



# Make it special for Mom

## Mother's Day celebration originated in Roman era

From the Roman era right through to the present, Mother's Day has been an occasion for celebration. The idea of honoring mothers first began during the Roman era with a spring festival recognizing the mother goddess, Cybele. This three-day religious celebration, called Hilaria, began on the Ides of March. Some historians believe that the ceremony honoring Cybele, was later adopted by the early church as a celebration acknowledging Mary, Mother of God. This celebration, also called Mid-Lent Sunday, was observed the fourth Sunday in Lent. In England, Mid-Lent Sunday evolved into Mothering Sunday. As part of an early custom, young men and women who were employed as servants, gave their mothers special treats called mothering cakes.

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# Moms & Mums

## Free Mother's Day Gift Wrapping

Centre Court

Thursday, May 9th  
to  
Sunday, May 12th

After you've purchased the perfect gift for mom, have it wrapped at our gift wrap booth in Centre Court. Voluntary donations will go to the Markham Hope Foundation.

### GIFT WRAP HOURS

Thursday & Friday 11am - 9pm  
Saturday 10am - 6pm  
Sunday 12pm - 4pm



## Paint a Pretty Pot for Mom Kid's Workshop

Lower Level by Wal-Mart

Saturday, May 11th  
11am - 4pm

Kids can show their growing affection for Mom by painting her a unique flower pot at our Kid's Workshop.

Flower pot & paint supplied.  
A \$2.00 donation to the Markham Youth Centre is greatly appreciated.

# MARKVILLE SHOPPING CENTRE

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ULTRA MART • WAL-MART  
PACIFIC LINEN  
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Hwy. 7 & McCowan Road  
905 477-6600



## MOM You're The Greatest!

Write a short letter telling us why your mom is the greatest and you will be eligible to win your mom one of the following prizes:

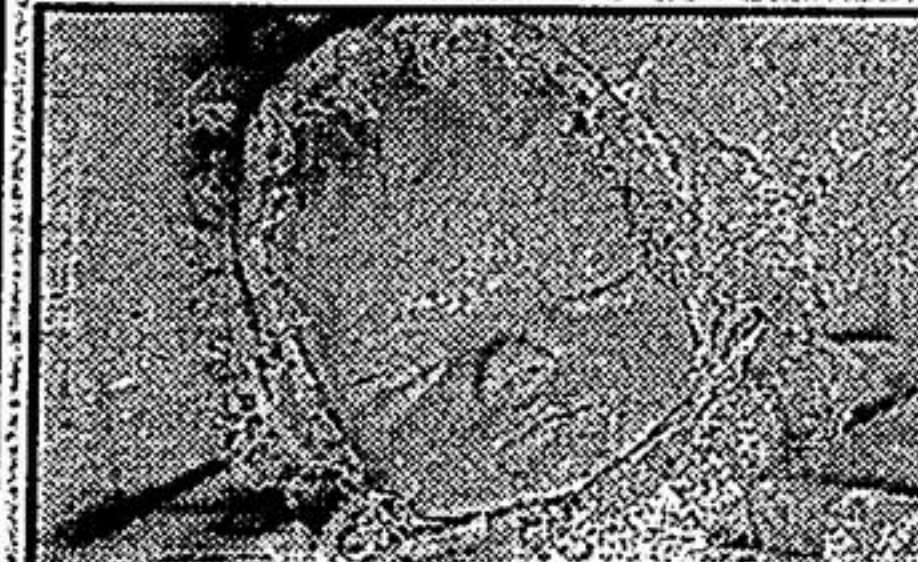
- Marika's Esthetics - \$135.00 value
- Liz & Paul (hair style analysis & cut) - \$80.00 value
- Peppertree Klassics - \$25.00 gift certificate
- The Glass Store - \$25.00 gift certificate
- Al Dente Restaurant - \$25.00 gift certificate
- Company's Coming - Cookbook

Mail or drop off your letter to:  
The Markham Economist & Sun  
9 Heritage Road  
Markham, Ontario  
L3P 1M3  
Attn: Rena Galanis

**Hurry! DEADLINE IS MAY 8, 1996**

## YOU CAN CREATE YOUR OWN PORCELAIN DOLL FOR JUST \$49.95

You can craft your own specialty porcelain doll in only three lessons for \$49.95 and complete one which has a retail value of \$195.



"All you need is the patience and the desire and we help you develop the necessary skills as you go along," says Sandy McCormick, owner of the specialty doll store and studio in which the lessons take place, Sandy's Dolls.

The store is well-known for its array of custom-made, porcelain dolls which are so life-like they look as if they might speak or coo and are made directly on the premises. Portrait dolls are also a specialty of the store and often a favorite for grandparents who wish to have a three-dimensional portrait of grandchildren or their own children when they were young, Sandy says.

Sandy, along with her assistant, Sue Harty, have passed on their years of experience to anyone interested in learning the craft since the store's inception. All materials are provided and clients need only supply the doll's outfit which can be made, ordered, or bought off the rack. In addition, dolls of any ethnicity can be crafted during the three-week lessons. Register now for morning, afternoon and evening/spring/summer sessions. Teachers are welcome to participate in the summer sessions either independently or in a group.

"Students get as much help as they require and we see them through to the finished project," Sandy says.

**SANDY'S DOLLS IS LOCATED AT 172 BULLOCK DR.  
TO SIGN UP FOR THE CLASSES CALL 905-294-3655.**