

Tickets on sale for annual Latcham Gallery art auction

GALLERY AUCTION

The Latcham Gallery's annual Art Auction and Silent Auction will be held Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. More than 60 original art works will be on the block during the art auction, including paintings, drawings, photography, mixed media, fibre art, papier-maché and jewelry. Works can be viewed at the gallery from Nov. 3 and among the contributing artists are Sally Wildman, Dorothy Clark McClure, David Street, James Bessey and Lyn Liddle. Prior to the auction, which begins at 9 p.m., guests can enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dessert and coffee with beer and wine available from the cash bar. The gallery has also received generous donations from local merchants for the silent auction, with such items as a champagne balloon ride for two from Cameron Balloons, chocolates, a golf package, theatre tickets, books, restaurant gift certificates and tickets to the National Ballet. Bids will be accepted from Nov. 3 onwards at the gallery and bidding is open to everyone. Tickets for the Nov. 11 event are available at the gallery for \$12 each. For more information call 640-2395.

HOSPITAL NEWS The Mental Health Program at Markham/Stouffville Hospital is currently offering a series of group sessions entitled Understanding Depression. The one-hour sessions are held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays Nov. 7, 14 and 21 in the hospital's Outpatient Mental Health department. For



more information call 905-472-7011. The hospital's next board meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium and members of the public are welcome. For more information call 472-7000 ext. 6180. The hospital, in conjunction with the Canadian Cancer Society, is seeking volunteers to facilitate Living With Cancer support groups, which offer an opportunity for cancer patients, family and friends to meet on an informal basis for discussion and support. Meetings will be held twice a month in Markham, beginning next year. Anyone interested in becoming a facilitator should call 294-5925.

WHO'S BEEN SITTING IN MY CHAIR? Stouffville's celebrity chair, the larger-than-life advertising sign, which once provided a rare visual treat on a dull portion of Main Street near Ringwood Drive, was used as a prop in an imaginative sermon at Stouffville Missionary Church Sunday. "We're running a theme throughout the course of the year called 'The Big Picture,'" explained minister Lou Geense. The chair, which was displayed outside the church before being moved inside for the morning service, was used to illustrate a sub-theme about who belonged in the big chair, or the director's chair, he said. In a drama enacted by a

teenage member of the congregation, the young man wondered who would be big enough to sit in the chair. In a witty aside, he pondered on whether it could be the mayor. The message, said Geense, was "If our lives are going to be balanced and in proper order, that God has got to be the

one in the big chair." Geense said that Andy Munro of Sheraton Antiques, who owns the magnificent piece, was very helpful when asked if he would be willing to loan the chair. "I was happy to do it for them," said Munro, who is in the process of closing down his store and is also

looking for a buyer for the chair. He will continue to operate his antiques, refinishing business and potential buyers can reach him at 642-4524.

VICTORIAN TEA An incorrect date was given for Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum's Victorian Tea last week. The tea will be held Nov. 24, noon to 4 p.m.

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