Latcham Gallery has gifts for Christmas

by Maura Broadhurst

This month you will find the perfect gifts you're looking for at Latcham Gallery, and later on, our local high school students will put on an exhibition of their own work.

Everyone's been talking about shopping right here in Stouffville this Christmas and the gallery offers a wonderful way of doing just that. If you haven't already had a chance, be sure to drop by between now and Dec. 6 to catch our annual craft show and sale, Beyond Craft.

The gallery is filled with distinctive, hand-made gifts created by over 40 Ontario artisans. You will copper bird ornaments, snowmen plates, cozy and colourful scarves, jewellery for all ages and

much more, all

reasonably priced. It's a great way to shop in town, support local artists and get something beautiful and hand-made.

Come back Dec. 14 for the opening of the annual exhibition of work by Stouffville District Secondary School students, entitled IMAGES. Everyone is invited to join us that afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. to see the wonderful work the senior art students have done this year. The exhibition will include several largescale drawings, beautiful paintings, photography, beadwork, wood carvings and even digital art.

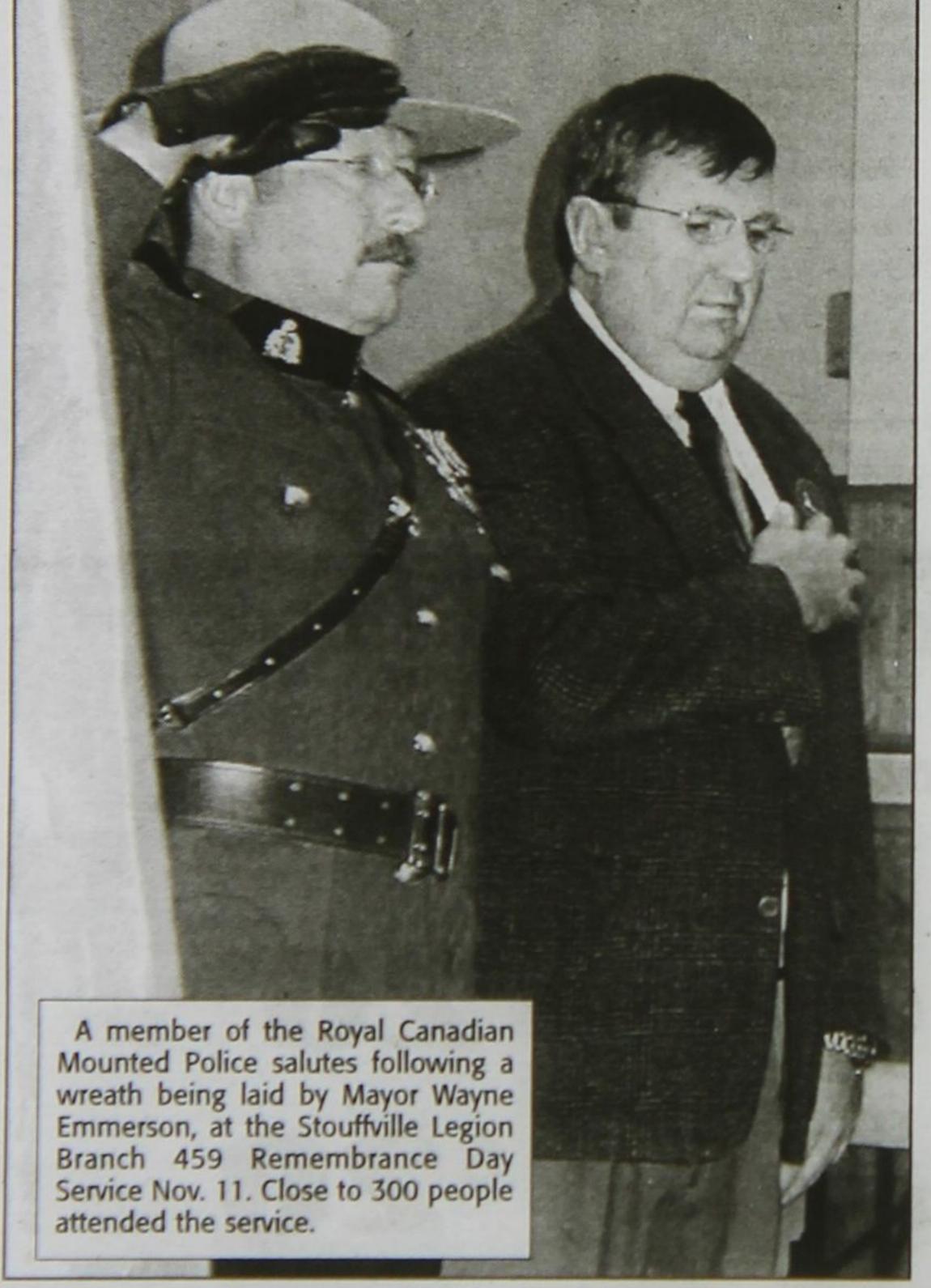
In addition to creating the artwork, the students have also designed, installed and promoted

exhibition. Working with gallery staff, they have learned the behind-thescenes operations of organizing an exhibition at a public gallery. When they bring their art to the gallery they work with long-time volunteer Bud Sanderson to learn how to measure, install and light their work.

Together the students decided on a theme for the exhibition and designed an invitation that gives a visual image to that theme. They distributed promotional material around town and sent information to our local media. Finally, they organized everything for the opening event, and we hope that you will all support their work by joining us at the opening.

IMAGES will continue until Jan. 4.

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Charity game a spirited affair

On Dec. 29 at 7 p.m., the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League All Stars will take on the Stouffville Spirit in a community benefit game.

"Proceeds will be split between Luke Anderson and Janis Lovett, a local resident who is fighting cancer," said organizer Sandy Schell Kennedy. "Luke is planning to be there and a choir from the York Durham Academy for the Performing Arts will sing O Canada."

Stouffville's Tyke Team, the stars of the future, will also take part. The SAHL All Stars comprise four divisions: open, over 35, seniors and women. Tickets will be available at the recreation complex on the night of the event.

Residents win service pins

Four residents were honoured for their services to Whitchurch-Stouffville Library at a special Ministry of Citizenship reception Nov. 25.

Five year volunteer pins were awarded to Owen Craig, Joan Zeldin and Evelyn Bennett, while Joan McCracken received a 10 year pin. The four were among a group of volunteers invited to the reception, which took place at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel in Richmond Hill.

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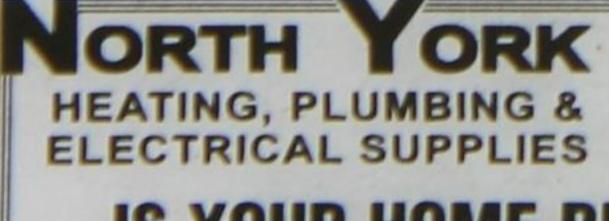
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