

COMPOST GIVE-AWAY EVENT

Sat. Sept. 28, 2002

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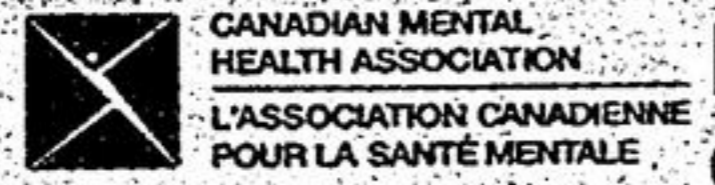


The Living Room is a place in Markham for people ages 16 and up to meet friends,

use a computer or the internet, see movies, listen to music, play games, learn to cook, participate in awareness nights, receive supportive counselling and find out about local services. The Living Room is a program of the Canadian Mental Health Association, York Region.

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Gloria Marsh of the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust shows a Saponaria Officinalis, or "Bouncing Bat" flower to Woodbridge College students while on a tour of the Porritt tract of the York Regional Forest in Whitchurch-Stouffville. The Trust's annual walk for the moraine will be held in King on Sept. 29.

Moraine stars in teens' movie

BY MIKE ADLER
Staff Writer

What if you had something important to say but thought no one would listen?

Some York Region teenagers say that's a familiar feeling, especially when it comes to complicated things, like protecting the environment.

"You go to the movies, you watch television. You don't really have a voice," explained Sundeep Virdi, 17, a Woodbridge College student.

Often, media doesn't cover the environment in ways that appeal to teens, but it's teens who will pay a heavy price for environmental mistakes made today, she said.

"There's no real focus on how development is affecting our future."

But Miss Virdi and dozens of other students from her secondary school in Vaughan found a way to tell people about the Oak Ridges Moraine — a movie.

Their 15-to-30-minute video is a feature presentation at Walk for the Moraine, a fundraiser this month for the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust.

The Sept. 29 event, sponsored in part by the York Region Newspaper Group, offers hikers a choice of 3, 5 or 10-kilometre trails at the scenic King Campus of Seneca College on Dufferin Street just north of the 15th Sideroad.

The moraine is a ridge of sand and gravel that stretches across York Region. It filters and supplies water for thousands of residents and produces rivers that flow south to Lake Ontario and north to Lake Simcoe.

In a forest in Whitchurch-Stouffville,

ORMLT representative Gloria Marsh showed the teens one of the many starting points of the Holland River. "This is where the right use for an area is so important. This is what we try to preserve," she said.

Ms Marsh explained the forest, called the Porritt Tract, was planted on land which farmers had abandoned because, without trees, the sandy soil was blown away. "They couldn't eke out a living."

The land trust, which opened its Aurora office a year ago, is working at securing 28 properties on the moraine, five of them in York.

It's hoping this month's event will raise \$30,000 in pledges, enough to cover legal and appraisal costs for securing two properties.

Landowners who agree to keep their "ecologically sensitive lands" in a natural state receive a tax incentive from the federal government. The agreement is good for 999 years, Ms Marsh said.

"If laws change and governments change, that is there in perpetuity."

For many teens, environmental issues can be boring, said Melissa Petriglia, 17. "It has to be a crisis for people to know there's something going on."

But Miss Petriglia was one of several students who formed an environment club at Woodbridge College last year. "The whole environment thing is not cool, so we're trying to make it cool," she said.

For more on the land trust and its mission, go to www.oakridges-moraine.org. If you'd like a Walk for the Moraine pledge form or to make a pledge, call 1-905-841-3678 or e-mail: landtrust@bellnet.ca.

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