

Readers Write

Studio Tour a big success

To the Editor:

We wish to thank all the people who helped to make the 6th Annual Whitchurch-Stouffville Studio Tour such a tremendous success.

We especially thank all those who came to the homes and studios of the participating artists. They were all so friendly, encouraging and truly seemed to be enjoying the tour. We gratefully acknowledge the generous financial support of our sponsors and hope that the artists and their patrons will in turn patronize them.

Our sponsors were Barthau Jewellers, Chic Thrills, Debbie and Len Powell at Royal LePage, For the Love of Jo, Gord Moorey at Sutton Group, IDA, John Paulino at Edward Jones, JVK Life & Wealth Advisory Group, Latcham Gallery, Lindy's Floral Boutique, Luv A Pizza, Magnum Copy Centres, Patti-Lynn Interiors, Reid's Antiques, Sandy MacKenzie at State Farm, Stouffville Clinic of Naturopathic Medicine, Stouffville Furniture, Tempest in a Teapot, The Fickle Pickle, The Kat's Kneedle, The Workshop, and Willow Springs Winery.

Thank you Kate Gilderdale for the excellent coverage. Finally, we would like to publicly thank all the artists who so diligently worked all year, not only on the organization of the tour, but who consistently produce such a high calibre of art. See you next year.

Thank you Stouffville, on behalf of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Studio Tour.
M. Grandison and R. McNeice • Stouffville

Taking care of Ballantrae children

To the Editor:

After June 30 in Ballantrae, 18 preschool children will have no place to go during the school day, and 51 school age children will have no place to go on PA days and summer holidays. I'm so glad that Councillor Bannon is going to start some youth programs in Ballantrae, because these children will need somewhere to go. Is he planning on teaching the programs himself? That might really save the town some money!

Jennifer Creeggan • Ballantrae

Cleaning up for fall

To the Editor:

Every spring and fall, major work is done on the museum grounds.

In the spring we spruce up the outside and do some planting, and in the fall we rake and prepare for the cold. Similar efforts take place at Vandorf Hall. On Oct. 21, six people worked from 9 a.m. to noon.

Visit the museum, bring your kids and tell your neighbours about what you see. I have been a part of the museum's clean-up crew for at least nine years, and have very much enjoyed being involved. I hope to be appointed for another four years after the municipal election.

This year I seriously considered running again for mayor as many people encouraged me to do so, but I decided against it for personal reasons. However, I urge all voters to get to know all the candidates. I know from experience that they would be glad to hear from you. Pick their brains, tell them what you think of their ideas, and what you would like to see happen in the next four years.

Tell the mayoral candidates you want accountability from the region. Are we getting our money's worth? More often than not, the Region of York spends all the money on our southern municipalities. We want more of our money spent here. The mayor must be experienced, must have business knowledge, and should not dance to the developers' tune. It is the mayor and council who spend our money and they are very careful as to how they spend it. They should be very careful how the region spends our money too.

I believe that Whitchurch-Stouffville should have more than one representative on regional council. What can one vote do for us, amongst all the other representatives who want more for their own municipalities? We are not getting our money's worth, we are being kept in the dark and it is up to our elected representatives to be a voice for us all.

When you vote on Nov. 13, consider who will be the best worker for all seasons, not just the fall clean-up.

Steve Pliakes • Whitchurch-Stouffville



Potter and stained glass artist Deb Kirk shows off some of her beautiful jewellery at her Whitchurch-Stouffville home. She was featured on both the Stouffville Studio Tour and the Markham48 Studio Tour in October.



Andrew Hamilton shows the diversity of his style and subject matter during the Stouffville Studio Tour. Although the colourful homes in the painting on the left have an East Coast feel, they actually depict a backyard vista in Toronto.

Rural Delivery Motion Unanimously Approved

On Oct. 25, MPs in the House of Commons voted unanimously to pass a Motion to maintain rural mail delivery in Canada.

The Motion was tabled by Oak Ridges-Markham MP Lui Temelkovski. "The results of this vote put enormous pressure on the Conservative Government to take action on this file to ensure that rural Canadians have their mail box delivery maintained," he said. "The government now has a moral obligation to act expeditiously on this file so important to rural life in all parts of Canada."



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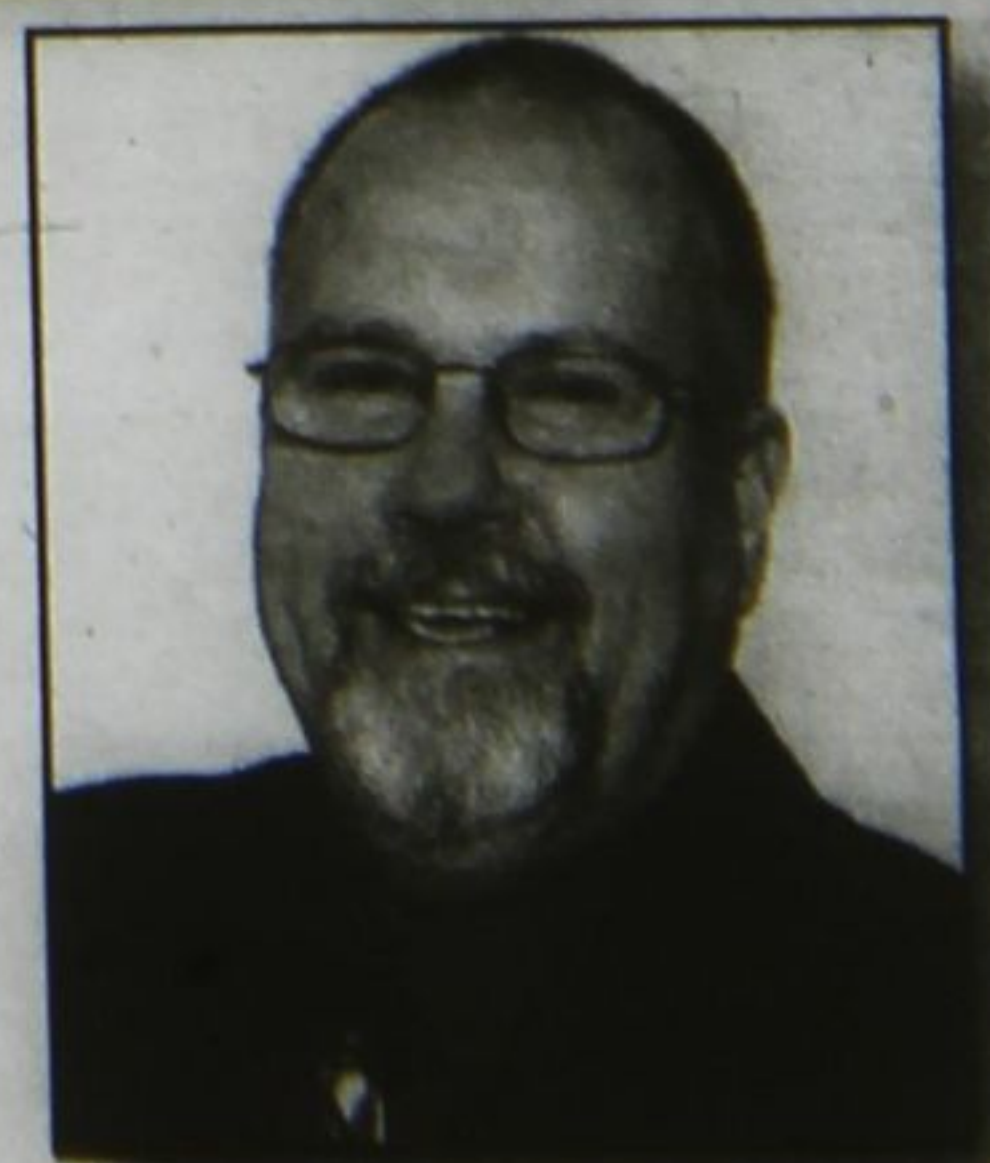
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