

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCT. 11

A Concert of Thanksgiving at Stouffville United Church at 8 p.m. for Paul and Jane Ramer, parents of 4-year-old Rebecca Ramer, seriously injured in a riding lawnmower accident in August. Entertainment by the Austrian Family Chorus of King City and others.

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

Markham Fire Station open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fire Hall 97, 209 Main St., Markham. Free face painting, smoke alarm battery replacement and more.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

Enjoy a roast beef luncheon hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Stouffville Legion, Ninth Line, Stouffville. Tickets \$10 per person. Proceeds to Veterans Welfare. Takeout available. Call 905-640-1941 or 905-642-6929.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

Arts, crafts and bake Sale at Stouffville Pentecostal Church, 6853 Main St., Stouffville from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Water colour painting, pottery, woodworking, folk art, handcrafts, postage stamps and lunch table.

The Bridge, a Markham community church holds a rally to raise money for famine relief and HIV AIDS around the world. Takes place at The Bridge, 5440, 16th Ave., (east of McCowan) at 7 p.m.

Grace Church Rummage sale at 19 Parkway Ave., Markham from 9 a.m. to noon. Bargains, treasures and more.

St. James Presbyterian Church (Main Street, Stouffville) annual bazaar from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Handwork, baking preserves, silent auction, pie auction, tea room.

Dance up a storm at an Olde Tyme Square to the music of Bob and Ginny Arbuckle. 8 p.m. at the Buttonville Community Centre, 8931 Woodbine Ave., one km north of Hwy. 7. Admission: \$6, children under 10 free. Call 416-961-9719.

SUNDAY OCT. 20, 27

Markham Railroad Modellers hold a show at 30 Royal Crest Court, west end of building, 2nd floor, Markham. Families: \$10, adults \$5, children \$3. Not wheelchair accessible.

FUNDRAISING GALAS

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

York Region Breast Cancer Foundation presents An Evening In Italy fundraising gala from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Angus Glen Golf Club. For tickets, call Celeste at 905-477-2832.

WALKS & RUNS

SUNDAY, OCT. 20

The National Psoriasis Walk takes place at Crosby Arena on Main Street, Unionville. Registration at noon and the walk follows. Proceeds for the National Psoriasis Society of Canada. For pledge forms or information, call 905-472-7939.

EXHIBITIONS

OCT. 12, 13, 14

The Palettes of Whitchurch, a group of local artists holds its seventh Annual Art Show at the Lemonville Community Centre, 13453 McCowan Rd., in Stouffville. Takes place between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day. Admission free, with original painting as door prize. For information, call 905-946-4472.

THEATRE/CONCERTS

VILLAGE VOICES CHOIR

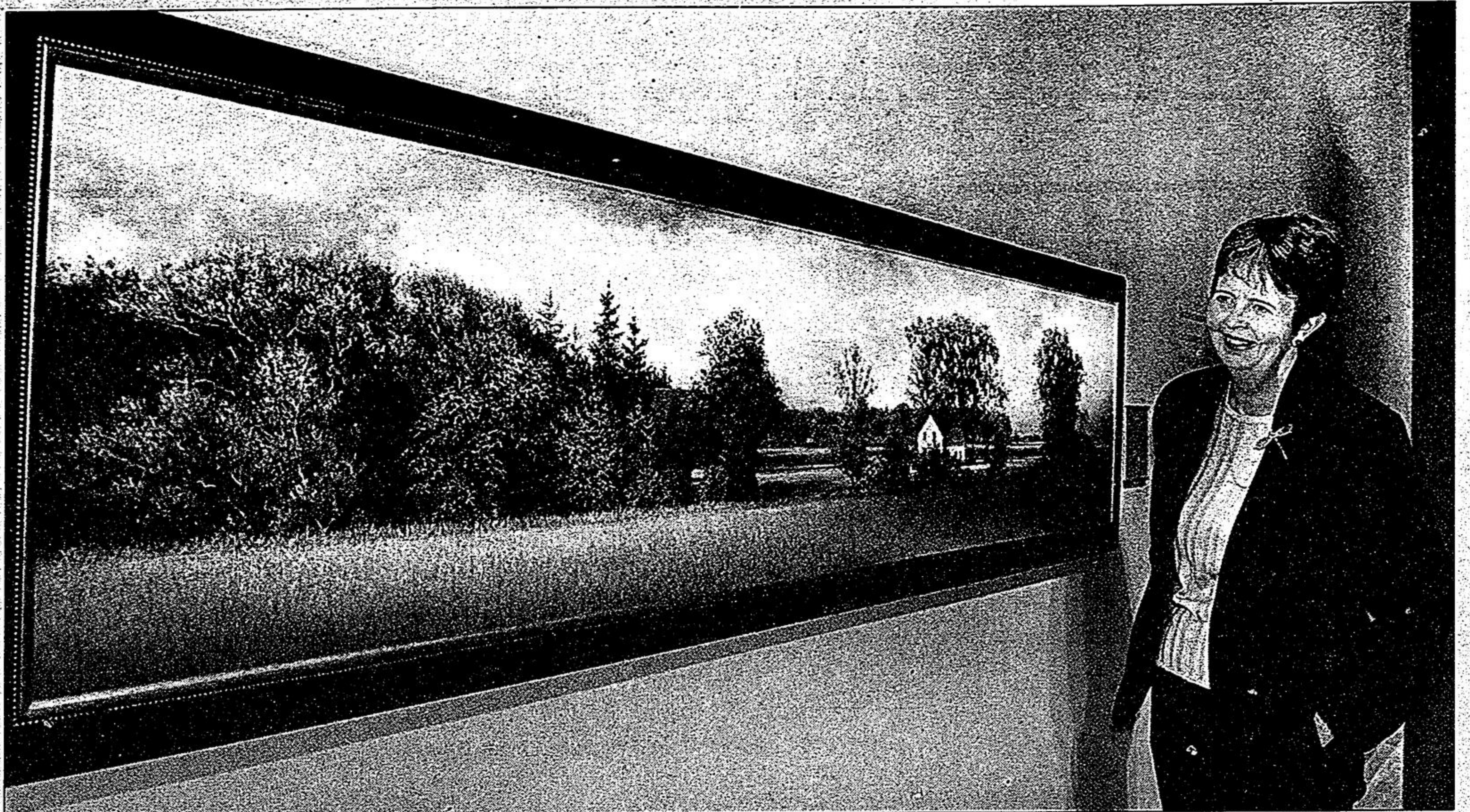
The choir is seeking singers, particularly tenors and basses. Rehearsals on Wed. nights from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Unionville Presbyterian Church. Call Helen at 905-477-1531 for information.

SUNDAY, OCT. 20

Join the York Symphony as it starts its 41st season. Symphonic Magic with guest artist Gloria Saarinen takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the Markham Theatre. Tickets: adults, \$20, seniors/students \$15 and \$5 for those under 12. Call 905-305-7469 for order. For season brochures, call 905-884-3787.

TUESDAY, OCT. 22

Unionville High School Winds and the University of Toronto Wind Ensemble perform at Markham Theatre, 171 Town Centre Blvd., Markham. Tickets \$7, available at the theatre



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PASTORAL LOVELINESS

Cheryl Flint takes examines a Willem Verhulst painting at The Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery in Unonville. Verhulst's exhibit "Gold After Green: August Into Autumn," featuring pastoral landscapes of southwestern Ontario, is at the gallery until Dec. 14. A special Meet the Artist event takes place Sunday, Nov. 10. The gallery is at the intersection of Main Street and Carlton Road.

box office, 905-305-7469.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

Christ Church, Stouffville, presents Harvest Harmony with the award winning, Scarborough Dukes of Harmony, Barons of Barbershop, "Together Again" Quartet and other musicians. Performances at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the church, 254 Sunset Boulevard. Admission: \$20 adults and \$15 seniors and students. Proceeds to outreach and ongoing parish projects. Tickets available at Card's Appliances and Hairbreak. Call 905-640-3561 for details.

WORKSHOPS SEMINARS

IMMIGRATION ACT

Learn more about the act at CCSYR's Markham office, 7170 Warden Ave., unit 15. Takes place on Friday, Oct. 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. Bring Record of Landing. For information and registration, call 905-415-9537.

ADOPTION INFORMATION

A free information session presented by Children's Bridge in Markham on how to adopt your child from China, Korea or Thailand. Takes place Saturday, Oct. 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Loblaws community room, McCowan Market, 200 Bullock Drive. Registration and sign in at 12:45 p.m. Call Laurie at 905-887-6376 or Donna at 905-303-2557.

DEALING WITH ACTING OUT TEENAGERS

The Association of Parent Support Groups in Ontario Conference annual conference, AGM, raffle and silent auction on Saturday, Oct. 26. Registration at 8 a.m. Takes place at the Holiday Inn, 7095 Woodbine Ave., Hwy. 404 at Steeles in Markham. For information, visit www.apsgo.ca or e-mail mail@apsgo.ca.

EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS

ADULT LITERACY/ BASIC SKILLS CLASSES

Available at Uplands Adult Learning Centre, afternoons or evening. Free, small and organized to prepare students for further education, to improve employability skills or work towards greater independence. Some computerized instruction. Continuous entry. Call 905-731-7557 ext.307 for further information.

YMCA MARKHAM BUSINESS CENTRE

Celebrate Small Business Week Oct. 21 to 25 at the centre with no-cost business essentials workshops: Entrepreneurship Essentials, legal and tax essentials, writing for success, the future of entrepreneurship. All take place at the centre, 4855 14th Ave. unit 3, Markham. For information and registration, call 905-948-9622 ext. 222.

FOCUS FOR WOMEN

Focus is a two-week workshop for women

thinking about returning to work. Workshops, one-on-one coaching and networking are part of the program funded by HRDC and delivered by the York Region District School Board. Call 905-737-9522, ext. 348 for information.

JOB SKILLS

Laid off? Downsized? Need work? If you can't find a job and are eligible to collect Employment Insurance (E.I.) or have collected E.I. in the last three years, or maternity/parental benefits in the last five years, call Job Skills. Free services. Call 905-948-9622 or drop-in at 4855 14th Ave., at Brimley in Markham.

STOUFFVILLE EMPLOYMENT CENTRE

Visit the centre within the Stouffville District Secondary School, 183 Bramble Cr. for job search needs. Computers, Internet access, faxes, photocopying as well as help with resume writing, interview tips and more. Call 905-640-2856 for information.

COSTI

ESL and computer classes to gain skills for fruitful employment run at COSTI, at 8515 McCowan Rd., unit 4 in Markham. Register at 905-472-4688.

MEETINGS

THURSDAY, OCT. 10

Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce networking meeting at 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Cottage Cafe, 6193 Main St. Let people know about your business and meet new clients and suppliers. \$10 members/\$15 non-members.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

York Region Hepatitis C chapter holds a support and information meeting in the York Region Health Services Office at 4261 Hwy. 7 E., Suites B6-9, Unionville. Guest speaker. For information, call 905-940-1333 or 1-800-461-2135. Everyone welcome.

Jewish Women International Markham-Unionville chapter holds its monthly meeting. Guest speaker. New members welcome. For information call 905-294-9706.

MONDAY, OCT. 21

Stouffville Horticultural Society meets in the lower level of United Church at 34 Church Street North. Seed sale at 7 p.m. Speaker at 8 p.m. is Leonard Teungs on "Christmas Decorating." Non-members pay \$4 per meeting. For information call 905-640-2703.

MARKHAM MUSEUM

The museum is located at 9350 Hwy. 48, north of 16th Avenue. Call 905-294-4576 for program details.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

Enjoy the annual Applefest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A good time guaranteed for all ages as we celebrate the harvest with games, crafts,

wagon rides, music, brunch and more. Visit the Enbridge Activity Tent or take a ride in the hot air balloon. Admission to be determined.

MARKHAM THEATRE

Located at 171 Town Centre Blvd. (north-west corner Warden Ave. & Hwy. 7), Markham. For tickets and show times, call 905-305-7469 or 1-866-768-8801.

THURSDAY, OCT. 23, 24

Pavlo and his band showcase Pavlo's flair as a guitarist blending Flamenco, Latin, Mediterranean and classical elements. Part of evening features the new a cappella singing sensation Cadence.

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Newcomer's Club meets at Charinda's Chocolates on 9th Line in Musselman's Lake at 7:30 p.m. Learn about the fine art of chocolate-making and meet some new neighbours. \$25 annual membership.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13

Whitchurch-Stouffville Tourism Association monthly networking meeting takes place at Giardino at 7 p.m. Annual membership \$50. Meeting info at Stouffville's Baker Hill or call 905-888-7888.

THURSDAY, NOV. 14

Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce networking meeting at 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Clever Conductor, 6211 Main Street. Let people know about your business and meet new clients and suppliers. \$10 members/\$15 non-members.

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

Whitchurch-Stouffville Newcomer's club monthly general meeting at Candlelight and Memories on Main St. at 7:30 p.m.

CLINICS

ARTHRITIS PAIN MANAGEMENT

Learn to take control of arthritis pain at The Arthritis Society's Arthritis Self-Management Program. Runs in Markham from Sat. Oct. 19 to Nov. 23; from 2 to 4 p.m. at Markham Stouffville Hospital, 381 Church St. Evening programs in Toronto, Scarborough and Etobicoke. Register for all at 416-979-7228 ext. 395.

MULTIPLE BIRTHS PRENATAL CLASSES

If you are expecting a multiple birth, join other women and their coaches for four evening classes or two weekend classes offered by York Region Health Services. Cost for the series is \$40. Call 1-800-361-5653.

PRENATAL CLASSES

Join other pregnant women and their coaches for eight informative and casual evening classes. Topics include having a healthy baby, preparing for labour and delivery, your newborn baby, infant feeding and adjusting to

parenthood. Weekend classes and classes in Cantonese available. Register early in your pregnancy. Call 1-800-361-5653.

POSTNATAL CLASSES

If you are a mother with a baby up to six-months old, join other moms for a series of six postnatal classes offered by public health nurses at locations around York Region. Topics include nutrition, growth and development, family adjustment to a new baby and more. Cost: \$15. Call 1-800-361-5653 to register.

THE BABY PLACE

A drop-in group meets at Shoppes of Unionville (4261 Hwy. 7 and Kennedy) on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Public health nurses offer parents support for and information on breastfeeding, baby care, infant nutrition and community resources. No appointment necessary. Call 1-800-361-5653.

PHOTO HEALTH CARD CLINIC

At Markham Seniors Activity Centre, 22 Water St. every Tuesday (except long weekends) to replace missing/damaged/expired/incorrect health cards. By appointment only. Book at 1-905-434-3700. Bring at least three original documents, e.g. Canadian birth certificate/citizenship, proof that you live in Ontario, proof of signature and proof of name change (if applicant). For a detailed list, call 1-800-664-8988 or 1-800-268-1154.

QUIT SMOKING

Public health professionals offer smoking cessation classes and support to residents on the second Wednesday of every month, from 7 to 9 p.m. at York Region Health Services, 4261 Hwy. 7 East, Suites B6-9, in Unionville. No charge and you can join any session. For more information or to register, call 1-800-361-5653 or visit www.smoking.cessation@region.york.on.ca.

MOMS-TO-BE

Come join a group for moms-to-be and women with babies under six months. Meet other women, share a healthy snack, take home a bag of food and learn about your pregnancy and baby. Runs Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Pathways, 70 Main St., N., Markham. Call 905-471-1620 before coming so food can be ordered. Rides can be arranged.

FOR ADULTS

MANDARIN CLASSES

Free Mandarin classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at Father Michael McGivney, 5300 14th Ave., Markham. For information, call Grace at 905-479-9529 or Pam at 905-479-7286.

EUCHRE

Alternate Fridays at Markham District Veterans Association (77 Washington St.), Markham at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person which includes prizes, lunch, tea and coffee. Call Glen at 905-294-5871 for details.