

Discover the open doors of Whitchurch-Stouffville

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Special to Stouffville This Month

In this issue, we look at some of the historic buildings and heritage forest areas which will be featured during Doors Open Whitchurch-Stouffville Saturday, June 5.

Pine Orchard Friends Meeting House and Cemetery

Samuel Lundy and his fellow Quakers (Society of Friends) were among the first settlers in Whitchurch Township in 1802 and founders of Pine Orchard. Their first meeting house and cemetery were estab-

lished in 1814 and a second meeting house was built in 1830.

Although the group split into two factions, they joined forces to form the Pine Orchard Union Church in 1900. The 1814 structure was sold in 1945 and moved to Yonge St. in Aurora and the 1830 building was used for services until 1977. This meeting house remains at its original location and is now used for burial services under the authority of the Cemetery Board.

A Quaker descendant and a cemetery board member will be on site June 5 to discuss their fascinating history. You can also tour the building and cemetery, view an exhibit about the meeting house and search through their genealogy records.

Schell Lumber Sash and Door Shop

This shop was built in 1876 to manufacture custom trim, doors and windows. The building stands on its original site and its structure remains unchanged. The machinery is over 100 years old and is still used in Schell Lumber's present day sash and door manufacturing. Doors Open will take you

on a unique journey back in time to the techniques of the late 1800s.

Wesley United Church

Built in 1881 for the trustees of the Petch's congregation of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada, this church replaced the log building that had served the community since 1840. The Gothic architecture is exceptional for this area and most of the interior is original, including the sanctuary, choir loft, stained glass windows, pine pews, pulpit and wainscoting. On June 5 you can take a guided tour of the church and learn more about its architecture, congregation and history.

York Region Forest Hollidge Tract

The York Regional Forest Headquarters Hollidge Tract has significant heritage value in that it was the first property acquired as part of the present-day York Regional Forest. Located on the Oak Ridges Moraine, this diverse woodlands ecosystem was re-forested in 1924 and is one of the most successful restorations of a degraded landscape in

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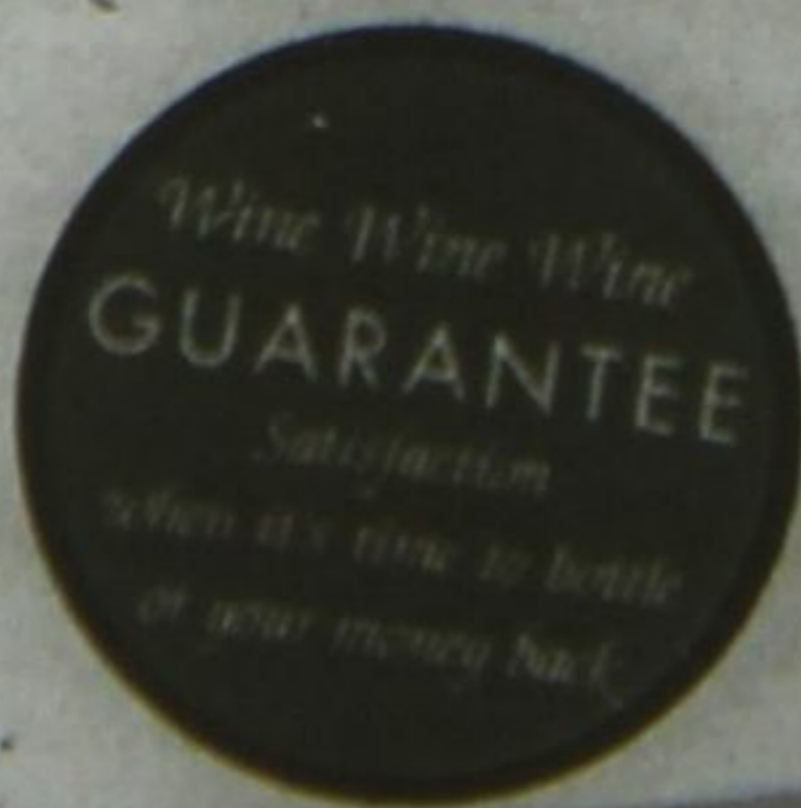
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