

Local businesses offer spring tours to public

If you think you have to leave town to have fun, three local entrepreneurs have got news for you.

Starting this spring, Julie Testa of Willow Springs Winery, Tracy Bankuti of Stouffville's Baker Hill and Doris Fusco of Giardino are offering tours of their facilities to groups of 10 or more people. "You start at the winery with a tour of the vineyards," said Ms. Bankuti.

Guests will enjoy a wine tasting and cheese and crackers at the Bethesda Rd. winery before moving on at their leisure to Giardino, a beautiful family farm on Bloomington Rd. renown for its excellent selection of heirloom vegetables and other unusual plants and herbs. Groups can participate in a hands-on workshop of their choice and admire one-of-kind pieces by a local artist who specializes in metal garden art. The property also incorporates a charming pond and a gift store.

Your final destination is Stouffville's Baker Hill on Hwy. 48, where you will find a treasure trove of unique imported accessories for both home and garden, including Mexican chimineas, planters and benches, indoor fountains, Indonesian masks and even a suit of armour. Tours are \$26.75, including the wine tasting, a light lunch at Giardino and mouth-watering desserts at Baker Hill.

For more information call 905-642-1067 or 905-642-WINE.

Lawn bowling fun for all

Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club invites people of all ages to try their hand at this delightful and social sport.

"We extend a warm welcome to all, and free instruction and lawn bowls are available at the club for new bowlers," said Audrey Gibson. "You can choose the extent of your involvement and it's very affordable." The club is located downtown, south of the Clock Tower, and the season runs from May to September.

For more information call Bob Scorer at 905-640-0461 or Marg Curtis at 905-640-2005.

Broadway night supports building fund

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for the community at large, said Mr. Prentice. "We're bursting at the seams, but that's a lovely problem to have." The octagonal shape of the sanctuary makes for excellent

acoustics, and the venue is in constant demand by local arts groups, from Bach to Blues and Men of Note to the York Durham Academy of the Performing Arts.

Saturday Night Broadway starts at 7:30 p.m. May 10 and tickets are \$35

before May 1, and \$45 thereafter. Ten dollars from each ticket can be used towards bids on silent auction items. For tickets and information call the church office at 905-640-1461 or Ken Prentice at 905-640-3236.



Kate Gilderale / Stouffville This Month

There's no business like show business and no group that epitomizes the sentiment behind that song with more talent, exuberance and humour than the cast and crew of Music Mania. Their 2003 extravaganza, Forever Flannel, was another triumph of comic timing, beautiful music and fine choreography.

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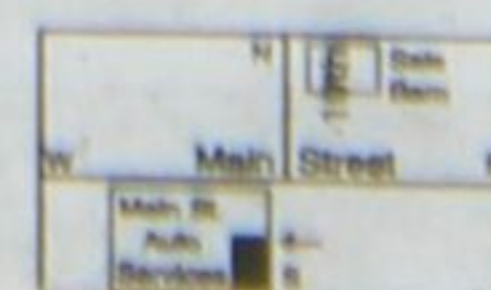
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