

Dr. Bill Webster guest speaker at grief seminar Wednesday

MUSEUM NEWS

Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum is hosting silk ribbon embroidery workshops Saturday, Oct. 21 and Monday Oct. 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students will be provided with materials and instruction to create a floral sampler of embroidery stitches, using silk ribbon. The cost is \$20 for each workshop, including materials, and participants should register in advance.

Recent acquisitions by the museum include a wedding dress worn by Ada Condy when she married William Alfred Dickinson in 1887. The burgundy silk dress comprises a skirt and a bodice and was made with a combination of machine and hand stitching, with fine pleating at the waist, hem and on the front of the skirt. The couple began their married life in the community and moved to Thornhill in 1893.

Wilson's Millinery, the museum's newest exhibit which can be found in the streetscape display in the gallery, was named partly in honor of outgoing curator Andrea Wilson and partly because of its historical connotations. The original Wilson's Millinery was located in the village of Stouffville on the south side of Main Street, near Church Street. The museum's annual Victorian Tea will be held Nov. 25 from noon to 4 p.m. Visitors can purchase crafts and home-baked treats at the event and the draw for a queen size quilt, completed this summer by the Friends of the Museum, will also be held that day. Tickets for the draw are available at the museum, which is open Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, or to register for programs, call 905-727-8954.

HOSPICE WEEK

A reminder that Dr. Bill Webster will be the guest speaker tonight (Wednesday) at Parkview Village Auditorium in an evening sponsored by Hospice Markham-Stouffville, Markham Stouffville Hospital and Perinatal Bereavement Services Ontario. Webster, director of The Centre for the Grief Journey, is a university graduate with degrees in psychology and theology who completed his doctorate at the University of Toronto in 1990.

Widowed in 1983, he combines his professional expertise with his personal experience to assist others who are coming to terms with grief or who are providing support to such people.

"I'm going to tell my own story during the evening," he said. "At first I did very well, everybody thought I was doing great and I was strong, but about three or four months after the death I felt like my life was falling apart and I thought I was going crazy. I felt there was something missing, because no one seems to understand these feelings and yet, when you talk to people about a loss, just about everybody

experiences the same kind of thing." As a result, Webster decided to focus on the area of bereavement and, through the Centre for the Grief Journey, he offers

support seminars, support groups, individual and family counselling and a variety of resource materials including books, cassettes and videos. Tonight's topic is Good

Grief: Understanding What It's All About. Admission is free. The evening, which is part of Hospice Week events, begins at 7:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.



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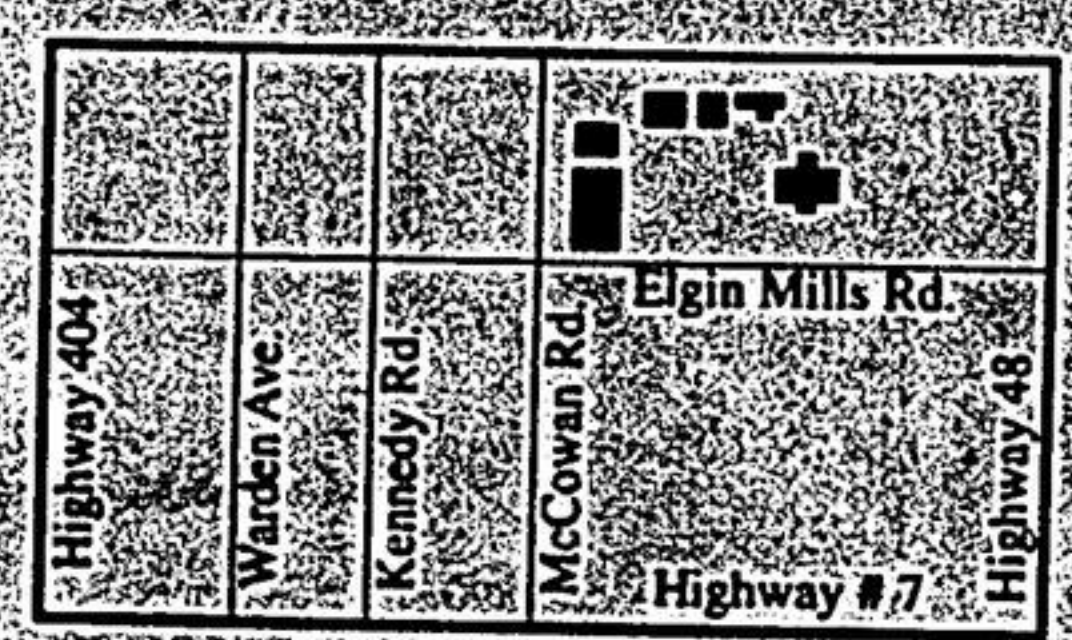
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