

Stouffville artists participate in Uxbridge 'Art in the Park'

By Kate Gilderdale
Stouffville This Month

Meka Jones and Richard Fronske are two Stouffville artists whose work will be featured at the ninth annual Art in the Park, which takes place Aug. 17 and 18 in Uxbridge's Elgin Park.

Sponsored by the Uxbridge Lions Club, Art in the Park showcases a wide variety of works, ranging from beautiful paintings and jewellery to sculpture, ceramics and stone carvings. With more than 100 participating artists expected to attend, the event includes live demonstrations, an interactive art program for children and strolling musicians.

Ms. Jones, who grew up in Stouffville, is a graduate of Arts York at Unionville High School and has been honing her skills as a photographer for about five years. "Throughout my childhood I took art classes and I went into the visual arts program at Unionville,"

she said. "I wasn't really interested in photography to begin with."

She took some film courses and learned how to work with a still camera to create her own unique view of the world. "The first year I was very lucky because the teacher was the secretary of the Toronto Film Board and he really knew what he was doing. I had always had my camera on automatic settings, but after that course I took the manual out and learned how to work everything on it."

Richard Fronske has been interested in art since his days as a student at Stouffville District Secondary School. "I dabbled in it a bit at school, and then I went to George Brown for graphic design. I saw classes by Bob Ross on TV and the wet-on-wet technique he used stuck with me."

His painted saw blades are very popular with buyers. "I do mostly commis-

sions and it's neat when you see people's reaction to the finished work." Mr. Fronske, who graduated from SDSS in 1985, is also a wildlife artist and sign painter.

Admission to Art in the Park is \$5 for adults, with no charge for young people under 16. Refreshments will be available at the event. "The money we raise goes to community charities and some also goes to the hospital," said Lion Larry Peet, who is helping to organize the event.



Stouffville photographer Meka Jones, Uxbridge Lion Larry Peet and Stouffville artist Richard Fronske prepare for the ninth annual Art in the Park, which takes place in Elgin Park, Uxbridge on August 17 and 18. The event is sponsored by the Uxbridge Lions, with proceeds to local charities.

Explore nature with trail association

By Kate Gilderdale
Stouffville This Month

If you love walking and would like to explore some of the beautiful trails in Whitchurch-Stouffville and surrounding areas, the Oak Ridges Trail Association (ORTA) is an excellent resource.

ORTA is an incorporated body with charitable status, and has nine chapters, including one in Whitchurch-Stouffville. The organization arranges

hikes on the trail for everyone from beginners to experienced hikers. Members receive a quarterly newsletter with information on activities and non-members are welcome to participate in the hikes.

To date, about 200 kms of about 250 kms have been completed and the trail starts with a link to the Caledon Trailway near Palgrave in the west, to the town of Gores Landing on Rice Lake in the east.

Efforts to extend the trail further east are underway. Members recently completed a guidebook of the trail which includes waterproof maps, details on points of interest and access points, as well as information about the cultural and natural history of the Oak Ridges Moraine.

For more information on membership and a list of upcoming hikes, visit the organization's website at www.orta.on.ca or call (905) 642-2408.

Customer **APPRECIATION** Sale

August 1st - 11th

20-40%
OFF

ABSOLUTELY
EVERYTHING
INSIDE & OUT



THANKS
FOR ALL YOUR
SUPPORT

OPEN 7 DAYS
EVERY EVENING
TIL 7 PM

Stouffville's Baker Hill 905-642-1067

13415 Hwy. 48 (between Stouffville & Bloomington Rd.)

www.stouffvillesbakerhill.com