

Challenging Our Throw-Away Society

At 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 19 at Nineteen on the Park, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Community Energy Co-operative film series, Reeling Toward a Better Future, presents *Clean Bin Project*.

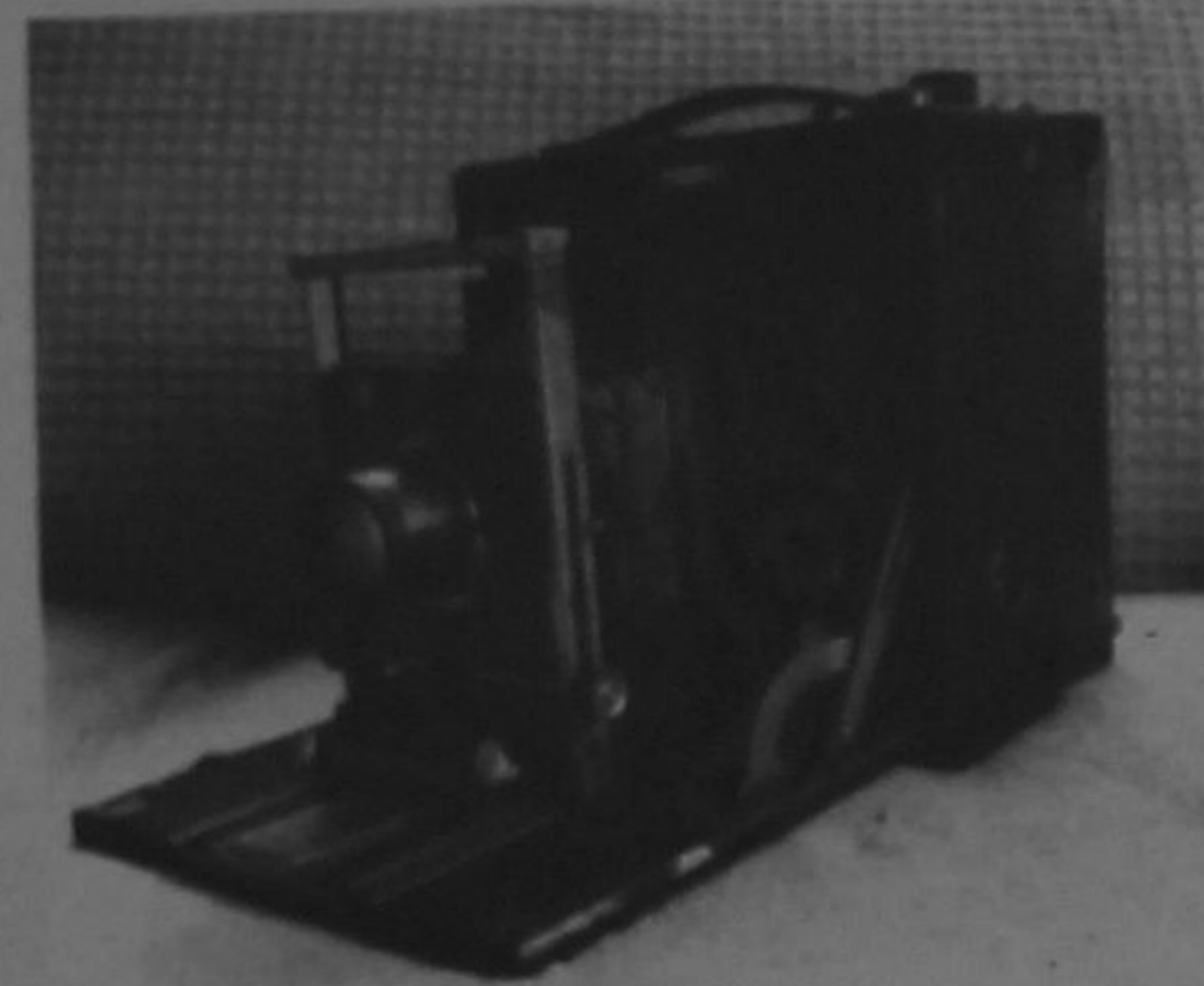
This multi-award winning documentary is both engrossing and entertaining, without losing sight of its sombre message. Partners Jen and Grant compete to see who can swear off consumerism and produce the least garbage. Their light-hearted competition is set against a darker examination of the problem of waste, as they struggle to find meaning in their minuscule influence on the large-scale environmental impact of our throw-away society.

Described as *An Inconvenient Truth* meets *Super Size Me*, the *Clean Bin Project* features laugh out loud moments, stop motion animations and unforgettable imagery. Interviews with renowned artist Chris Jordan and TED lecturer Captain Charles Moore make this film a fun and inspiring call to individual action that speaks to crowds of all ages. For tickets and information visit www.energycooperative.ca/event.

the clean bin project



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Garden Wisdom

By Donna McMaster

Growing from seed is easy. Mother Nature does it nicely without any interference from us.

I love to start a few seeds in the winter. It is an opportunity to try something new and different that I have never grown before. Sure, I have some failures, but sometimes the results will knock your socks off.

Find your seeds on your travels, from friends, garden societies, catalogues or from your own garden. Grow your favourites to increase your own supply, to share with friends, or to support plant sales at your church or garden club.

All you need to start is a container, a growing medium and a light source.

The container can be anything from an egg carton

or the plastic container your fruit or salad came in, to the typical seed-starting tray available at hardware stores or garden centres. Whatever you choose should have holes for drainage.

The best medium for starting seeds is called soilless mix, also available at most hardware stores; not potting soil.

Light is the most important aspect, and often not available in our homes. A big, bright, south-facing window will work, but even better, a fluorescent light set up in a spare room or basement will provide good light even on cloudy days. If you have a greenhouse, you probably don't need any help from me.

It is imperative that you don't start your seed too early. The aim is to get them outside, but not until it is safe to do so. For example,

if you start your tomato plants in March, they will be getting long and lanky by the first of May, but should not go outside until the soil is warm. That's June. So check the germination time or time until harvest and start them accordingly.

I have one or two shortcuts that I often use. If you would like to see my method of germinating seeds, which is easy to do and takes less room, come to the Stouffville Horticulture and Garden Club meeting March 17 at 7:30 at Latcham Hall and I will show you.



Mayor's Roast and Toast set for April 10

After almost 17 years in the mayor's chair, Wayne Emmerson will be the guest of honour at a Roast and Toast April 10 at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$75, with proceeds to the recently established Stouffville Theatre Company. Stouffville Sun/Tribune editor Jim Mason will act as MC and organizers welcome memories and stories about Wayne

from the community. To learn more about the event and sponsorship opportunities, visit mayor-wayne-emmerson-roast-and-toast.com.

Tickets are available from The Hearty Artichoke on Main St., by sending an email to marianne.lannigan@gmail.com, or by calling Patrick or Marianne Lannigan at 647-202-2353.

Wet your Whistle

There are new things happening here at Whistle Radio. Check out our website or better yet, tune in at 102.7 FM.

Whistle Radio's renowned DJ Dave "Daddy Cool" Booth is bringing Canadian Blues legend Jack De Keyzer back to Stouffville. Dave will MC the evening as Jack and his band light up Nineteen on the Park Saturday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m.

On Sunday Feb. 2 at 6 p.m., Dave and Jack will present a special edition of *Monday Night Blues*. They will howl the blues and pitch in selections of the hottest music around.

Tune in weekday mornings at 7:20 a.m. for birthday shoutouts, anniversary wishes and song requests for that special someone. About people you know, by people you

know - that's Whistle Radio. If you have a birthday or anniversary wish, just leave us a message at 905-640-1027 or send us an email at admin@whistleradio.com. We make the announcements live on the air and the name of that special person is entered into our weekly draw for fantastic prizes.

For more information about our morning show, check out our website at whistleradio.ca. There are currently volunteer opportunities available for assisting in the production of the show, so give us a call if you are interested.

On Feb. 4 at 12:05 p.m., Mayor Wayne Emmerson will be live on Stouffville Now's *Mayor in the Square*. If you have a question for him, call us at 905-640-1027 and ask for producer Sarah Newton.

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STOUFFVILLE SENIOR OF THE MONTH

FLOYD FORSYTH
AGE: 94

NUMBER OF YEARS IN STOUFFVILLE AREA:

Floyd can trace his lineage back to Stouffville founder Abraham Stouffer on his mother's side of the family. He was born on the original Forsyth Farm on the Glasgow Sldrd. in Durham County. At age 7 he moved with his family to what would become the Forsyth Farm on 10th Line Stouffville south of Bloomington Rd. He moved to his current house on Lloyd Ave. with his wife Beita in 1989.

CAREER: Floyd attended the former Stouffville P.S. (now Summitview P.S.) through grade 11 when he married Beita in 1939 and took over the 96 acre family dairy farm, looking after a herd of upwards of 60 Guernseys until he turned the farm over to his son Wayne in 1988.

HOBBIES: Floyd was a regular at ploughing matches "after my future father in law told me I would have to be able to plough straight if I was going to fit in with the family!" He won the Canadian Ploughing Championships in 1970 and competed at the world finals in Denmark that same year. He coached the Canadian team at the World Championships in Sweden later in the 1970's. He and Beita always enjoyed their bus excursions through the United States, and he was an avid bowler. He still enjoys driving.

FAMILY: Floyd and Beita were married 68 years before Beita died in 2008. The couple had 2 children, Wayne and Elaine (Stover). Floyd had a brother who died at childbirth and two sisters, Lola (Hoover) and Alice (Hamm), both deceased. Floyd and Beita have 5 grand children and 7 great grandkids.

FAVOURITE EXPRESSION: "The only thing that gets better is the forgotten!"

PET PEEVE: Drivers who don't signal.

LIFE HILITES: Marrying Beita. "I always felt that I'd found the right one."

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY? "I'd help my family out and help send my grand kids to university."

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