

WHAT'S up in Whitchurch-Stouffville

Until March 26

Reflections on Cool. Exhibit by Sandra Brewster. Latcham Gallery, 6240 Main St., Stouffville.

Weekends Until April 2

Maple Syrup Festival. Demos, games, goodies. All day. Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, Stouffville Rd. east of Warden Ave.

March 14-18

MARCH BREAK. See article below for details of programs happening at Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, and Latcham Gallery.

March 15

Around the World Crafts: North America. For children 6 and up. 2-3 p.m. Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. \$2 per child, please pre-register by calling 905-642-7323.

March 20

Free Tax Clinic. For needy families. 12-4 p.m. Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. Call 905-642-7323 to reserve a spot.

March 22

Buddhism for Dummies. Intro to Tibetan Buddhism and meditation with Charlene Jones. 7:30 - 9 p.m. Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. See page 10 for more info.

March 29

Public Information Session. Commercial Policy Strategy for the Community of Stouffville. 7 p.m. Council Chambers, 4th Floor, 37 Sandiford Drive.

March 30-April 3

Giant Book Sale. Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. For details, see page 9.

April 2

Annual Juried Exhibition. Opening Reception. Awards presentation. Latcham Gallery, 6240 Main St., Stouffville.

April 3

Pancake and Ham Brunch. With locally-made maple syrup! 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, 14732 Woodbine Ave. in the hamlet of Vandorf. \$5 for adults, \$2 for children.

April 6

Out From Underfoot. Traditional rugmaking workshop. Suitable for beginners. Lunch served. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, 14732 Woodbine Ave. Pre-registration required. Call 1-888-290-0337 for info.

April 8

A Celebration of Spring. Fundraising Dinner for Parkview Home. Dinner, auction, music. 6 p.m. \$75 a plate. Call 905-640-0714 for info

Ongoing

Caring and enthusiastic volunteers needed for the **York-Durham Aphasia Centre.** We'll train you to work with people who've suddenly lost some of their communications skills. Please call Bonnie at 905-642-2053.

Marvellous Madness at March Break

March Break is coming! March Break is coming!

For the annual week-long sabbatical from the schoolroom you, the student, could take the usual boring approach: hit the slopes or join cousin Tiffany at Disney World.

OR... You could participate in some of the fascinating activities being planned for you right here in Whitchurch-Stouffville, at either the Public Library, the Museum in Vandorf, or the Latcham Gallery on main Street.

Over at the library, the theme for the week is "Around the World in 5 Days". Staff will be dressed in ethnic costumes, books displayed throughout the week will focus on various countries and the daily morning entertainment will make you glad you weren't able to leave this Country.

On Monday, March 14 from 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. Mike Harding from Applefun Puppetry returns with a new show "Robin Hood and the Dragon". On Tuesday Mr. Fripps, a crazy clown who loves to do magic and make balloon animals, will entertain. Wednesday will feature "Mad Science: Fire and Ice", and you can experience dry ice fog storms, bubbling potions that trap gas inside, and amazing chemical reactions.

On Thursday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), "Cat 'n the Fiddle", a local musical group will play a lively program. And finally, on Friday, Chris Rawlings, will treat you to the musical humour of people from across Canada while singing about East Coast shenanigans, Quebecois joie de vivre, Ontario tall tales, gold rush entertainment and more.

Each performance is \$2.00 at the

door or you can buy an "Around the World" passport for \$7.00 for all the shows. For more information, call the Library at 905-642-7323.

Meanwhile, over at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum in Vandorf, the March Break program for children ages 8-14 goes Wednesday to Friday, March 16-18, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. A light snack will be served each day. Children will explore a variety of heritage activities and crafts and will complete several projects, including a pinwheel toy, woven ribbon card, and a funky Easter Egg. Participants will also spend part of their time in the Brown House, cooking in the Museum's working 19th century kitchen.

Pre-registration is required for the Museum program, which costs \$25 per three-day session, only \$20 if you're a member! For information or to register, call 905-727-8954 or toll free at 1-888-290-0337.

Finally, at the Latcham Gallery at 6240 Main Street, there will be a series of half-day art workshops from Tuesday to Friday, March 15 to 18, at a cost of \$10 per session, all materials included. The overall idea is to travel to a Caribbean beach while staying right here in Stouffville, so be sure to bring your sunglasses!

On Tuesday you can make a treasure map or travel journal, on Wednesday a pinata or postcard. Thursday you can make a wildly-painted beach bag, or create your own underwater world, and Friday it's time for working with seashells or building castles in the sand (actually made of clay!).

Morning workshops run from 10 till noon, afternoon ones from 1 to 3. Space is limited, so call the Latcham Gallery now at 905-640-8954 for more information or to register.

So many wonderful ways to make March Break fly by, you'll hardly miss school at all! Have fun!

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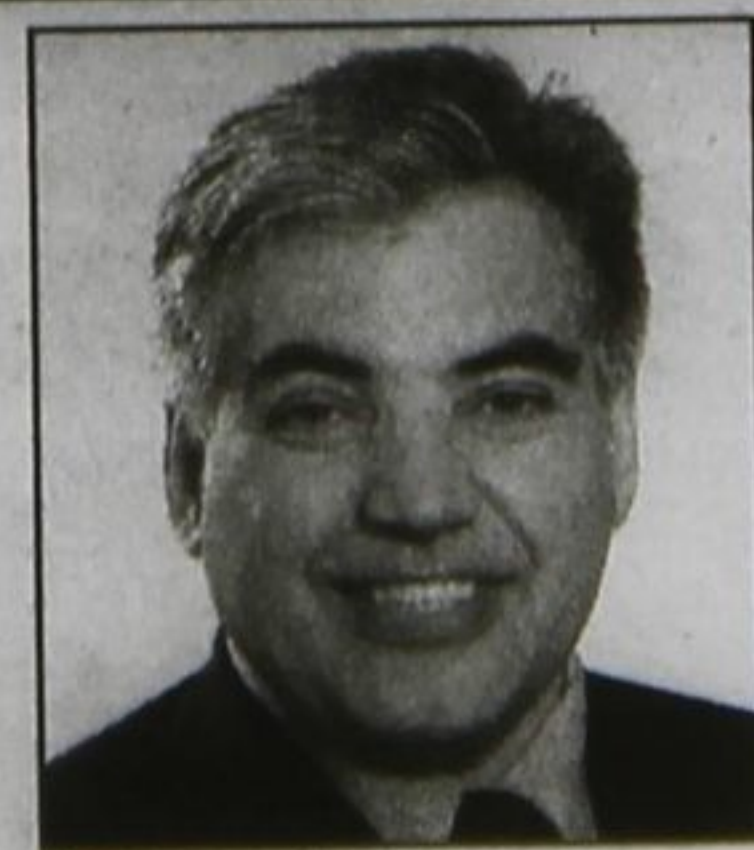
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