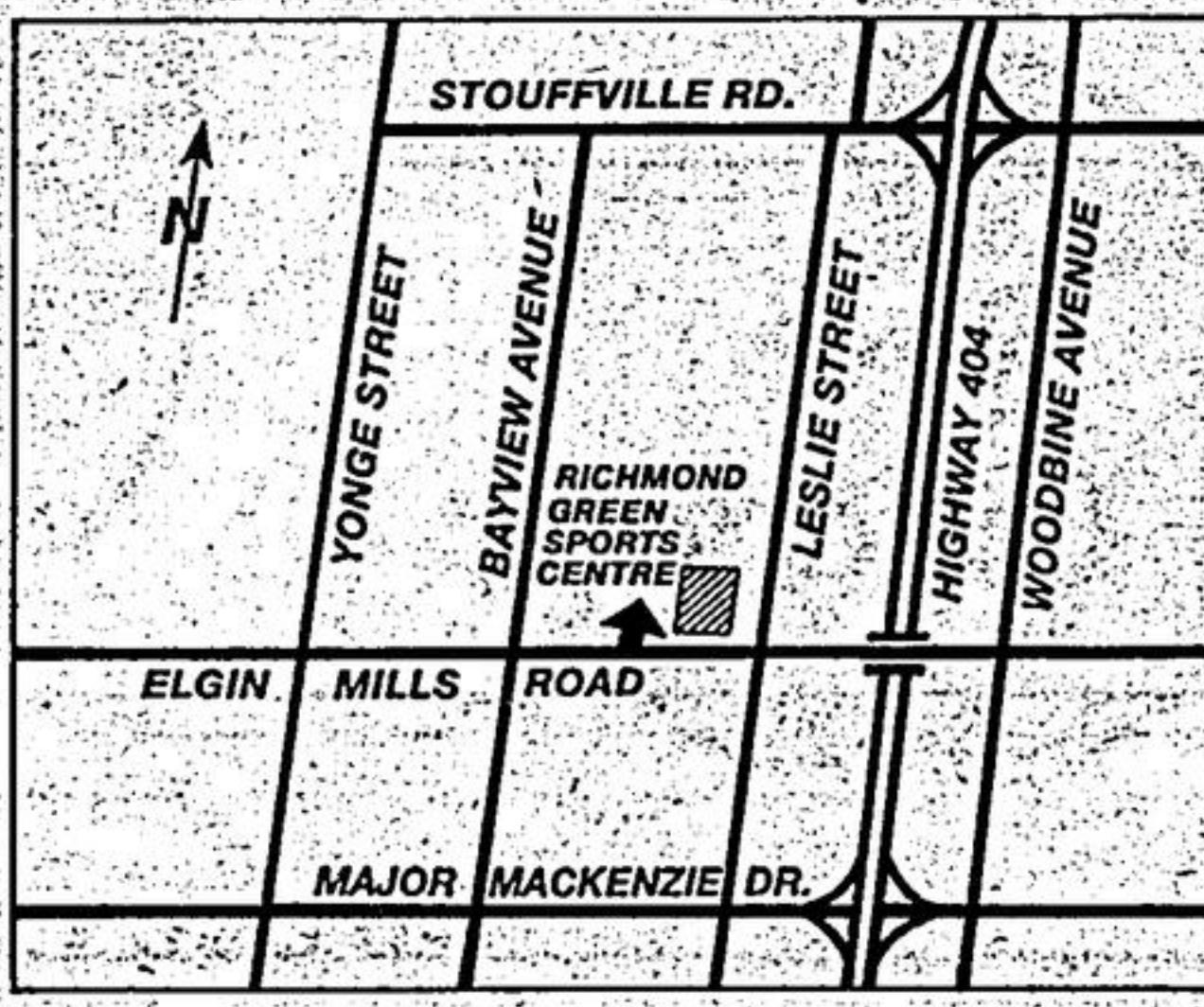
Please remember that your containers must be deposited with waste materials and are not returnable.

3. Bring your Household Hazardous Wastes to one of the locations shown below.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1990 9 AM TO 4 PM



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1990 9 AM TO 4 PM



Region of York residents also may take their Household Hazardous Wastes to the Keele Valley Landfill Depot (McNaughton Road, East of Keele Street, Maple), which is operated by Metropolitan Toronto year-round on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please note:

- Region of York residents only (driver's licence required as proof)
- No commercial or industrial loads accepted
- 50 litres per household limit
- We will not accept explosives, ammunition, PCBs, pathological wastes, or radioactive wastes

If you require further information:

- Call your local town or township office



Outdoors

Spiders can make good garden friends

ART BRIGGS-JUDE
Correspondent

The web hung like a miniature mist net between the needled branches of a small pine. In its close-knit centre on the end of a heavier zigzag strand, a large yellow and black spider seemed ready to be propelled by this coiled spring like ness.

From the foliage below, a grasshopper climbed the tallest stalk of goldenrod to reach the warming sun. When the dew had dispersed, the brown insect crouched, then flexing its powerful back legs, leaped through an opening between the evergreen branches.

The alert spider tensed as he saw the shadowed form approach, then sprang into action when the grasshopper hit the web. Meanwhile, the surprised jumper had managed to get one back leg loose and was in the process of freeing himself when the spider charged.

Quickly grasping the struggling hopper with its front legs, the spider began turning its victim over and over. Soon the whole grasshopper was encased in a mummy-like shroud of newly-formed strands of silk. Now completely immobilized, the master weaver paralyzed it with a single bite, then carried it to the centre of its web.

If you walk through uncut fields or look along your garden hedgerows

these days, you'll probably see this black and yellow "Argiope" spider in its characteristic web.

With a body length of an inch and such conspicuous bright markings, it's among our largest and most colorful spiders.

But unlike the fibres formed from the mouths of silk-worms, spider web material is produced from glands in the base of the abdomen. Actually these amazing fibres are insoluble in water and will stretch as much as one quarter their length before breaking. In fact the strand from one southern spider is the strongest natural fibre known to man and was formerly used by island natives to fashion fish nets.

When we begin to give spiders more than just an apprehensive look and find out more about them, we realize that all kinds are not web weavers. While most spiders do produce silk fibres, many use it only to create egg cases for their young.

Others form draglines to travel from one perch to another, or as in the case of balloon spiders, release silken strands into the air until they are lofted away on the strength of a breeze.

We can't help wonder at the behavior of these small creatures when we discover that they are the only animal besides man that makes traps to capture prey.

While some species actually throw a snare of silk over their victim, others, like the Bolas spider, cast for moths in the manner of an angler using a sticky globule attached to the end of a silk line. Between the familiar Daddy long legs and the ominous Black Widow spiders, there are a whole host of interesting creatures walking on eight legs. Few spiders will bite humans and all will offer you some fascinating observations.

The Funnel Weavers that build at the borders of our lawns can be observed closer by tickling the edge of their web with a long straw.

Spiders are an intriguing group of small creatures that go about their daily task consuming millions of insects without much fanfare. The next time you see a spider in your garden, stop and look and step around it. Doing you no harm and doing your plants some good seems a sensible reason for leaving it unmolested.

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Legion Hall

Stouffville

Friday, October 5th
2:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Babysitting provided