

## THE MANTLE SITE

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL HISTORY OF AN ANCESTRAL WENDAT COMMUNITY

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Book on Stouffville dig being launched at Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum Monday.

# Local history in book being launched

First came the documentary, now the book.

*The Mantle Site: An Archeological History of a Huron-Wendat Community* is being launched Monday at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum.

The book was written by Dr. Jennifer Birch and Dr. Ron Williamson.

Dr. Williamson and his colleague Andrea Carnevali will be at the book launch, which runs from 7 to 9 p.m. and available to answer questions and sign copies of the book.

Books will also be available for sale.

They are also bringing with them 20 of the top artifacts excavated from the Mantle Site, according to Krista Rauchenstein, the museum's education programmer.

The Mantle Site is the first detailed analysis of a completely excavated northern Iroquois community — a 16th century ancestral Wendat village.

The book details the social processes that led to its formation, the political and economic lives of its inhabitants and their relationship to other populations in northeast North America.

This book is key for those interested in the history and archaeology of eastern North America, the social, political and economic organization of Iroquois societies as well as the archaeology of communities and processes of settlement aggregation, according to Ms Rauchenstein.

Also at the museum is the travelling exhibit *Defining Moments*.

Created by TakingITGlobal, it is a national digital media arts and citizenship project aimed at engaging youth across the country.

The 26 winning pieces represent eight Canadian provinces and territories.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum is located at 14732 Woodbine Ave. in Vancor.

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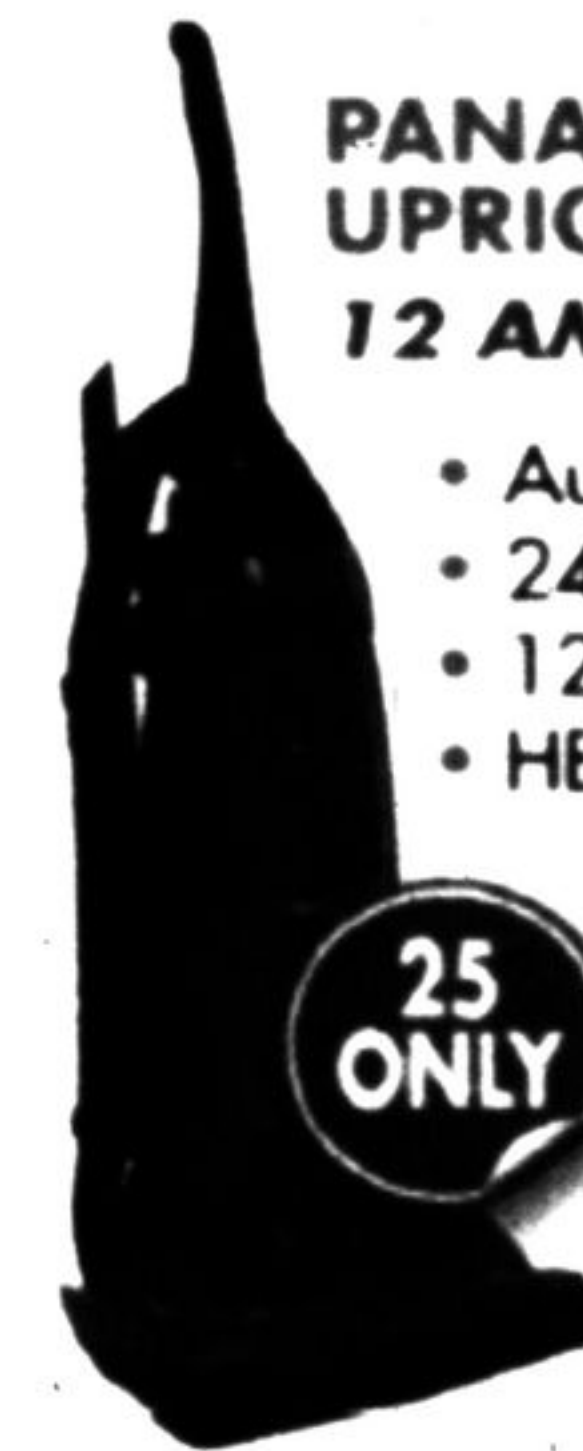


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