

# SUN-TRIBUNE PEOPLE

## Tree gets trimmed in tour preview

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Part of a stately ash that once grew in Geneva Park near Orillia is being transformed into an unusual art object by Stouffville's Sandra Cole Burke.

She has been turning the slice from the tree into a woodblock for printmaking over the past few weeks.

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The artists will show oil, acrylic and watercolour paintings, pottery, jewelry, stained glass and other media in 24 locations throughout the town.

The Love of Jo coffee house is exhibiting the works of artists on the tour throughout October. Stouffville Picture Framing will have a sample of the potters' and jewellers' work during this time.

Mrs. Burke has been carving out an abstract design on the wood block for several weeks, using hand

and power carving tools.

To see how this relatively rare art form is created, visit the lobby of the Latham Gallery and Care and Share Thrift Store Tuesdays and Fridays between 2 and 4 p.m.

Mrs. Burke is working on the project to give people a chance to see the process in action.

It is one of the more abstract images she has worked on, she said, and the piece will be inscribed with a variety of organic forms that appear in nature. The circular piece of wood is interesting because the growth rings are clearly visible.

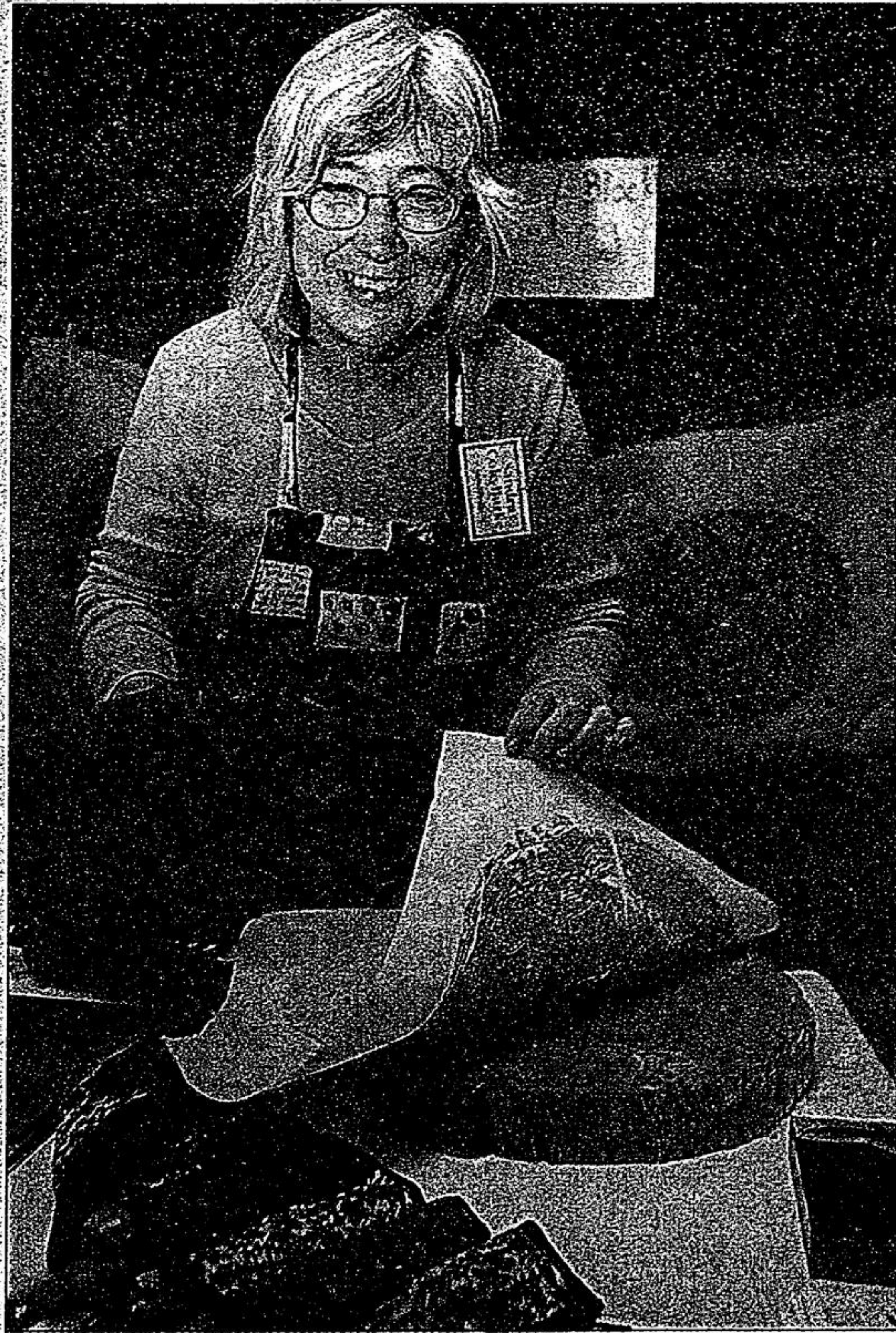
The artist also enjoys creating watercolour landscapes, many of them painted outdoors.

During the tour, she will show landscapes painted during her travels across Canada.

She will also show intuitive watercolours. This process involves dropping colour on to paper when it is wet, covering it with clear plastic until the paper dries and then working on the images that appear.

The studio tour from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Visitors can enter a free draw for a \$200 artwork by one of the tour members. Admission is free.

Go to [stouffvillestudiotour.com](http://stouffvillestudiotour.com) for a map and more information. The Latham Gallery is 6240 Main St. in Stouffville. Call 905-640-8954.



Sandra Cole Burke is working on her wood block printing piece at Latham Gallery in preparation for next weekend's Stouffville Studio Tour.

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### Hockey enforcer appearing in new Mike Myers movie

Stouffville's Brandon Sugden earned a reputation as an enforcer in the junior and minor pro hockey leagues.

Add actor to the resume.

Mr. Sugden is an extra in the Mike Myers movie *The Love Guru*. Filming is taking place in Toronto-area locations, including the Air Canada Centre.

The story is based on the Toronto Maple Leafs' 40-year Stanley Cup drought.

The movie stars Mr. Myers, Jessica Alba, Verne Troyer and Justin Timberlake.

Mr. Sugden, 29, retired from the Syracuse Crunch, the Columbus Blue Jackets' top farm team, last season and is playing semi-pro in Montreal.

The movie is scheduled for release in June.

### Farm markets place to be

Looking for something to do this Thanksgiving weekend?

Farmers markets are in abundance in the Whitchurch-Stouffville area.

You can pick up fresh, locally grown produce.

For a listing of farm markets, and other places to visit and things to do close to home, go to [yorktourism.com](http://yorktourism.com)

### Election results on-line

Ontario goes to the polls Wednesday.

The Sun-Tribune and the York Region Media Group will be following the local races, including Oak Ridges-Markham, which includes Whitchurch-Stouffville.

For election-night results and stories, go to [yorkregion.com](http://yorkregion.com)

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Erin Brooks and her mount Calyn.

## Horse, rider happy they didn't pack it in

BY JIM THOMAS

It was a combined decision between horse and rider.

For Stouffville's Erin Brooks and Calyn, a freakier mare, it proved a turning point.

They switched from the hunter-jumper to dressage, with amazing results, winning five blue ribbons in recent shows in Orangeville.

Calyn wasn't happy in the hunter division and neither was I," said the 24-year-old equestrian. "It was no longer fun, I thought seriously of quitting."

Krista Pollack, trainer at Whitchurch-Stouffville's Pause Awhile Equestrian Centre, changed her mind.

"Krista gave me new hope, an assurance I could do it," she said.

And she did, in a big way.

"It was spectacular, I couldn't believe it," said Elizabeth Brooks, her mother.

Erin's interest in horses began at age 9 while attending Summitview School.

"It was a friend's birthday party. There, I rode a horse for a first time and was hooked," she said.

For five years, she attended an equestrian summer camp, then, at age 15, acquired her own horse, a thoroughbred mare, now retired and stabled at Pt. Bolster.

Calyn was purchased six years

ago. They entered hunter-jumper competitions at various locations including Palgrave, Collingwood, Barrie and Pickering.

With considerable success. In 2004, she finished 20 points below a reserve national championship.

A year later, she was a provincial reserve champion.

Then came the switch. "The improvement was incredible," Erin said, "my trainer believed in me and encouraged me to believe in myself."

At Orangeville, her team also finished second.

Teammates were Roz Pritchard, Susie Wynn and Emily Archer.

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