

Chamber of commerce back in trade show business

Local businesses and charitable groups can showcase their products, services and talents at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce Trade Show March 7.

It is the first trade show to be held in Stouffville for several years.

In addition to checking out a wide variety of the town's businesses and services, visitors can also take part in five seminars to be held by participants during the show.

The trade show is being held at EastRidge Missionary Church from 4 to 8 p.m.

Refreshments are included in the \$5 per person admission price.

To book a table, call the chamber office at 905-642-4227. The cost is \$100 plus GST (\$107) for members

and \$150 plus GST (\$160.50) for non-members.

Proceeds from the event go to the Parkview Home Building Fund and the Stouffville Igoma Partnership.

Best businesses sought

Good service, reliable products that do the job they're supposed to and an entrepreneurial spirit are being highlighted at the annual Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce Business Awards.

Nominations are now open for residents and business owners to choose their favourite business in the municipality.

The deadline for nominations is

Feb. 17. The awards will be presented in April.

The awards are open to both chamber members and non-members and are for businesses that are active in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Award categories include business of the year, business entrepreneur of the year and corporate citizen of the year. A newer category, the young entrepreneur of the year is for businesses that have been operating for at least two years with the owner being less than 30 years of age.

A heritage award, selected by the chamber, honours one of the town's longest-standing businesses.

Nomination forms are available on the chamber's website at www.whitchurchstouffville.ca or in

the office at the Stouffville Train Station. Call 905-642-4227 for more information.

Shelter at the gallery

Artist Julie Adamson Miller explores the issues of home and homelessness in her shelter pieces at the Larcham Gallery in Stouffville from Jan. 14 to Feb. 11.

The opening reception is Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Ms. Miller is an artist from Tottenham, whose work investigates the concept of shelter, considered one of the necessities of life. However, not everyone has this safe haven, the location of family,

warmth, love and comfort.

The artist is installing three tent-like shelters in the gallery, each one in a primary colour. They will stand in the middle of the exhibition space. Built to the dimensions of Leonardo da Vinci's standing man, there is room for visitors to stand or sit inside, but not to lie down. While inside the structure, gallery-goers are invited to listen to a soundtrack written in reaction to Ms. Miller's shelters. Ms. Miller will also install shelters at different locations in Stouffville including the Lebovic Leisure Centre.

Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. The gallery is located at 6240 Main St. in Stouffville.

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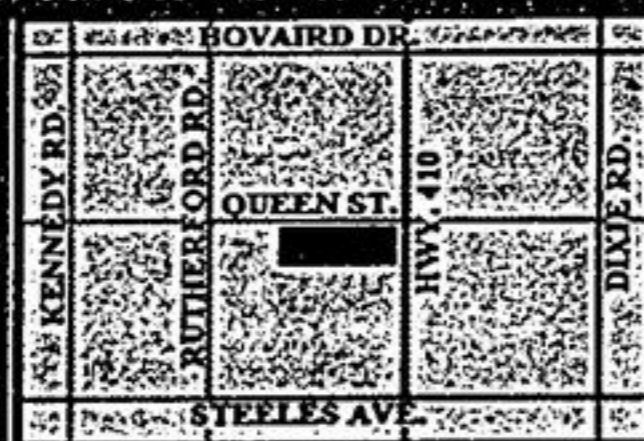
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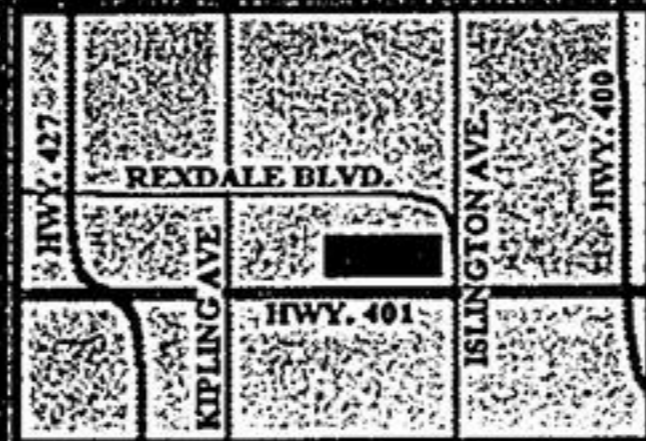
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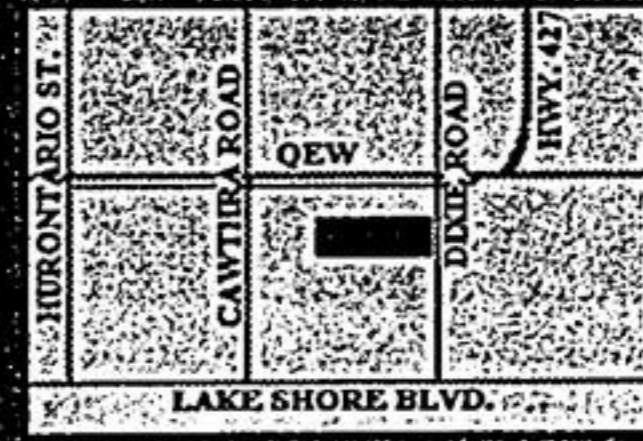
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