The Art of the Matter

On Dec. 12, Nineteen events involving community on the Park hosted a arts and culture. memorable evening which incorporated previews of the an unfortunate history of Atheatre's upcoming season.

O, Lucia Cesaroni and imperative to change this Morgan Sadler provided a if we want to be a truly delectable taste of what's well-rounded community on the calendar for 2015. Beautiful artwork was donated to raise funds for Nineteen on the Park and organizers held a silent auction of items contributed by generous residents and businesses.

The theatre was beautifully decorated for the occasion, Most Excellent Productions beautiful voice has been, all genres, and from comedy provided lighting and sound, and in Toronto and she is Park offers a treasure trove a wonderful selection of appetizers and gourmet coffee was served, courtesy of Velvet Sunrise. Ward 5 councillor lain Lovatt and federal Liberal candidate Jane Philpott were among the guests, but it would be old home town, noting that nice to see greater political the theatre's acoustics were representation at future outstanding.

Whitchurch-Stouffville has inadequate financial support Performances by Motus for the arts. We think it's and to attract residents and visitors who will spend their entertainment dollars in town, instead of heading to Uxbridge or Toronto for cultural events.

> The calibre of the Dec. 12 performances was equal to anything available in the city. · Lucia Cesaroni's stunningly professional heard at the Four Seasons to dance, Nineteen on the featured in Toronto Operetta of performance art for all Theatre's The Mikado at ages. Let's get the word out the St. Lawrence Centre for that we have a world-class the Performing Arts. She is also a native of Gormley. and was thrilled to have the opportunity to perform in her our readers.

Morgan Sadler, another local performer who sang in the summer Patio Series at the theatre, is a talented singer/songwriter and a fine interpreter of such Canadian classics as Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah, And Stouffville residents Motus O have been stalwarts of the theatre since it first opened in 2009. attracting thousands of patrons to its doors in the past five years.

Our hope is that the town will do more to support and promote our historic theatre in the coming years. From children's shows to music of facility right on our own doorstep.

A Happy New Year to all

Free Thoughts

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Stouffville Free Press wishes all our readers and new members of council a happy and prosperous New Year!

Does anyone know how to change it?



Readers Write

Charity begins at home

To the Editor:

950 visitors contributed to made the event come alive. our grand total raised of over \$32,000!

support, we are thrilled to announce that we will be donating \$16,000 each to The Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity and the ABLE Network. Thank you for your participation in these worthwhile causes.

This tour would not be possible without outstanding support from our local businesses who give unconditionally to their community. Our deepest gratitude to our home sponsors. Many thanks to the local business champions.

As well, it was the talents A huge thank you to all of our exceptional decorators, contributors to this year's floral designers and greenery Home for Christmas tour In experts who brought to life Stouffville. It was truly two Christmas in Stouffville. Their days of Christmas magic, fun hard work, in combination with and celebrations. The homes all the wonderful home owners and decorations were unique, who graciously opened their and inspiring, as always. Over homes to our community, truly

We hope that each home inspired you to create your Through your generous own magic this Christmas. The holiday season is the most wonderful time of the year when we all appreciate being "Home for Christmas". We have begun the planning_ process for next year's tour, which will be held Nov. 6 and 7, 2015.

Thank you from Stouffville's "Home for Christmas" tour committee: Sarah Carrick, Carolyn Dobson, Carolyn Mauro, Rosemary Mauro, Stephanie Butler, Jacky Messner, Lisa Hume, Nancy Miller, Debbie Powell Kathryn Webber.

Free Laughs

savour a bad mood.

Bill Watterson

The problem with winter sports is that, follow me closely here, winter.

Dave Barry

There are two seasons in Sunshine Toronto: winter and construction. Anon

'A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water. Carl Reiner

I was just thinking, if it is really religion with these nudist colonies, they sure must turn. atheists in the wintertime.

Will Rogers

"It's snowing still," said Eeyore"gloomity.

"So it is." "And freezing." "Is it?"

"Yes," said Eeyore. "However,"

Cold Comfort

I like these cold, grey winter he said, brightening up a little, days. Days like these let you "we haven't had an earthquake .lately."

A.A. Milne

It is the life of the crystal, the architect of the flake, the they generally take place in fire of the frost, the soul of the scinbeam. This crisp winter air is full of it.

John Burroughs, Winter

I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape - the loneliness of it, the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it, the whole story doesn't show.

* Andrew Wyeth

Winter is the season in which people try to keep the house as warm as it was in the summer, when they complained about the heat.

Anon .

Winter is not a season, it's an occupation. Sinclair Lewis

UP AND COMING

The Stouffville Free Press welcomes community event listings from

non-profit groups and organizations. Please send a brief synopsis

of upcoming events by email to stouffvillefreepress@rogers.com

Winter is the king of showmen,/Turning tree stumps into snowmen/And houses into birthday cakes/And spreading . sugar over lakes./Smooth and clean and frosty white,/The world looks good enough to bite./ That's the season to be young,/ Catching snowflakes on your tongue./Snow is snowy when it's snowing,/I'm sorry it's slushy when it's going.

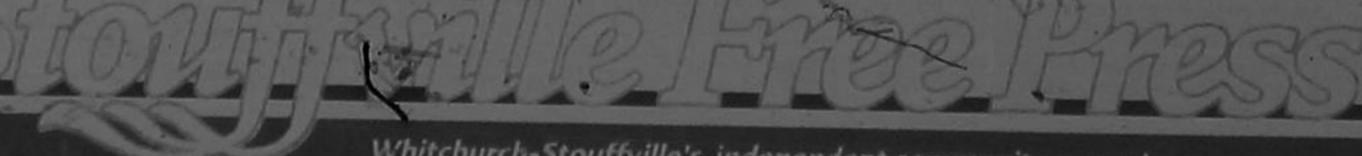
Ogden Nash

We feel cold, but we don't mind t, because we will not come to harm. And if we wrapped up against the cold, we wouldn't feel other things, like the bright tingle of the stars, or the music of the Aurora, or best of all the silky feeling of moonlight on our skin. It's worth being cold for that.

Philip Pullman, Northern Lights

The English winter - ending in July, to recommence in August Lord Byron

Winter is nature's way of saying, 'Up yours'. Robert Byrne



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