

Church hosts dinner theatre Sept. 29

On Sept. 29 at 6:15 p.m., 'Martyred - The Story of Chet Bitterman,' will be performed at Stouffville Missionary Church in cooperation with the Wycliffe Bible Translators of Canada.

The play is based on the true story of a young linguist, who was a member of Wycliffe and who travelled with his family to a remote part of Colombia in 1980 to learn the language, teach literacy and translate the Bible. Tragically, he was captured by terrorists in Bogota, who threatened to kill him unless all Bible translators left the country, and who subsequently carried out their threat. 'Martyred' documents Bitterman's struggles and those of his family, and explores the ultimate effect of his life and death.

Complimentary tickets for this moving drama can be reserved by calling 640-3371 and the deadline for reservations is Sept. 22. A

freewill offering will be taken to cover costs and to support the ministry of Bible translation and literacy around the world.

FALL AT LATCHAM GALLERY

Videos, children's art classes, lectures and exhibitions are all part of the fall program at Latcham Gallery.

Uxbridge artist Judy Bear Campbell returns with her popular children's classes which run Saturday mornings from Oct. 18 to Nov. 8. Young artists aged 7 to 12 can attend the two-hour classes which begin at 10 a.m. The fee is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members, including materials.

"Judy Bear Campbell has built up quite a following in the area as an art teacher and we're very pleased she has agreed to offer these classes," noted gallery director/curator Christopher Jackson. "She's so popular we have to limit registration or we would be swamped."

Jackson himself will present a series of five lectures and discussions for adults on art appreciation, covering everything from abstract art to modern craft.

"Several of the lectures in this program are drawn from lectures I have given or will



Grapevine

Kate Gilderdale

be giving for education programs at other galleries, or for university courses. They aren't tied to our exhibitions like artists' talks generally are, and the discussion can be more wide ranging."

The lectures run Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. beginning Oct. 7 and the fee is \$50 for members, \$65 for non-members.

As well, the gallery will offer a series of free screenings of National Film Board and National Gallery of Canada videos on Canadian art, beginning Sept. 20.

For more information, or to register for art classes or lectures, call 640-2395.

BALLANTRAE DEVELOPMENT WINS AWARD

The Ballantrae Golf and Country Club development proposal was one of 12 in Ontario to win the 1997 Ontario Professional Planners Institute award for Excellence in Planning.

The proposal and its land development management team, the Forhan Group, was nominated in the category of New Directions. OPPI noted that it selected the development proposal in part because it set "new directions in development management and the way in which a team can work together."

The complex is an adult lifestyle condominium being proposed by the Schickedanz Bros. Ltd. of Whitchurch-Stouffville and encompasses 750 to 900 housing units and an 18-hole championship golf course.

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