

COMING UP

'Tis the season for shows, events for seniors, kids

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After five years, Music Mania's Christmas show has been cancelled.

There was not enough interested singers, dancers and actors, according to organizers.

Do not fear, there are still a number of holiday concerts and events to keep you in the seasonal spirit, Whitchurch-Stouffville:

Bach to Blues welcomes guests

Bella Nove, a women's ensemble and mezzo soprano Jennifer Neveu will be this year's special guests of The Best of Bach to Blues Christmas Concerts' Past, which takes place Dec. 13 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church Anglican, 254 Sunset Blvd.

Tickets are \$12 in advance from Barthau Jewellers as well as Cards TV and Appliance. They are \$15 at the door. For more information, go to www.bachtooblues.com

Susan Ryman joins Men of Note

The Men of Note will also take up residency at Christ Church Anglican for two shows Dec. 20 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Soloist Susan Ryman and a brass quartet will also perform. The male choir will belt out well-loved seasonal songs and will put some surprising twists on old favourites.

Tickets are \$20 each. For more information, go to www.menofnote.com

Tea time tradition at museum

Immerse yourself in a by-gone era of Christmas with a Victorian Tea at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum Nov. 28.

Guests of the 34th annual tea will get to nosh on finger sandwiches, trifle, plum pudding and seasonal baked goods.

The cost is \$16 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. Seating times are at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Reservations are required. Contact the museum at 905-727-8954.

Handcrafts for sale in Lemorville

Are you looking for a unique, handcrafted item for someone on your holiday shopping list? The Country Pastimes Craft and Artisan sale is where you should go Nov. 28 to 30.

It takes place at the Lemorville Community Centre, 13453 McCowan Rd.

The more than 25 artisans include wood turners, folk artists, glass formers, potters, seamstresses and chefs.

For more information, go to www.facebook.com/CountryPastimesArtisanSale

Seniors party at library

Local seniors will be treated to readings and refreshments as well as a carol sing-a-long at the annual Seniors' Christmas Party, which

takes place at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library Dec. 2 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Admission is free.

The library is located at 2 Park Dr.

Check out lights on foot

The annual Downtown Light Tour takes place Dec. 5

Gather at the Main Street GO station for a 7 p.m. departure on foot that will take you throughout downtown to view the festive lights and décor. Some stores will remain open. About 75 people participated last year.

Santa parades down Main St.

Santa comes to town Dec. 6.

The annual Stouffville Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade starts at 2 p.m. at Tenth Line and Aintree Drive. It goes south to Main Street, then west to Ninth Line.

This year's theme is Christmas Around The World. It will take about two hours for Santa to wind his way through downtown.

Youngsters at work at museum

Before you head over to the parade, spend the morning at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, which is hosting Elves in the Workshop at 10 a.m.

Children aged three to 10 will get to decorate freshly baked seasonal treats, drink hot chocolate and eat cookies before heading out on a holiday traditions tour of the heritage buildings.

The fee is \$15 per child. Pre-registration is required, which can be done at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Leisure Centre, 2 Park Dr.

Trek through forest with bells on

Take a walk through the forest and learn about the holiday traditions of bells and Christmas trees during the Forest Jingle Bell Walk Dec. 13.

The walk starts at the York Region Forest's north tract, 17054 Hwy. 48, just south of Aurora Road at 10 a.m. and it goes until noon.

The walk is free and for all ages.

Bells will be provided.

People are provided to bring a non-perishable food donation for a local food bank.

Registration is required, contact www.york.ca/forestevents, greening@york.ca or 1-877-464-9675.

Historic buildings get in the spirit

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum's historic buildings will come to life with the traditions of Christmas past Dec. 14 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. during its annual Candlelight Tour.

Santa will be on-site. There will be horse-drawn carriage rides, traditional cider and baked goods.

Entertainment will be provided by a hand



Santa returns to Stouffville for his annual parade Dec. 6.

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bell choir and the classic tale of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* will be read aloud.

Adults are \$16, children under 12 \$10. Pre-registration by calling 905-727-8954.

Motus 0 shares classic tale

Keep the holiday spirit going even after Christmas by taking in Motus 0 dance troupe's A Christmas Carol Dec. 27 and 28 at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertain-

ment - Nineteen on the Park.

Dance, text and video are interwoven into the classic story of Scrooge as he visits his faded hopes and chilling fears. It unveils the true spirit of the season.

Shows are at 2 and 7 p.m. both days.

Before Nov. 27 tickets are \$28 for adults and \$18 for seniors/students, after that date they are \$36 and \$22 respectively.

For more information, go to www.nineteenonthePark.ca

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