

## Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

With only a month to go till Christmas, have you started your Christmas shopping?

— Asked at Country Style Donuts in Stouffville

Bonnie TRENTADUE



I have finished my shopping because I don't like crowds. It took me about two weeks. We have a large extended family and draw names of one adult and two kids to buy for.

Ronn DRAPER



I do a little bit all through the year and then cram in the rest in the last couple of weeks. I make a lot of the gifts, such as patio stones, wrought iron and stained glass, for our family.

Jeanette HILL

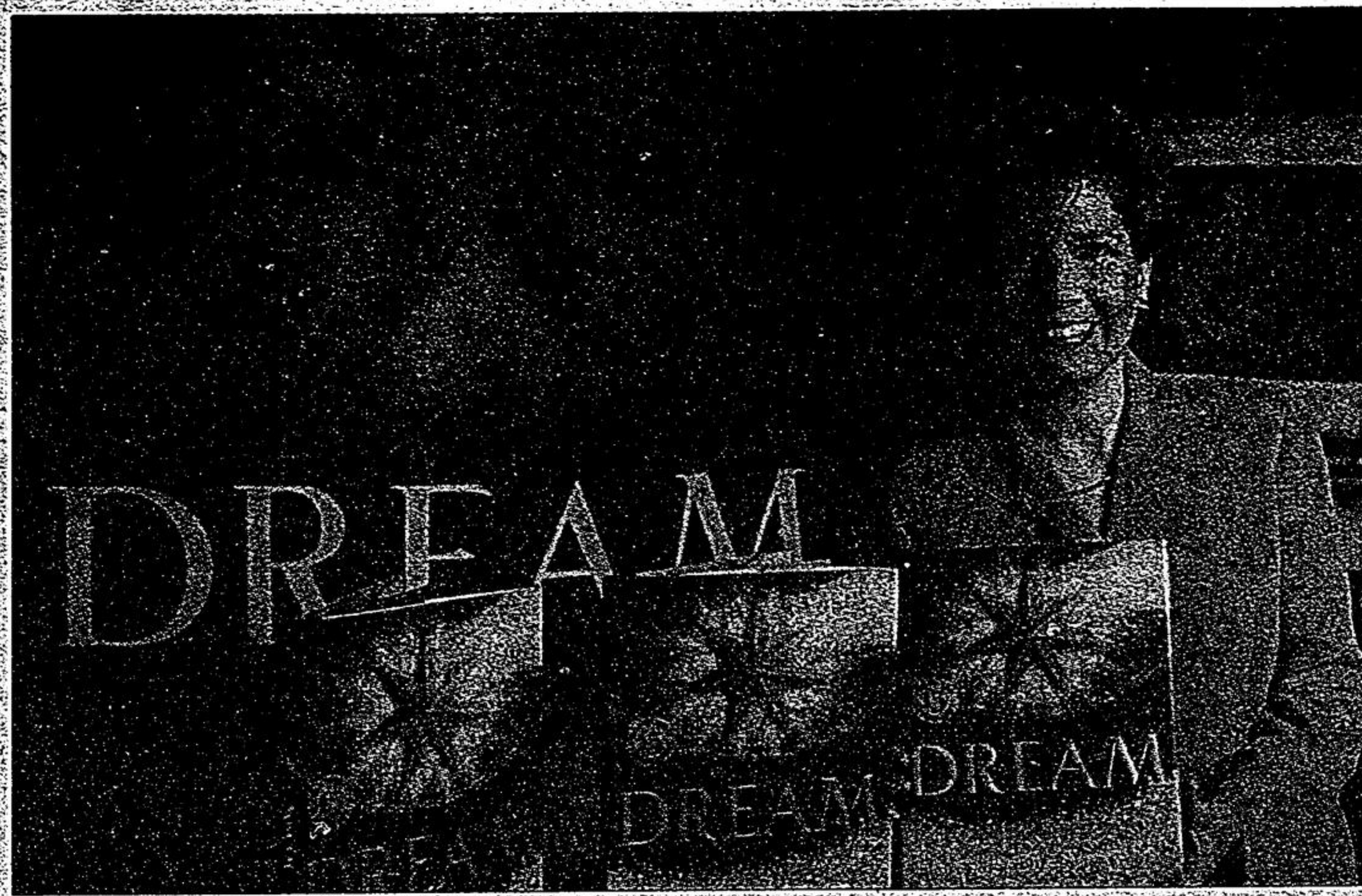


I started shopping at the beginning of September and plan to be done no later than the middle of December. I spend about the same each year.

Lisa KANELAKIS



I started two days ago. I find that popular items for kids are always sold out when I get to the stores. We pick names of people to buy for because our family is so large.



Author Susan V. Bosak of Whitchurch-Stouffville will launch her new book, *Dream*, at an event Saturday in Newmarket. It's one of 200 cities across North America she'll visit to promote the book.

# Dream comes true this week for bestselling author

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
Staff Writer

Five years in the making, Stouffville author Susan V. Bosak's book *Dream* is about to begin its journey to more than 200 cities across North America. The launch begins Saturday at 1 p.m. in Chapters on Yonge Street in Newmarket and includes a reading and signing by the author.

The book is tied to the World Dream Chest, a traveling exhibit designed to collect the hopes and dreams of children and adults.

"I will visit most of the 200 cities," Ms. Bosak said. "People like to meet the author."

The book, like the exhibit, is designed for all ages. "*Dream* is an inspiring celebration of living and dreaming for all ages," she said.

At least 15 major illustrators, including two-time Caldecott medal winners Leo and Diane Dillon and Governor General's award winner Barbara Reid, took part in creating *Dream*.

"*Dream* brings together remarkable original artwork, thought-provoking quotations from throughout history and a multi-layered resonant story," Ms. Bosak said. "The message is you're never too young or too old to be a dreamer."

*Dream* was Ms. Bosak's vision from the start. She oversaw all

aspects of the book's creation, from the choice of illustrators to design of the endpapers.

"An illustrated story is an art form," she said. "It's like chocolate and peanut butter. You bring together words and pictures to make something so much more delicious than the two alone."

As well as *Dream*, Ms. Bosak has written bestsellers *Something to Remember Me By*, an illustrated story about love and legacies across generations and *Science Is*, a classic activity book. Each sold more than 300,000 copies.

Her books have won a number of honours, including the Benjamin Franklin award, Parents' Choice award and the Joan Fassler award for an outstanding contribution to children's literature.

The American Booksellers Association has picked *Dream* as one of its top picks for the year. "It's very rare to have a Canadian book chosen by this association," Ms. Bosak said.

Reviews of her books have been published in newspapers and magazines such as *The Washington Post*, *Chicago Sun-Times* and *Dallas Morning News*.

Born in Winnipeg, Ms. Bosak holds degrees in English, sociology and human communication. Her work covers commu-

nication, inter-generational and life course issues.

She runs workshops with families, teachers and program leaders across the country. She also helped found the Legacy Project, a community service initiative in partnership with the Parenting Coalition and Generations United in Washington D.C.

Ms. Bosak, 40, and her husband Brian Puppa have lived in Stouffville for 10 years. "Stouffville is gorgeous country with wonderful people," she said. "It's one of the most peaceful and beautiful places in the province."

During her 30s, Ms. Bosak worked as a freelance journalist for the CBC and *Macleans* magazine. *Science Is* was published while she was in her 20s.

Meanwhile, the World Dream Chest will be on exhibit in museums, schools and libraries over the next three years. "York Region is one of the first areas on the North American tour," Ms. Bosak said.

Exhibit viewers can see original art created for *Dream*, get ideas for living their dreams, learn how to make a symbolic origami dream star and add their hopes and dreams to the dream chest.

*Dream*, available in bookstores, sells for \$23.95. For more information about the book and exhibit, visit [www.dreamstorybook.com](http://www.dreamstorybook.com)

## Briefly

### Cash prizes in 15th lights contest

Stouffville's 15th annual Outdoor Christmas Display Contest is seeking the town's most sparkling and creative outdoor seasonal displays.

Residents have until Dec. 12 to nominate homes. All residences east of Hwy. 48, south of Bloomington Road, west of Uxbridge Line and north of 19th Avenue are eligible. These borders follow the boundaries of the Stouffville Lions Club.

Entries are being judged Dec. 14. There are \$325 in cash prizes.

The contest is sponsored by the Lions, Norma Cable Tech and the Stouffville Sun-Tribune.

Residents can nominate homes by e-mailing [jmason@yrng.com](mailto:jmason@yrng.com). Entries can also be faxed to 905-640-8778 or dropped off at the Stouffville Sun-Tribune office at 34 Civic Ave., Stouffville.

For more information, call Jim Mason at 905-640-2612.

### Rotary hosts dinner for landmine crisis

The Rotary Club of Stouffville presents a Night of a Thousand Dinners at the Parkview Village auditorium Monday at 6 p.m.

Scott Fairweather, president and CEO of Adopt-A-Minefield Canada, is guest speaker. Tickets are \$25 and available 905-640-1333.

Night of a Thousand Dinners began in 2001 as an opportunity for people all over the world to come together on a single night, enjoy a meal and help solve the global landmine crisis.

Dinners are now held in more than 50 countries around the world.

## Quoteworthy

**'There's not much glory in being a tax collector.'**

Ruth Armstrong, on marking her 25th anniversary with the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. See story on page 20.

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