

# Country festival at Markham Fairgrounds in May

**LINE DANCE COUNTRY FESTIVAL** Stouffville residents Bunny Burton and Angela Tucker, director of the York Region School of Dance, are jointly presenting the first ever Line Dance Country Festival at Markham Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 28.

The day-long event includes workshops on square dancing, folk dancing, clogging, line dancing and country line dancing.

Among the featured experts will be Diane Horner, whose series of line dance instructional videos have established her as a leader in the field.

Vendors will be on site throughout the day, offering the latest fashions and accessories for country and line dancing aficionados.

During the evening there will be dance demonstrations and a delicious barbecue, provided by Occasions Catering, after which participants can dance the night away to music by Footloose Roadhouse. Full-day tickets, including the evening dance, are \$45 each.

For the workshop and day events only the cost is \$20 per person.

Tickets for the evening fundraising dance are \$25, with proceeds going to Whitchurch-Stouffville Mobility Transit. For further information call 640-6567.

**GALLERY INVITES MERCHANT PARTICIPATION** Volunteers at The Latcham Gallery are asking area stores to join them in a promotion to increase awareness of the gallery, which is one of only two public art galleries in the region.

Organizers are asking merchants to donate space in their store's front windows between June 15 and 27, for displays and demonstrations by specific artists.

On Saturday June 25, the artists will demonstrate in front of the window assigned to them, creating a lively tableau in the downtown area and drawing attention to the importance of the gallery in our community.

Initial response to the proposal has been good, said organizer Judy Bear Campbell, and she is hoping to hear from the remainder of store owners shortly. Interested merchants are asked to call 905-852-7814 as soon as possible.

To celebrate its 15th anniversary this year, the gallery will be holding a juried art exhibit.

## Library book sale approaches

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is having its annual book sale May 12 to 14.

The books are used, but in good condition. Sale hours are Thursday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Book prices decline each day as the sale progresses.

A collector's hour will be held Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. Admission to this event is \$10 per person.

For more information call 640-2395.



**GRAPE VINE**  
tion for members. Slides or photographs of submitted works will be assessed by artist and teacher John Leonard and non-members are invited to sign up now to be eligible to take part in the exhibition.

The deadline for entries is

May 3, and forms are available at the gallery. For more information call 640-2395.

**CBMI BILINGUAL TOUR** Last Sunday, the Christian Blind Mission launched its first bilingual tour, entitled Une Histoire a Raconter/A story to Tell.

"After years of meeting and ministering to English-speaking friends of the mission, I am thrilled that we are finally able to give something back to our francophone friends, many who have been such faithful supporters," commented Art Brook-

er, national director of CBMI, from the Canadian office on Stouffville Road.

Two young men from the French-speaking nation of Zaire, Ngoy Kalumbi and Kalombo Paskal, will be traveling with the tour, which will take them through southern Ontario and Quebec.

The Ontario portion will include Beaverton, Unionville, Willowdale, Toronto and Burlington. Kalumbi works at CBMI's rehabilitation centre in Kinshasa, the capital city of Zaire.

Paskal, blind from the age of 16, is testimony to the work done by the organization.

Through the love and practical help of a missionary and the CBMI-supported school for blind students in Kinshasa, he was spared a life of total isolation and desperate poverty, and was given a chance to start a new life.

Paskal now supports himself by teaching other blind people to read braille and he is looking forward to sharing his story of hope with Canadians during his tour.

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