

The Economist & Sun/Tribune welcomes submissions of upcoming events from community organizations. While every effort is made to include all submissions, there is no guarantee of publication. You can e-mail calendar items to [newsroom@econsun.com](mailto:newsroom@econsun.com).

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Journey Into the Future: Participate in an open round-table discussion about the FUTURE OF MARKHAM with architects, developers and people working in the media, arts, commerce, tourism and marketing. 6-8 p.m. at the Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery 216 Main Street, Unionville. Call (905) 477-9511 ext. 222.

MODEL SEARCH FOR BREAST CANCER, sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society and Carolyn's Model & Talent Agency, 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Markham. Winner receives a fashion shoot from a top fashion photographer. Call (416) 544-0232.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE sponsored by Markham chapter of One Parent Families Association, 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. at Crosby Memorial Community Centre, Main Street, Unionville. Cost is \$12 per person.

Summitview Public School, on Main Street in Stouffville, Presents SPRING FLING 2002, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the school gym. Crafts, vendors, chocolates, bake sale, local merchants, Easter gift items and more. \$2 admission at door. Proceeds to the math and science committee.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Open house party to celebrate BOOK LAUNCH of The Potted Garden: Creating Great Container Gardens, by Unionville's Beckie Fox. 1-4 p.m. at Kate's Garden, southwest corner of Hwy. 7 and McCowan Road in Markham. Call (905) 475-7674.

### MONDAY, MARCH 25

MANY FACES OF MARKHAM multicultural event 7:30 p.m. at Markham Theatre for the Performing Arts, 101 Town Centre Blvd. Tickets \$2 each. Call (905) 415-7500.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Stouffville WOMEN'S COFFEE HOUR features harpist Charlotte Garcia and guest speaker Ineka de Klerk from Peterborough. 7:30 p.m. at Stouffville Missionary Church, 6500 Main Street. Call (905) 649-2585.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Big Sisters of York annual DINNER AND AUCTION at Premier Banquet and convention Centre in Richmond Hill. Silent auction, stand-up comedy and surprise gifts for all guests. Tickets \$100 each. Call (905) 727-7359.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Central United Church, 131 Main Street, Unionville, hosts its 7th ANNUAL PRIME RIB BEEF DINNER beginning at 4:45 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Advance sales only, all welcome. Phone (905) 474-0183 during business hours for tickets.

## WORKSHOPS/ SEMINARS

### MARCH 25-30

CHINMAYA MISSION TORONTO CENTRE in Unionville hosts lectures, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Bhagavad Geeta, Chapter 12, Inner (Spiritual) Evolution, at the Vedic Cultural Centre, Arya Samaj, 4345 Fourteenth Ave. For information on this and other events call (905) 305 7644, or visit [www.chinmayamission.org](http://www.chinmayamission.org) (follow Toronto links).

## MEETINGS

### MONDAY, MARCH 25

MARKHAM GARDEN & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY meets 8 p.m. at the seniors' centre, 22 Water Street in Markham. John Van Ekeren is the guest speaker.

THE ASSOCIATION OF PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS in Ontario is a community-based self-help group that meets weekly to assist troubled parents deal with their children's disruptive behaviour. If you have a son or daughter in trouble with drugs, alcohol, the law, school or other behavioural problems, call

(416) 223-7444 for more information and location of meetings.

### WEDNESDAYS

AL-AMIN MADRASSAH Islamic classes for students and adults held at Wilclay Public School at Brimley Road and Steeles Avenue on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. Call Bibi at (905) 472-4144.

### THURSDAYS

BRIDGES OF HOPE drop in group meets at Evergreen Hospice (6060 Hwy. 7), Markham fourth Sunday each month. Call (905) 472-5014 for details.

### THURSDAYS

CITIZENS AWARENESS PROGRAM Gain a better understanding of the administrative and operational sides of policing on Thursday nights from March 21 to April 18, 7 p.m., #5 District headquarters, 8700 McCowan Rd., Markham. To register for this free program call (905) 881-1221, ext. 7511.

## ADULT INTERESTS

ONE PARENT FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA Markham Chapter hosts monthly fund-raising dances. All are welcome especially single parents. The chapter also has a general meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, at 8 p.m. Single parents and prospective members welcome. For more information contact Jim (416) 286-4471 or Ross (905) 763-1950.

HI FIVE O MARKHAM is a social club for people over 50. Enjoy various outings: dining, theatre, movies, hiking, art galleries, museums, craft and antique shows, camping and cottage life. Call (905) 201-0624 or (905) 471-2785.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Unionville Single Adult Ministry TALENT/UNTALENT NIGHT & POTLUCK SUPPER, 6 p.m. at Unionville Alliance Church, 16th Avenue. RSVP at (905) 477-1104, ext. 0.

### ALTERNATE SATURDAYS

FIDDLERS AND FRIENDS The Markham Village Strathspey and Reel Society meets every second and fourth Saturday, at the Olde

Markham Village Train Station, Markham Road north of Hwy. 7, from noon to 2 p.m. Open to players and accompanists of all levels. Contact Phil at (905) 294-1141 or e-mail [phil@howe-sitgoing.com](mailto:phil@howe-sitgoing.com).

### ALTERNATE FRIDAYS

EUCHRE Alternate Fridays at Markham District Veterans Association (7 Washington St.), Markham at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person which includes prizes, lunch, tea and coffee. Call Glen (905) 294-5871 for details.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY CHOICE AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CAREGIVING The Alzheimer Society of York Region must receive all letters of nomination for this award by midnight April 30. For more information contact the Society at (905) 895-1337 or (905) 731-6611.

IN THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR more than 44,000 students across the Toronto and York region achieved enhanced economic literacy thanks to the efforts of 2,300 corporate volunteers. To get involved and improve a young person's life, contact Junior Achievement of Toronto and York Region at (416) 360-5252 or [www.jatoronto.org](http://www.jatoronto.org).

## VOLUNTEERS

### UNIONVILLE HOME SOCIETY

Volunteer as a friendly visitor at the Unionville Home Society will give you satisfaction of doing something worthwhile and of being a part of a well-established organization in the community. Call Pauline at (905) 477-2839, ext. 224 or visit [www.uhs.on.ca](http://www.uhs.on.ca)

### SENIORS' OUTREACH

Volunteers urgently needed to visit seniors in their homes and drivers to drive seniors to medical appointments and errands. Call Leanne at 1-800-273-0908, ext. 6013 to volunteer today.

### THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY

The Society is recruiting volunteer drivers to take patients to treatments. We are currently

experiencing a severe shortage of drivers for Markham, Milliken and Unionville. Must be available daytime hours during the week and willing to drive to Toronto. Volunteer drivers are reimbursed for mileage incurred providing the service. For more information, call (905) 294-5925.

### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

Being a friend to a new immigrant can enrich your life and education. By providing support and information to a new immigrant for only two hours a week, you can learn about their culture and share their experiences. If you can help, call Fatemeh, (905) 770-7040, ext. 226.

### CHATS

Drivers for long distance drives to take seniors to appointments, mileage paid, in Markham and Unionville area. Seniors Outreach needs volunteers to visit with seniors. Contact Marie at 1-877-452-4287, ext. 6033.

### CHATS

Transportation volunteers for Markham, Stouffville and Unionville areas. Chinese-speaking volunteers needed to assist with Chinese programs on Tuesday and Thursday. Meals On Wheels driver urgently needed to deliver hot meals in Unionville area every other Wednesday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call Leanne, 1-800-273-0908, ext. 6013.

### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

HOST PROGRAM needs volunteers to help newcomers to Canada assimilate into their new communities. Helpers are needed for "Coffee Talk" program. Call 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail [helpmate@volnetmmp.net](mailto:helpmate@volnetmmp.net).

### CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION

Enthusiastic volunteers with good communication skills needed to staff display booths, help plan events and speakers to raise awareness of diabetes. If you have knowledge of diabetes, please help. Call 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail [helpmate@volnetmmp.net](mailto:helpmate@volnetmmp.net).

### CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY

The society is looking for a corporate sponsorship volunteer for the Great Canadian Ride For Cancer. For more information call (905) 473-1627.

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## CANADA BLOOMS and so does DIG THIS in Unionville!

One of the newer shops on historic Unionville's Main Street is sure to be a delight with the change of the season upon us.

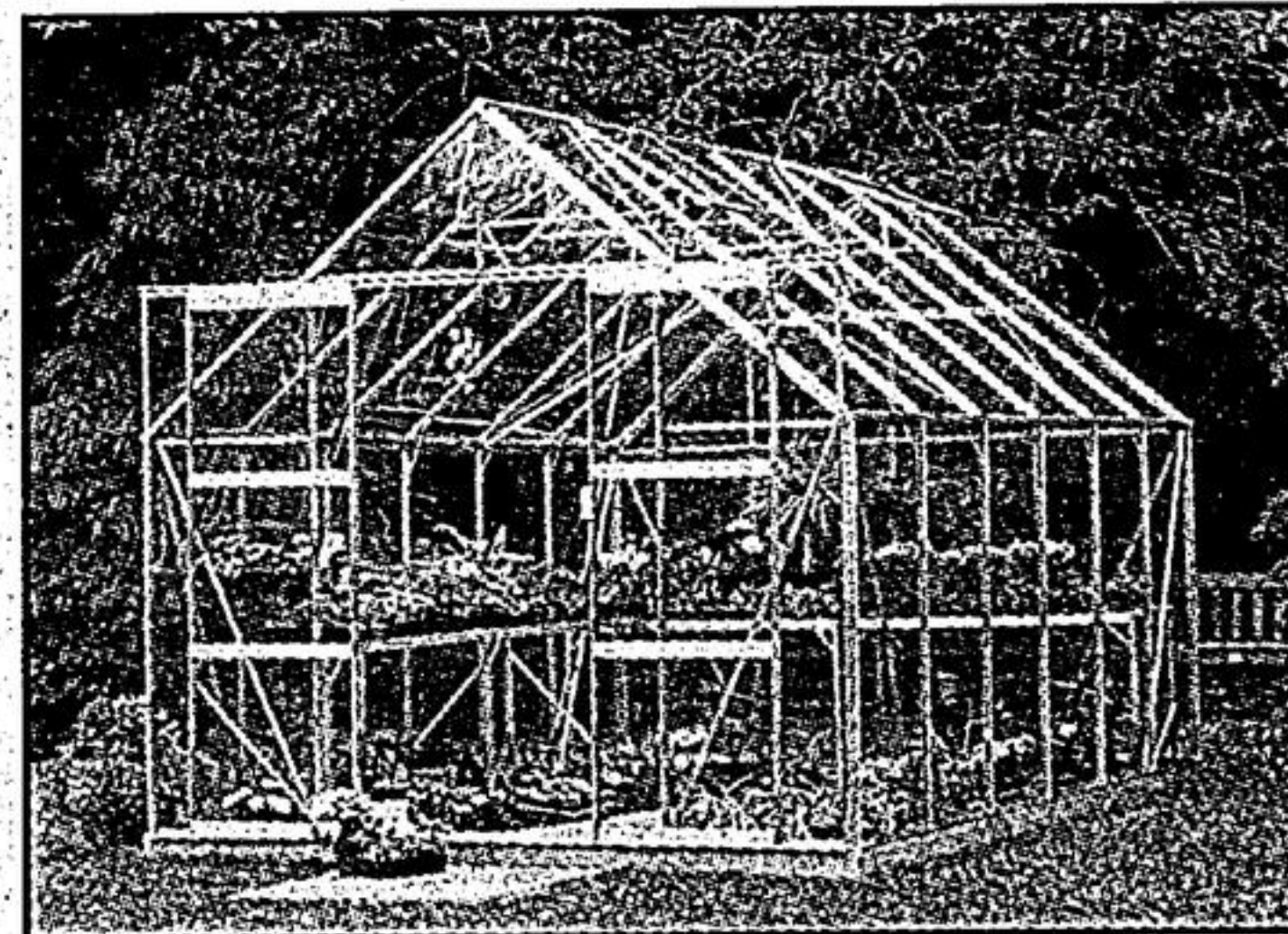
DIG THIS, which just opened its doors in November, carries "unique gardening implements and accessories you won't find in most other gardening stores," beams owner Judy Bellinger.

Adding to this unique charm is also a warm and inviting atmosphere, that encourages shoppers to wander around, ask gardening questions, and browse over the numerous gardening books.

As you enter the store, you will hear the water fountains, see the bold statuary, and feel the exquisite, comfortable teak and cedar furniture, ready to enhance your outdoor living space.

Continue to browse, and come across a wide selection of Felco hand pruners, as well as long and short handled tools that make for easy work. Haws watering cans, hose attachments and decorative tap handles are just a few of the many speciality items made for DIG THIS which contribute to making your garden unique. There are small and large ceramic pots, gazing balls, birdbaths, tealight lanterns, the popular sundials and hummingbird feeders. Be sure not to miss the variety of Watson gloves and other clothing articles for protection.

DIG THIS has not forgotten the young gardener either. There are small sized knee pads, gloves and a selection of tools, some whimsical "ladybugs" items, and even bug houses for collecting and observing insects.



Right now at DIG THIS you can find a variety of seeds and other supplies for early planting. Along with Unwins, Cedar Creek and Nature's Garden seeds, are the very popular Plants of Distinction seeds from England. In addition, DIG THIS is a local supplier of Halls Greenhouses also from England.

There are numerous reference books displayed in the store for planning all types of gardens and answering all sorts of questions. A special treat for gardeners, Unionville's own Beckie Fox, former editor for Canadian Gardening magazine, will be on site at the store to autograph copies of her recently written gardening book called The Potted Garden: Creating Great Container Gardens, on April 27, 2002 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Be sure to get your copy at the store for her to sign.

For all your gardening needs, visit  
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