

## A Choice Exhibition

By Chai Duncan

*The Matrix of Choice*, the solo exhibition by Stouffville-raised, Montreal-based Jacquelin Heichert at the Latcham Gallery has something for everyone, so please drop by the gallery or book a tour for your school or group.

Jacquelin uses humour, nostalgia and critical reflection to put us back into the moment between the deliberation of our decision-making and the fruition of that choosing. Her exhibition comprises two beautifully crafted wooden sculptures, silkscreen and woodblock prints, and a series of ethereal "printed" vacuum plastic package fronts, offering a number of entry points for engaging

with the artist's ideas.

Admission to the Gallery is free. Visit us any time between Tuesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and take a self-guided tour. Our exhibition brochure offers additional information on each artwork. Gallery staff or volunteers are always happy to answer any questions.

We also offer guided tours for schools and groups such as Brownies, Scouts and seniors. Each tour is designed to accommodate specific interests and needs, supporting the arts curriculum or badge requirements, and includes an art appreciation activity.

Visit [www.latchamgallery.ca](http://www.latchamgallery.ca) for details or call 905-640-8954 to book

a tour. The exhibition continues until Feb. 16.

Chai Duncan is curator at The Latcham Gallery



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## Fifty-Five Plus Club On The Move

By Carol Morin

The long-awaited move of the Silver Jubilee 55 Plus Club to Latcham Hall is finally here.

The club's official move date is Feb. 1. It's going to take a while for us to get settled in, but once we do, we'll host an Open House for everybody.

The town has done an amazing job of renovating the hall. The stage has been removed so it's just one room, but it's surprisingly bright and very tastefully decorated. The kitchen is light years away from the one at the old facility. The room is only 2,400 square feet but there are no posts for the line dancers to bump into, and as an added bonus, there's more than one stall in the ladies' room.

At this point, the 55 Plus Club will be sharing space with the Lions, the Guides and other community organizations. We'll even have to run multiple programs at once and cope with the noise factor. It is by no means a dedicated seniors' building, something we really look forward to in the future.

Our existing winter programs will move to Latcham Hall the week of Feb. 4. On Feb. 12, 13, 14 and 15, we will hold registration for our spring session, with members being

offered first priority.

For spring, we are offering a new Watercolour for Beginners class on Tuesday afternoons starting in March. We will continue the excellent Stretch 'n' Core class on Fridays and introduce a new Meditate and Relax class on Thursday mornings. Our Painting with Watercolours class will continue on Friday afternoons, and the popular Country Line Dance class will return in April. There will also be a Spring Flower Arranging class, along with a few other pleasant surprises in store.

We will offer two new art courses beginning in April, Colour Theory on Monday mornings and Acrylics 201 on Wednesday afternoons (Acrylics 101 is a prerequisite for people taking this class). We hope to introduce at least one new mat yoga class beginning in March.

Best of all, we plan to have a reception desk in the foyer of Latcham Hall so that people will be able to get into the building, obtain information about programs and trips, register for activities/trips and obtain membership cards. This should make life a lot easier for everybody.

See you at the Club!

## A Warm Welcome



On Jan. 17, Welcome Wagon presented plaques to three local businesses in recognition of their 20-year sponsorship. Pictured left to right are Joan Skovhøj and Dianne Darling of Welcome Wagon with Dr. Carol Genin, Dr. Martin McDowell and Dr. Melanie de Jesus of Stouffville Optometry. Bruce's Auto and Stouffville Fish & Chips were also awarded 20-year plaques for their support.

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## STOUFFVILLE SENIOR OF THE MONTH

MARILYN TODD

AGE: She'll be 80 in March

NUMBER OF YEARS IN STOUFFVILLE: The Todd family has been in the Stouffville area since 1969.

CAREER: She taught elementary school in Toronto before becoming a stay-at-home Mom. Helped her husband Leslie and his brother Ernie in their home building business.

HOBBIES: Taught swimming, plays bridge, cross country skiing, volunteering - she volunteered at Scarborough Centenary Hospital, and conducted tours of Markham-Stouffville Hospital when it opened.

FAMILY: Husband Leslie; Daughter Sharon, who lives in Toronto and New York; sons Doug, Ross and Bryan, who all live in the Stouffville area; she has 10 grand children and 1 great grand child.

PET PEEVE: "People who don't take the time to enjoy the day."

LIFE HI-LITE: "When a high school teacher gave me the opportunity to work as a counsellor at a summer camp in Maine in the late 1940s and early 50s."

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY? "I've been blessed with a good family and wonderful health, so I would share it with those less fortunate."

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