Recycling an art form at next week's Strawberry Festival

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Discarded magazines or buttons can be turned into mosaics; milk cartons transformed into bird houses.

Pop cans can be manipulated into a miniature Eiffel Tower.

With a little imagination, a blue box full of packaging, newspapers, magazines and other recyclable items can be turned into pieces of art.

Organizers of next week's Strawberry Festival in Stouffville have created the Art of Recycling Competition.

"We want to see kids of all ages experience their creativity, while being environmentally responsible," said Maria Troiani, co-ordinator of the festival's going green initiatives.

The competition is open to Whitchurch-Stouffville children in kindergarten to Grade 12. Entrants will be divided into various age categories.

The challenge for the artists will be to create an art piece in any style that utilizes at least 70 per

cent recycled materials. It can be no larger than five-feet by threefeet by three-feet and must be easily moved.

The artwork will be judged on its originality, aesthetics, quantity of recycled materials and degree of difficulty.

Cash prizes will be awarded in each category and there will also be a people's choice award for each age group.

Submitted work will be displayed at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park July 1 and 2.

Registration forms and contest rules are available at strawberryfestival.ca and latchamgallery.ca

Area artist Katharine Harvey has created art pieces with recycled materials for about 10 years.

"It's free and readily available and there's a lot of it," the former painter said. "I haven't gone back."

When working with recycled material, Ms Harvey said there is one rule of thumb: "Don't try to make something it's just not able to make".

The contest is part of the festival's environmental initiative.

"Our dream is to one day be the greenest festival around," Ms Trojani said.

Other eco-friendly activities during the three-day event include games, an eco-walk, scavenger hunt and Tai Chi demonstrations.

Food vendors have also been asked to provide their items in recyclable containers.

"It's not just how can we clean up our environment, but how can we be put in touch with our environment," Ms Troiani said. "Environmental consciousness needs to be learned."

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Leisure Services

Email: leisure.services@townofws.ca

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

JULY 5 - AUG 25

Pick up sports for youth (10 - 15 years) Tuesdays & Thursdays at Rupert Park 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

JULY 8

Friday night summer drop in for youths begins Lebovic Leisure Centre 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Board games, Wii, snacks.

MOVIE AT NINETEEN ON THE PARK

Wednesday July 20, 7:00 p.m. Open to all ages Vote for which movie is played Details at www.townofws.ca/youth. Lebovic Leisure Centre: 905-642-PLAY (7529)



PROGRAMS BEGIN THE WEEK OF JULY 4, 2011

Still time to Register for CAMP Stouffville as well as the other town camps. Select space still available for swimming lessons, lifestyle and community programs.



FREE PUBLIC SWIMS ALL CANADA DAY WEEKEND

Lebovic Leisure Centre July 1: 1:00pm - 4:00pm and 5:30pm - 7:30pm July 2: 1:00 - 4:00pm and 5:30pm - 7:30pm July 3: 1:00 - 4:00

Museum



14732 Woodbine Avenue, Gormley Phone: 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337

2011 HOURS OF OPERATION

Please note that until the completion of construction for the Museum's new Visitor/Community Centre, we will be open by appointment only. Research appointments may still be possible, but must be reserved. The research fee is \$6.00 including HST.



WHAT IS IT?

In the late 19th and early 20th century this object may have been purchased from Eaton's or Sears Roebuck. Today it has been replaced by disposable products made of cloth or steel wool.

It's a pot scraper and it's one of the fascinating artifacts in the Museum's collection!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For the 38th Antique and Classic Car Show Sunday, August 14th (Rain date: August 21st)

Are you interested in antique cars? Do you like interacting with people? The Museum is looking for volunteers to assist at this familyfocused event. Volunteers can help us by handling admissions at the gate, staffing the BBQ and other jobs. Brand new volunteers should plan to attend a training session (with snacks!) on Wednesday, August 3rd.

Please contact wsmuseum@townofws.ca or call 905-727-8954 for more information.

PUBLIC

Library

30 Burkholder Street, Stouffville Phone: 905-642-READ (7323) or 1-888-603-4292

MOVIE DAY AT THE LIBRARY

"Yogi Bear" - Monday, July 4 • 1:30-2:50 pm Jellystone Park is celebrating its 100 anniversary, however it may

be for the last time, because attendance is down and Mayor Brown wants to close the park and sell the land. If the park is closed, Yogi Bear and Boo Boo will lose their home. They join forces with Ranger Smith to save Jellystone from closing forever. Yogi must really prove in this endeavor that he is "smarter than the average bear". Rated PG. Free Admission!

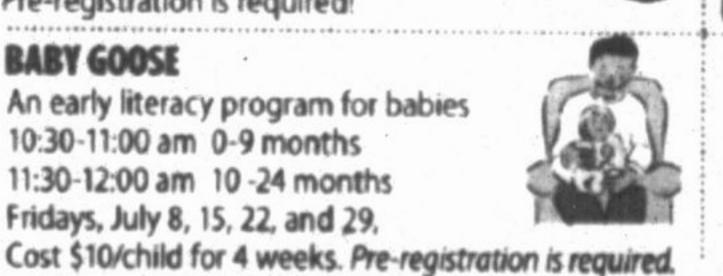
STRAWBERRY TEA & STORY TIME

Thursday, June 30 10:00-11:00 OR 12:00-1:00 ages 3-6 3:30-4:30 ages 7-9

Free Admission. Pre-registration is required!

BABY GOOSE

An early literacy program for babies 10:30-11:00 am 0-9 months 11:30-12:00 am 10 -24 months Fridays, July 8, 15, 22, and 29,



SPLASH! CELEBRATE SUMMER!

MUSIC WITH BRIAN AND FRIENDS

Music with Brian and Friends

Friday, July 8 10:15-11:15 am

Free but tickets must be

picked up in advance!

Latcham Hall

Summer Reading Program Read at leisure and for pleasure with a bonus of earning fantastic Call or visit the Library for details!

JOHN ROBERTS FILMATION ANIMATION WORKSHOP

Wednesdays, July 6 13, and 20 1:30-3:30 pm Ages 7-12 Cost \$15/child. Pre-registration is required!

19 Civic Ave., Box Office Hours: Wed. - Sat. • 1-6 p.m. www.nineteenonthepark.ca Phone: 905-640-2322

2011 SUMMER SERIES THURSDAY, JUNE 23 AT 8:00 p.m.

MEAGHAN SMITH (folk/jazz music) 2011 JUNO AWARD - Best New Artisti \$30 regular - \$20 student

THURSDAY, JULY 21 AT 8:00 p.m. ALTdot COMEDY LOUNGE (live comedy) Where laughter is routine!

\$20 (This is an 18+ event)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25 AT 8:00 p.m.

THE MIDWAY STATE (pop/rock) 2009 MuchMesic Video Awards - Favourite New Artist \$20 all tickets

> Visit www.nineteenonthepark.ca for complete event information.

SUMMER CAMPS - still spaces left!

Theatre Camp (July 4-8 & 11-15) This two week camp is facilitated by MOTUS 0 dance theatre: ages 9-15. \$325 for 10 days.

Film Camp (Aug. 15-19 / 22-26) Featuring the basics of film making. Two five-day sessions for each age group: ages 6-9 & 10-14. \$245/session For info call (905)640-2322. Register online or at the Lebovic Leisure Centre.

UPCOMING STARLIGHT CINEMA SCREENING Wednesday, July 13 • 7pm MADE IN DAGENHAM

(R, Comedy/Drama) "A film made to inspire" TIME OUT New York

Wednesday, July 27 - 7pm **LAST TRAIN HOME**

(PG, Documentary, Chinese/subtitled) **Best Documentary** Los Angeles Film Critics Association

Tickets: \$7.50 regular \$5.00 member (at the door) Annual Memberships: \$12 (receive member pricing for one year)

Friends of Starlight Cinema: \$100 (all films for one year)

FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF:

IT'S THE LAW to have working smoke alarms both in your home and in your RV or trailer. Sadly some people are still not getting the message about the importance of having working smoke alarms, and recently two men died in separate trailer fires, in Ontario. Ensure your family's safety today, by making sure your have working smoke alarms..ANY place you sleep!