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Did you know?
 By 1918—more than 15 veterans' groups and regimental associations with common goals but fragmented and largely unsuccessful

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What is November to you?
Can't say that November is one of my favourite months out of the year. A dreary, gray and somber time.



The 11th as we all know is a time to remember those who have served our country in the past and present. This year Remembrance Day is on a Sunday – if not for the obvious reasons, attend a ceremony in honour of the brave men and women. Check out What's On (page 6) for local events. You could visit a senior home if standing outdoors is not your thing... create a tradition or plan a remembrance garden (page 16).

Although November is not at the top of my favourites... it does lead into my favourite month, December. The Christmas parades, decorations and cheer. (What's not to love?) Sometimes the pressure of the big day seems too much but I love the excitement of it all. I am honoured to have been asked to be one of the judges at our East Gwillimbury Santa Claus parade on November 18 in Sharon and look forward to all the creativity! This year's theme is "The Magic of Christmas" and I'm sure it will be a magical day...

Don't forget that there are those less fortunate in our community and thanks to many local groups you have various ways to contribute with food and toy drives across the town!

Christine

Our thoughts and deepest sympathy go to Vicki Pinkerton and her family for the loss of her father last month. We hope that your memories will help you through this difficult time.

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What's On

Wednesday November 1 & 7
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Saturday, November 3
Annual Bazaar

Christ Church, Holland Landing
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Baking, crafts, lunch and used books available.

Saturday, November 3
Annual Christmas Bazaar

9 a.m. - 12 noon
The Anglican Church Women of St. James the Apostle
Parish Hall at 18794 Leslie Street
Baking, crafts, tea table and more!

Sunday, November 4
Mount Albert Craft Sale

10 am - 3:30 pm. Mt. Albert Lions Hall
5057 Mt. Albert Road. 25+ crafters, FREE admission, Local Girl Guides selling light refreshments. For info contact Marlene, 905-473-2742

Wednesday, November 7
Turkey Dinner

Queensville Holland Landing United Church 20453 Leslie Street.
Sittings: 5, 6 & 7 pm
\$16 p/p Enjoy a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings

Friday, November 9
Mount Albert United Church Women's Annual Turkey Supper

Lions Hall, 5057 Mount Albert Road
4:30 – 7:00 p.m., continuous serve
All welcome. Take out available.
Tickets: Adults \$17.00
Children (12 under) \$7.00.

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Saturday, November 10
E.G. Trail Walk

Simcoe Trail
Meet in parking lot on Doane Road east of Yonge Street in Holland Landing. Meet at 9 am, dressed for the weather.

Saturday, November 10
It's for the Birds!

Hollidge Tract, 16389 Hwy. 48 Stouffville
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Sunday November 11
Remembrance Day Ceremony

Town of East Gwillimbury
10:50 a.m. at the Civic Centre.
A light lunch will be served following the ceremony.

Sunday, November 11
Writer's Community of York Region
meeting featuring Annette McLeod.
Newmarket Community Centre and Lions Hall. 200 Doug Duncan Dr.
The WCYR is a non-profit organization that acts as a resource for writers of all levels in York Region. www.wcyork.ca

Sunday, November 11
Remembrance Day Service

Mount Albert United Church
41 Alice Street. 10:30 am
A service of music and readings for Remembrance Day, in participation with the Mount Albert Legion. Decoration of the town gates to follow the service, with reception after at the Legion.

Tuesday, November 13
York Simcoe Naturalists Club

General Meeting
7:30 pm. Speaker: Melissa Rosato from Fog Quest who will speak about sustainable water solutions. River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Avenue in River Drive Park (off the Queensville Sideroad, north of Holland Landing). Refreshments will be served. Please lug a mug. www.ysnaturalists.ca or ysnclub@yahoo.ca.

Wednesday, November 14
Mount Albert Village Association's Monthly Meeting

Please join us at 7:30 pm. \$10 membership anytime. Location: Mad Hatters' Bistro, Centre Street.
All Welcome! www.mountalbert.com

Thursday, November 15
(every 3rd Thursday)
Holland Landing Country & Western Jamboree

Holland Landing Community Centre.
7 pm to 11 pm. All are welcome.
Jacquie or Walt at 905-473-7072 for info.

Friday, November 16
East Gwillimbury Artistic Edge 2012
proudly presented by East Gwillimbury Group of Artists with the support of the Town of East Gwillimbury. Free East Gwillimbury Sports Complex. 1914B Mount Albert Road. Canada Rooms 1 & 2. 6:30 - 9:30 pm for a wine and cheese reception. The Show and Sale of framed original watercolours, acrylics, pen and ink, photography, etc. as well as cards and matted original artwork by members of East Gwillimbury Group of Artists (EGGA) and invited artists.

What's On

Saturday, November 17

Bag of Books for a Buck

Zephyr Community Centre. 310 Zephyr Road. 9 am to 1 pm
Raises funds for the Zephyr Library.
\$1 per bag.

Saturday, November 17

Turkey Dinner With All the Trimmings,

St. Paul's Anglican Church, 59 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge. Lower Hall. Everyone welcome. Continuous serving from 5 - 7 PM. Tickets from the office (advance) or at the door: Adult \$ 14, Children (12 & under) \$ 6, Pre-schoolers Free. This popular annual November dinner sells out quickly, so get your tickets early. Invite your family, friends and neighbours and let's fill the hall! Proceeds will go to St. Paul's Outreach programs. Phone 905-852-7016 for info. www.stpauls-uxbridge.ca and on Facebook

November 17 - December 29

GALLERY OF TREES

See our Gallery of Trees decorated to different time periods. Whether your style is Victorian, Edwardian, or Retro, there's something for everyone. Free admission. For more information, please call 905-953-5314. The Museum is located at 134 Main Street South, Newmarket.

Saturday, November 17

Holly & Ivy Christmas Tea

Delicious food, live music and entertainment, door prizes!
Sharon Hope United Church
2-4pm. Price: \$20/ticket
Tickets are available from the church office: 905-478-2231

Saturday, November 17

20th Anniversary York Regional Police Male Chorus Concert

7:30 pm. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church. 17955 Leslie St., Newmarket

\$10 per ticket. Call Al Bott at 905-473-3995 for info or to purchase tickets.

Sunday, November 18

East Gwillimbury Santa Claus Parade

Leslie Street, Sharon ending at the Civic Centre. 2:00 pm. Theme: The Magic of Christmas

November 19

Become a Licensed Home Care Provider

Come to our information coffee hour and discover the advantages of operating your own licensed child care business in your home in partnership with York Professional Care & Education. 15203 Yonge St. Aurora at 10:00 a.m. RSVP to Shima 905 841 1314 ext. 22. www.yppce.com

Tuesday, November 20

EG Gardener's Meeting

Garden Seduction with popular speaker Ken Brown, and Annual General Meeting. Mount Albert Community Centre, 53 Main Street. All welcome, guests \$2. For more info call Anne 905-478-8450. www.gardenontario.org/site.php/mountalbert

Tuesday, November 20

Mount Albert United Church

Community Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,
Cost \$7.00 Come and enjoy a delicious lunch served by our church.
41 Alice Street, Mount Albert.

Friday, November 23

PA Day Public Skating

East Gwillimbury Sports Complex
1:00 pm - 2:50 pm
Adults \$2, Youth (under 16) \$1.

Every Monday and Wednesday

Holland Landing Storybook House

A free resource centre for families/ caregivers with children from birth to 5 years of age. Join us for socialization, stories, songs, fingerplays, waterplay, playdough, music and movement. 930 am – 11:30 am at Holland Landing Public School, 16 Holland River Blvd., Holland Landing. 905-836-8916. Closed school holidays and July/August.



Town of
East Gwillimbury

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Everyone Welcome
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For more details on theme days and to register:
 Please visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca
 or contact Leisure Services at 905-478-3826

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome?

Carpal tunnel syndrome is a condition that affects everything in your life. It's difficult to sleep and painful to work. You're unable to enjoy life to its fullest.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS?

- Pins and needles in the hands
- Pain in the wrists
- Numbness or pain in the arms
- Difficulty grabbing objects
- Elbow pain



If you suffer from any of the above, you may have a painful progressive condition called carpal tunnel syndrome.

My name is Dr. Chad Morton, owner of Mount Albert Chiropractic and Wellness Centre. I've seen hundreds of carpal tunnel sufferers leave my office pain free in the past 12 years. Many patients tell me they wished they'd found me sooner. Suffering for years was agonizing for them.

I want to let you know there is real hope.

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One study showed that with chiropractic care, patients had "significant improvement in perceived comfort and function, nerve conduction and finger sensation overall." - JMPT 1998

Another research study concluded... "Significant increase in grip strength and normalization of motor and sensory latencies were noted. Orthopedic tests were negative. Symptoms dissipated." - JMPT 1994

For 10 days only, I'm running a very special offer where you can find out if this could be your solution to carpal tunnel pain. What does this offer include? Everything I normally do in my "Carpal Tunnel New Patient Evaluation". Just call before **November 16, 2012** and here's what you'll get...

- An in-depth consultation about your problem where I will listen to all the details of your case.
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~ Joseph Campbell



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MOUNT ALBERT & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB: Update “Lions Support Ross Family Complex Splash Pad Shelter”



Have you ever sat in the sun and wished someone would give you some shade to cool things down? If you have (or have had) young children, you know how uncomfortable they can become in intense, direct sunlight, especially in the dog days of summer. For several years now, the Ross Family Complex has had a wonderful automated splash pad, where children can come and play in the water and keep cool. The only problem: no shade for parents watching and children too young to play in the water.

That's why, early in the 2010 – 2011 Lions year, then Lions Club President Mary Brand, approached Councillor Cathy Morton with a suggestion to build a Splash Pad shelter at the Complex. On April 7th, 2011 the Club first met with Town staff to discuss the project and start things off.



Town officials were very excited about the shelter idea and plans were drawn up. The project was assigned to the Town's newly hired landscape architect. Final project costs were estimated at \$45,000, the amount which the Lions Club plans to contribute to the project. Construction was planned for early spring 2012 and completion was slated for the beginning of summer. However, due to some unexpected delays, the project was not started until late summer.

The good news is that the project is now almost complete, with some minor landscaping work remaining. We fully expect that the shelter will

open for business in 2013 and will be enjoyed by Mount Albert residents for many years thereafter.

The Mount Albert and District Lions Club is proud to be a partner in providing this shelter for the enjoyment of the residents. Projects such as this are possible only through the continued support of the people of the Mount Albert area – “Thank you.”

If you are a new or long-time resident of the Mount Albert area, and you would like to get involved in community projects such as this, please come and check us out, and perhaps become a member. For more information about the Lions Club contact any of our members. Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of the month – 7:30 pm at the Lions Hall.

Finally, don't forget to attend the annual Mount Albert and District Lions Club Santa Claus parade. It takes place in Mount Albert on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 11 a.m., starting at the Cargill fertilizer plant. See you there. It's going to be lots of fun for the whole family!

Paul Brand, President 2012 – 2013.



Atom A Eagles Win Markham Early Bird Tournament

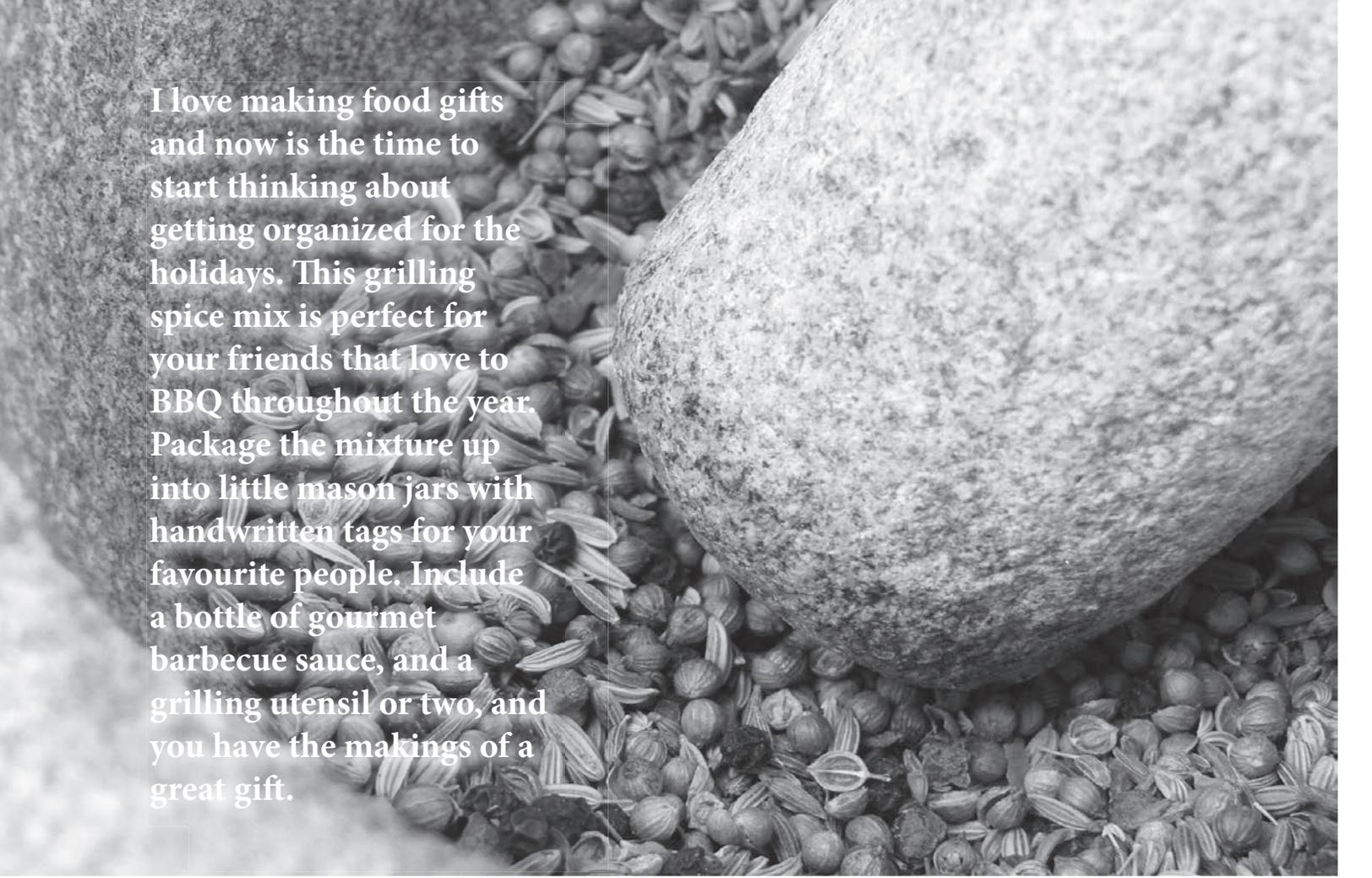
The E.G. Eagles Atom A team had a very successful start to their season winning the Markham Early Bird Tournament! The Eagles had to battle their way through three teams in order to find themselves atop of their division, with a ticket right to the finals.

The round robin play began with a 2-2 tie against Whitby, a 7-1 win versus Peterborough, and finding themselves with an opportunity to advance to the finals needing a victory by 3 goals in their final game. The Eagles did find their three and more, with a 4-0 victory against Ajax.

Finding themselves playing the Barrie Colts in the finals was a challenge our boys faced with intensity and pride. The boys came out flying and never stopped. Wave after wave of Eagles poured off the bench with relentless forechecking and determined backchecking from the forwards and a defense that took away The Colts' space before they could get anything going! With some very timely and crucial saves, and capitalizing on most of their good scoring chances....a complete TEAM EFFORT came forth. These boys showed the pride of an Eagle, and represented East Gwillimbury with class winning the Championship game 4-2.

East Gwillimbury Athletes

*We count on Coaches, Parents and the Community to submit stories to feature!
Thanks for your contributions - email info@thebulletinmagazine.com*



I love making food gifts and now is the time to start thinking about getting organized for the holidays. This grilling spice mix is perfect for your friends that love to BBQ throughout the year. Package the mixture up into little mason jars with handwritten tags for your favourite people. Include a bottle of gourmet barbecue sauce, and a grilling utensil or two, and you have the makings of a great gift.

IN THE KITCHEN with Moira Sanders

Grilling Spice Mix

Makes about 1 cup.

- 6 green cardamom pods
- 2 tsp black peppercorns
- 2 Tbsp cumin seeds
- 4 tsp coriander seeds
- 4 tsp fennel seeds
- 1 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 2 tsp fine sea salt
- 2 tsp dry mustard powder
- 2-3 tsp sugar

Gently crack the cardamom pods by giving them a sharp tap with a heavy object. Remove and discard the papery green outer husks and put the little black seeds into a dry skillet. Add the peppercorns and the

cumin, coriander and fennel seeds. Toast the spices in a dry skillet over low heat for about 2-3 minutes, until they start to smell very aromatic and begin to brown slightly.

Immediately put the toasted seeds into a mortar, add the crushed red pepper flakes, and finely grind with the pestle. Add the remaining ingredients to the mortar and mix to combine. (If you don't have a mortar and pestle, you can use a clean coffee bean grinder) Scoop the spice mix into a sterilized jar, seal, and label with grilling instructions.

Sprinkle the spice mix over steaks, chicken or veggies and leave to marinate before grilling. Store the spice mixture in a cool dark space for up to 2 months.



Moira Sanders has made a career of food which gives her inspiration for her local cooking classes, her website www.moirasanders.com, and cooking for her busy family. Moira co-wrote the award-winning cookbook "The Harrow Fair Cookbook" published by Whitecap Books. Moira can be reached at moira@moirasanders.com.

Flag of the Month

... over the years, we'd drive through Holland Landing to get over to Yonge Street and points north. At one house we'd notice a different flag flying from its flag pole each month. Last month we noticed the resident wishing everyone a Happy Halloween. This month, I am told we will see a Toronto Maple Leaf flag; flying at half-staff.....

Robert White usually fly's a different flag each month; spring through fall. In April, weather permitting; the Toronto Maple Leaf Flag will fly until the team is knocked out of the playoffs; or more recently, at the end of their season, when it will go to half-staff until the end of the month. In May it will be the Union Jack in favour of the Queen's birthday. June you'll see a Chevrolet Flag, he started the Ontario Camaro Nationals nearly 25 years ago. July we'll see the Canadian flag for July 1st. In August it will be the Ontario Flag with the civic holiday celebrations. In September, with 9-11 where he lost a family friend, it will be the American Flag.

Take a look when you're driving to see the Flag of the Month too.



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COPING WITH STRESS

By Raymond Mark

The amount of stress we face — and how we handle it — has a real impact on our health. Early signs of unresolved stress include sleeplessness, headaches, irritability, and fatigue. Poorly managed over a long period, stress can lead to health problems such as high blood pressure, ulcers, and heart disease.

The key to preventing problems is not to avoid stress entirely (which isn't possible anyway) but to harness it and know your limits. This means identifying the negative stressors in your life and learning how to cope with them effectively.

One proven way to cope with stress is regular physical activity. Dr. William Ross put it nicely in the book *Life and Health* when he wrote, "Deliberate and appropriate exercise enables modern man to release psychological tension and achieve physical relaxation."

To get the desired effects, it's important to choose the right activities. Do things you enjoy that suit your routine and schedule. It's counterproductive, to say the least, if you're getting stressed out trying to fit your activity into a busy day.

Pursue your activity three or more times a week and stick with it. Reduced levels of stress and anxiety will stay with you when you have firmly established an activity habit.

Beyond physical activity, there are other ways to cope with the stress and demands of work and family responsibilities. Here are a few suggestions:

Set priorities; don't rush. You can be active and busy without being hurried. At work and at home, determine priorities, then strive to accomplish things in both a logical fashion and a reasonable length of time.

Keep a diary. Stress can come from not being sure what you want. A diary is a wonderful tool for self-discovery; when you record your emotions and experiences — the good as well as the bad — you can start to see important patterns emerge. You don't have to write in your diary every day, but you should reread it regularly.

Talk to others. Problems can seem worse when you keep them to yourself. Make adequate time to deepen friendships, and share your concerns with a trusted friend or relative. This can help you see your situation in a new light, which may be the first step toward a constructive solution. If your problems seem to be getting out of hand, don't hesitate to seek professional counselling.

Finally, listen to your body. It will tell you when you're pushing too hard. When warning signs like sleeplessness or fatigue appear, slow down.

Have some fun! Indulge yourself.
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The 2012 holiday season is close upon us again and York Regional Police are preparing to launch our "Holiday Heroes" campaign in efforts to collect new toys, food and new children's clothing and outerwear to help meet the needs of our community.

Over the past several years corporate partners, schools and community individuals have partnered with the police to ensure that families needing help through the holidays have resources.

Since the launch of the combined Holiday Heroes campaign in 2008, York Regional Police has raised close to \$500,000 in new toy donations and food, which is used to support families in York Region. All donations raised in York Region, stay in York Region!

This year's campaign will run from November 15th until December 17th 2012. We are hoping that your corporation will choose to partner with the police and "Holiday Heroes" to help our community. This year York Regional Police will again partner with the local Salvation Army and the Children's Aid Society of York Region to help enhance their ability to provide holiday cheer to the thousands of families who have registered for assistance.

If your company would like to join us in 2012 to provide a better holiday for our community please contact us at holidayheroes@yrp.ca as soon as possible to make arrangements for your donation.

**Drop off your donation for Holiday Heroes at the
East Gwillimbury Community Police Centre
73 Main Street, Mount Albert
Wednesdays 2 - 8 pm
Thursdays 5 - 8 pm & Saturdays 9 -12 noon
(Hours are subject to change.)**

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What better way is there to say thank you than with flowers?

Long a symbol of powerful emotions, flowers also play a role in reminding us of important moments in our history. Did you know, for example, that the daisy became a sign of resistance in the Netherlands during the Second World War? Or that Newfoundlanders wear forget-me-nots each July 1st in memory of those who fought and died at Beaumont-Hamel, France during the First World War's Battle of the Somme?

In 2012 and 2013, we are asking Canadians to make remembrance more than something you feel.

Make it something you do by planting a Garden of Remembrance!

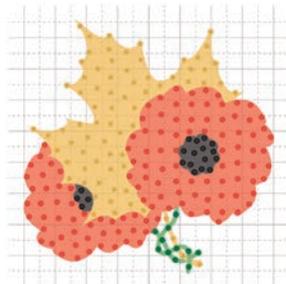
What is a Garden of Remembrance, you ask? Whatever you want it to be! Virtual or real, at a local park or in your own backyard... let your imagination guide you!

Garden Ideas

Botanical gardens. Virtual gardens. Hanging gardens. Container gardens. Shade gardens. Victory gardens... The choices are endless when it comes to building a Garden of Remembrance, in fact your garden doesn't even need to grow in the ground! Here are a few ideas to get your creative juices flowing. Be sure to check out our photo gallery and share photos of your creation with us on Facebook

Symbol Gardens

If you have a large or high-profile space to cover, consider having the blooms in your Garden of Remembrance form a larger image. Visit the Canada Remembers Symbol Garden section for instructions on creating a garden in the shape of the Canada Remembers symbol.



Template available online.

Rock Gardens

There is no question rock gardens are beautiful but do they need real flowers? Turn the idea of a rock garden on its head by making a garden out of rocks! Create a little fun for your family or students by painting flowers and commemorative symbols on rocks and then share them with your community by creating a "rock garden" for everyone to enjoy.

Community Gardens

If you're involved with planning a community garden, consider making remembrance your theme for 2013!

Bottle or Container Gardens

Don't have a lot of space? Why not build your own bottle or container garden? Even a simple bloom can be a powerful symbol of thanks. Be sure to decorate your garden with symbols of remembrance so its meaning can be easily shared with all who view it.

Arts and Crafts

Creative minds will agree that you can make a garden out of just about anything if you put your mind to it. Egg cartons can easily become great homes for seedlings allowing you to start your Garden of Remembrance regardless of the weather outside. Paint flowers with your children and group the finished artwork together on the refrigerator or on the wall for a unique garden effect. Or look to art forms like origami for inspiration in creating flower collections showing your thanks to the brave men and women who have served our country in uniform.

The number of different ways to build a Garden of Remembrance is endless!

We came across this when visiting the website noted above and love the idea of a garden! We challenge E.G. residents to plan and grow your garden of remembrance next year - take photos and send them to info@thebulletinmagazine.com

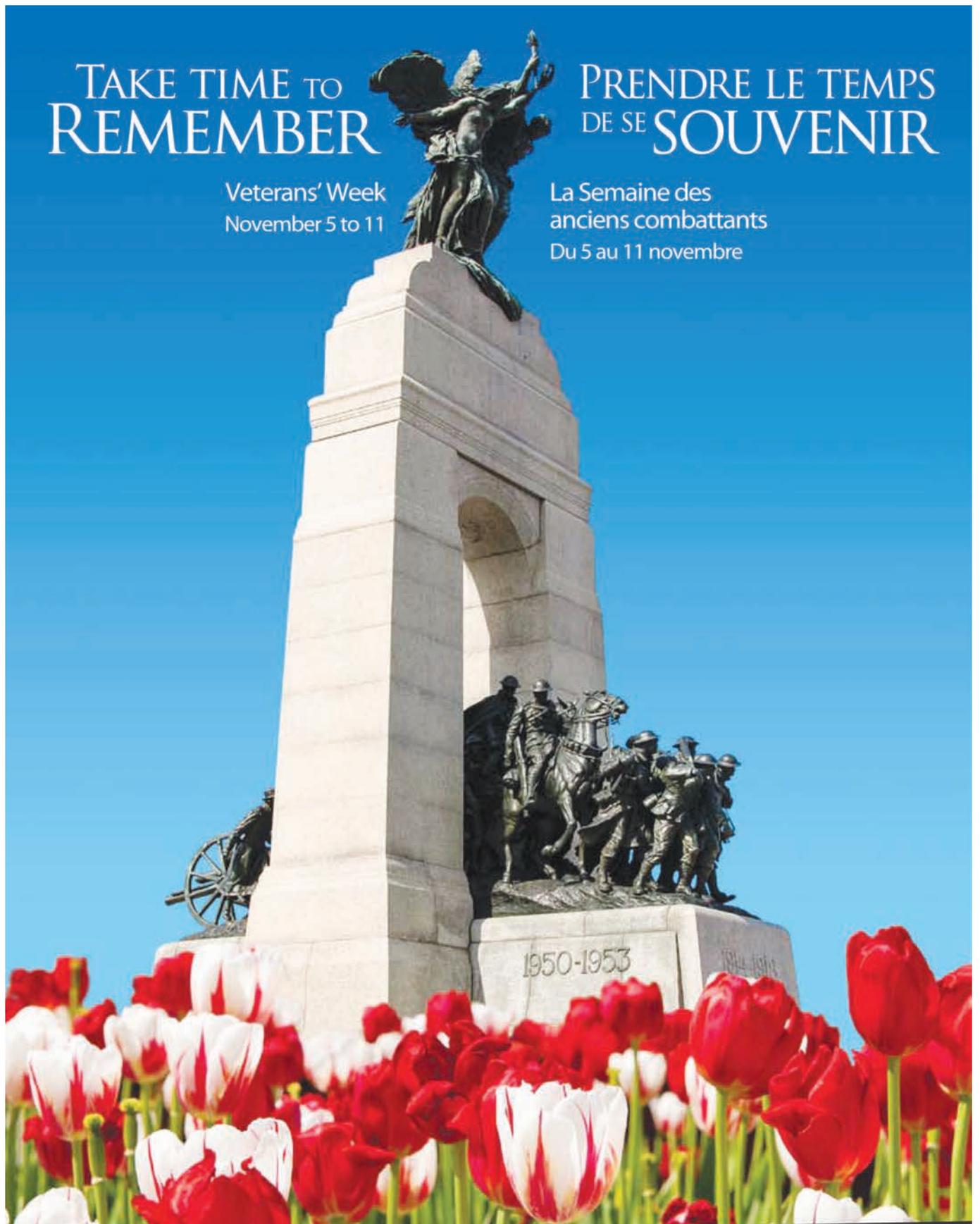
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The Road Trip By Patricia Gillis

It was a little far, all the way to Niagara, but the horses sounded promising and, if it didn't work out, it was a nice day for a drive anyway. We set out on Friday, September 7 with the intention of having a quick look at the four horses in the ad, rendering a practical, business like decision and returning to Mount Albert early enough to beat the rush hour traffic.

It's funny how things work out.

By now, I imagine almost everyone knows the story of what we found. As we drove back to Harrogate, I must confess that I was a little nervous to tell my friends at the farm what we had found and what we were planning to do about it. The students, boarders and friends of Harrogate are incredibly generous with their time and expertise and they have helped the riding school in ways I would need much more space to describe. And yet taking on four horses who may not earn their keep seemed a bit unrealistic and, as we drove, I wondered how this could be done without testing the limits of their support. Any fears I had were completely unfounded because upon hearing the details they immediately moved into action. By the time we drove into the farm on September 9 with those four distressed horses in the trailer, they already had plans underway.

On Sunday October 14, the arena was transformed and the magnitude and velocity of their organization and planning was on display for all to see. Vienna, Brodie and Wellington waited in their portable pen, eager to greet their new friends. It was almost as though they knew they were the reason everyone was here for their behavior was stellar. Hawke was still in no condition to leave his stall but he greeted his many visitors who made the trek through the barn to see him. It was a spectacular evening made possible by the friends of Harrogate and made successful by the amazing support from the community.

I am still stunned by the outpouring of support for these four horses. There have been donations of feed, blankets, and equipment. People we have never met before have dropped off donations, entrusted to us for the well being of the horses.

I really don't know how to begin to say thank you to everyone who has been so kind. But I do understand the emotion that caused it. Hawke, who is the youngest at 18, has such severe laminitis (founder) that his feet have bled. The other three are over twenty and have worked all their lives teaching people how to ride. Those four horses deserved better than to be neglected and that, I believe, is what all of you who helped us also understood.

It was always our intention that they would live out their days at Harrogate. Due to the generosity of friends and strangers alike, that promise has been made easier to fulfill.

On behalf of Brodie, Hawke, Vienna and Wellington please accept my heartfelt thanks for all that you have done.



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Workout Woes? Time to Get Organized

With the September rush behind us and the holiday season looming right around the corner, now is an ideal time to get yourself organized and committed to your fitness and lifestyle goals! Have you ever noticed that you feel “frazzled” when the house is a mess? It’s not your imagination, it’s human nature to not perform our best when we are surrounded by clutter. We feel overwhelmed and unorganized and that can lead to poor productivity.

How does that fit into your fitness routine you ask? Well, have you ever geared up to go for a workout and can’t find your iPod? The T-shirt you thought was clean is nowhere to be found and you only have one sock? This may be a bit of an exaggeration, but I’m sure this has happened to you on some level. You get derailed. You miss the start of that great fitness class. You now don’t have enough time before picking up the kids from soccer....there goes that work-out! Being organized is as good for your fitness routine as it is for your peace of mind.

Here are my top 5 tips to help you get organized for fitness before all the craziness of the upcoming holiday season!

1. Dedicate a drawer to fitness clothes. If you have a dedicated drawer (or three) where you keep your fitness clothes, you will always know where they are and you won’t need to search through endless drawers to find that fabulous Lulu top! I suggest keeping workout socks in that drawer as well so they are always easy to find. (There’s nothing like a pair of dress socks with fitness pants to really make a statement!)

2. Dedicate another drawer to fitness gear. This could be as simple or as complex as you need. If you know you will use it in your workout, keep it here, that way you will never be searching around last minute and going to your yoga class frustrated. A few suggestions for you; music source, outdoor gloves etc..., gym card, Kleenex (outdoor workouts in the cold almost always equal runny noses!), a reusable water bottle, weight gloves, headband, hair ties, hat.... You know what you need, make a list and keep it all in one spot.

3. Clean up your iPod! Have you been listening to the same boring playlist all year? Now is a great time to make a few playlists to keep you motivated during your workout. Take an hour or so on the weekend and put together a bunch of songs you know you love. Move over Black Eyed Peas, hello Black Keys! (throw at least a few slow cool down songs on there to remind you to relax and stretch after your workout)

4. Organize your fitness space. If you workout at home and your fitness area has become more of a place to dry your clothes than to sweat through them, give it an overhaul. Clean it up, maybe hang some motivating posters, get a great new mat, whatever it takes to make you love the space again. If your workout space is in the basement, consider natural light bulbs that mimic sunlight; these will help you from feeling sluggish in the dimmer light.

5. Buy some new stuff. OK, this isn’t really an organization thing, BUT, it is great for motivation! Now that you have cleaned out your fitness drawers, put together a fun new playlist and have everything all ready to go, you may as well look the part! Treat yourself to a great new pair of shoes, a new pair of workout pants or a fabulous Dri-Fit T-shirt, whatever floats your boat! As soon as you get something new, you want to wear it right? Having some shiny new workout gear is great motivation to get you out that door!

Now you have your mission, and if you choose to accept it I can bet you will feel more motivated to exercise and stay on track! Start your holiday season off on the right foot and you will have no trouble maintaining that momentum right through the December rush! Happy exercising everyone!



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Author Event with Dr. Vincent Lam

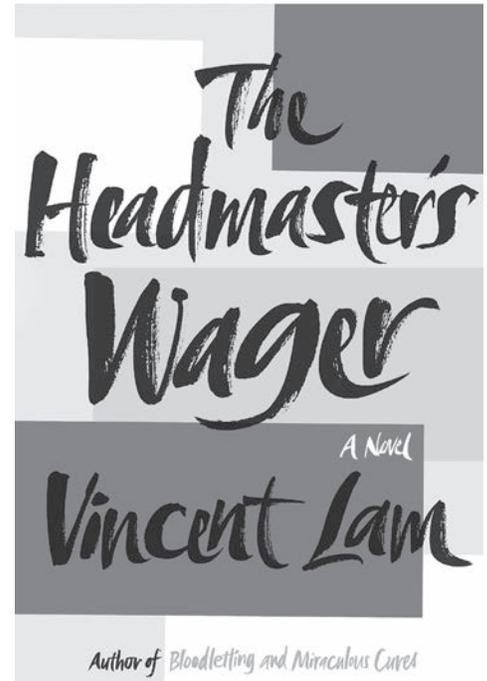
Dr. Vincent Lam's first book, *Bloodletting and Miraculous Cures*, won the 2006 Scotiabank Giller Prize. It has recently been adapted for television and broadcast on HBO Canada.

His most recent book, *The Headmaster's Wager*, is about a Chinese compulsive gambler and headmaster of an English school in Saigon during the Vietnam War.

Dr. Lam's biography of Tommy Douglas is part of Extraordinary Canadians series. He co-authored *The Flu Pandemic and You*, a non-fiction guide to influenza pandemics.

Dr. Lam is from the expatriate Chinese community of Vietnam, and was born in Canada. He did his medical training in Toronto. He is an emergency physician in Toronto as well as a Lecturer with the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto.

Join him on Wednesday November 21 at 7:30 pm at the Civic Centre on Leslie St. in Sharon (beside the Sharon Temple). Tickets are \$10 (\$8 for members) and include a reception and book signing. They will be available at the Holland Landing and Mount Albert branches of the East Gwillimbury Library.



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Tuesday, November 13

TEEN Volunteer Opportunity: Need community service hours? Join the Teen Advisory Board! We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Drop in and see what we're about.
Next meeting at 7 p.m. at the Holland Landing Branch.
For more information, contact Heather at halblas@egpl.ca.

Thursdays, November 14 & 21

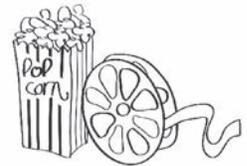
KidsKnit Scarves: Learn how to knit a simple scarf with local knitter Melanie Sparks. Please bring 6 mm needles; yarn is supplied. Ages 8 – 11 years. Cost: \$8 / person for both workshops.
Holland Landing Branch. Please register by visiting your local branch.

Friday, November 23 [PA Day]

Dinosaur Adventure: Discover the world of dinosaurs. Explore fossils and go on a dinosaur dig! Make and take home your own trace fossil. Presented by The Kid's Fun Factory. Ages 6 – 9 years.
Cost: \$1 / child. Mount Albert: Friday, November 23 at 10:30 am
Please register by visiting or calling your local branch.

Friday, November 23 [PA Day]

At the Movies: Watch the new animated family film, *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted* (PG; 90 min). All ages welcome. Cost: \$0.25 for popcorn and juice.
Holland Landing: Friday, November 23 at 2 pm
Please register by visiting or calling your local branch.



Thursday, November 29

Learn to Knit Workshop with Melanie Sparks

Melanie will instruct beginners in the basics. You will be well on your way with a knitting project to take home. 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Mount Albert branch, 19300 Centre Street. Advance registration is required, limit 10, Cost: \$15, includes yarn; bring your own needles (size 6mm).

Lego Club: Drop in to build with Lego! Ages: 5 +. Free. No registration required.
Holland Landing: Thursdays, November 8 & 22; December 6 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Mount Albert: Wednesday, November 21; December 19 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Please register by visiting or calling your local branch. East Gwillimbury Public Library
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Details at www.egpl.ca.

Mount Albert Village Association NEWS

The 1st Annual General Meeting was a huge success and it was great seeing so many community members come out, as well as stepping up by taking part in the association. Come out to a meeting to see what we have planned for Mount Albert.

We have elected a new Board of Directors and here they are:

Front row:

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Kim Mortson

Darlene Comartin - Treasurer

Back row:

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Kyle Flear

Aaron Gillard - Secretary

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Here's to many more years serving our community!

Decor ~ Would you do it for \$10,000?

By Susan Crema-Martin

I recently read an article in the *National Post* about the “dangers of a speedy renovation” by Mike Holmes. His article described the pitfalls of setting unrealistic deadlines and the disappointment in the end because the deadline cannot be met. He explained one of his client’s dream was to begin a kitchen renovation late fall in hopes to cook and entertain in it for the holidays. “I never recommend anyone set a hard deadline – like a holiday – it is too stressful” says Mike.

As a certified master staging professional, I agree with Mike Holmes. Stagers are often invited into a property with very short deadlines even though there is piles of work that is required to be completed in order to prepare the property for sale. Selling property and moving are one of the most stressful times in your life; why add a “big rush” to it makes it even more stressful. A question I ask clients is, “If it has taken you 20 or 30 years to collect all this stuff how are you going to pare it down in a couple of days?” The goal is to sell the property in the shortest time for the highest ROI possible-rushing to market is a costly gamble”.

Some of the properties I have consulted on require lots of packing, storing, cleaning, painting, electrical and plumbing work and then showcasing for my clients to receive their highest (ROI) return on investment. Scheduling each of these trades is crucial to the success of the sale, so having a stager with a great organized team is essential. The movers start packing once my consultation is completed; the painter comes in to touch up or repaints the walls as per our colour consult. Lighting and plumbing fixtures are changed and then my team arrives with the necessary finishing touches to create amazing MLS photos for the agent’s marketing plan. (*why it is important to you is because industry statistics show that 93% of buyers are on MLS first before making a call to visit a property).

Clients often worry about the small questions like, “How does it all come together? How long will it take?” or “How much will it be?” when the important questions are, “what is the cost of not staging? How long will the property sit on the market? How much of a price reduction will we need to make? And how much money will you leave on the table if you don’t stage?” Fee for service depends on the condition of the property at the time of the consultation; working with experienced stagers and agents who get the job done right, save you stress, time and money! Don’t rush to market your most valuable asset.

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Susan Crema-Martin is a Certified Master Canadian Staging Professional – CCSP Mentor
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Support for People with Disabilities

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By Ian Hawkins

Persons who are unable to work or pursue their “normal” occupation due to injury or disability may receive support from WSIB (if they were covered and if it was a workplace accident) or from CPP (see Service Canada). A CPP disability benefit makes regular monthly payments to those who are qualified.

Of more interest to us in this article is the Disability Tax Credit (“DTC”) and this is a subject we have touched on before but we find there is still a lack of understanding about this program. If you receive CPP disability benefit or WSIB, it does not necessarily follow that you will get DTC. We normally only see retired persons as direct claimants and it will become clear that the nature of the program is such that one could not be an income earner and still qualify for this program. However, if you care for a member of your family who lives with you and is dependent on you for care and assistance with basic functions, you, as an income earner, can claim that family member’s DTC and use it to reduce the income tax that you would pay on your earnings as it is unlikely that the disabled party will have any use for the credit.

In order to be approved by CRA for the DTC a person must have a form completed by a professional (usually their doctor) who will certify as to the nature of the impairment. Many doctors now charge a fee for signing this form but you can claim this as a medical expense. Once completed and signed, the form is sent to CRA who will review it and advise you of their decision. Often, if the patient has suffered from this complaint or condition for several years, CRA will agree to backdate their approval to the date indicated by the doctor as the start date of the problem and you can claim the credit for prior years through a T1 adjustment.

In order to be approved for the credit the person claiming it must suffer from an impairment in physical or mental functions that has lasted or is expected to last for a continuous period of at least 12 months. If this is the case then the person must be one of the following:

1. Blind
2. Receiving life sustaining therapy at least 3 times a week and for an average of at least 14 hours a week. Do not include activities such as following a dietary restriction or regime, exercising, travelling to receive the therapy, attending medical appointments (other than appointments where the therapy is received), shopping for medication, or recuperating after therapy.
3. Restricted in at least one of the following basic activities of daily life:
 - a. Speaking
 - b. Hearing
 - c. Walking
 - d. Eliminating (bowel or bladder functions)
 - e. Feeding
 - f. Dressing
 - g. Performing the mental functions necessary for everyday life.

The person must be markedly restricted in one basic activity or significantly restricted in two or more for the DTC application to be approved. The form T2201 can be downloaded from the CRA website.

A person can transfer the unused portion of their spouse’s or common law partner’s DTC and can transfer all the DTC from a dependant. There are firms out there who will charge you for helping with a DTC application. DO NOT USE THEM! See a professional tax firm and get this information free of charge.

Ian & Dorothy Hawkins own and operate Mount Albert Tax Company next door to the Post Office in Mount Albert and Holland Landing Tax Company in the Grist Mill Plaza at Mount Albert Road and Concession #2.

Hort Happenings • November 2012

By Anne Hill

What a beautiful fall season this is; it's a joy to work outside among the sounds of the migrating birds and the colours of the trees and perennials. I'm sure we'll have a hard frost soon and that will stop the top growth but there's still plenty happening below the soil; we can help by adding a layer of compost to the soil at this time. Shredded leaves make great fall mulch too, protecting plants against the freeze-thaw that can damage them. It's good to have the trees going into the winter with a good soaking from the fall rain that we've had.

This year I'm making sure to clean up well around plants which have suffered from pests, such as irises which were attacked by the iris root borer. This is the larva of a moth and can cause a lot of damage to irises – especially as rot often develops in affected iris rhizomes. Any larvae which survived despite my vigilance are now brown pupae in the ground and will soon emerge as adult moths to lay eggs on iris leaves and any other debris around the irises, so a thorough clean-up is in order. The houseplants which come back inside will also need a good wash and we'll have to watch for hitch-hikers.

It's been another successful year for East Gwillimbury Gardeners (Mt. Albert Garden & Horticultural Society), with our members busy in the community gardens as well as putting on two workshops for children at the East Gwillimbury libraries, participating in an event at Mount Albert Public School and holding two plant sales as well as the Thumbs Up contest for front yard gardens.

Our monthly meetings have provided us with interesting guest speakers and we wrap up the year with one of our favourites, Ken Brown, at our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday November 20th at 7pm. at Mount Albert Community Centre, 53 Main St. Mount Albert. Ken's presentation is called "Garden Seduction". Sounds intriguing! We'll enjoy tasty finger foods, install our new board of directors and present awards to the adult and youth winners of our flower shows and photography competition. After that we take a winter break.

We have a great line-up of speakers and topics arranged for 2013, starting with a virtual trip to the gardens of Scotland in February. In the meantime there are bulbs to be planted, hopefully lots of time left to work outside and then garden books to while away the winter.

For more information on anything in this article, please call 905-478-8450, email mtalbert@gardenontario.org or visit our website <http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/mountalbert>



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Garden: Terreau de Feuilles

By Cindy Jones-Sherk, Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners



At this glorious time of year, I enjoy discovering late blooming plants. The explosion of colours provides a visual kaleidoscope that I could gaze at forever. With the contrast of warm sun and cooling air, it's truly a season of sensual delight. I want to tell you about the secret treasure in your garden, the bounty not from your vegetable garden, but from the abundance of falling leaves. I love the sounds and smells of an autumn day spent raking up all that pure free goodness.

Terreau de Feuilles: those words are so delicious sounding, aren't they? Leaf mold doesn't roll off the tongue in quite the same way. Your garden doesn't mind what it's called, but will relish in its richness all the same.

Leaf mold is an organic amendment that physically alters the soil so that it becomes spongier, holding both moisture and air -- a heavenly environment to plant roots. When spread on the soil surface as mulch, leaf mold prevents extreme fluctuations in soil temperature, keeps the soil surface loose so water penetrates easily, and helps the soil maintain its moisture by slowing water evaporation. This dark crumbly mix also stimulates a magnificent world of life in the soil, creating an environment that thwarts pests. Now what could be better than that?

When I see bags and bags of leaves at the curb side this time of year I start to get a little twitch. I have to employ my will power to resist stopping at every property and stuffing them my hatchback. I want to yell, "You're throwing out black gold, people!"

I have clay soil. Sure, I could 'work with it' and accept the conditions that were given to me, challenge my gardening skills and plant accordingly. There are lots of plants that do well in these conditions. But I what would I do with the leaves? I truly enjoy all the pieces that come together in this thing called gardening, and leaf mold a very important part of dirt culture recipe that includes using compost and sheep manure.

Instructions for using your leaves:

1. Rake
2. Put some leaves in your blue bin, container or pile, and shred with your whipper-snipper, weed whacker, or whatever pet name you have for yours. You can use a lawn mower, of course. This promotes faster decomposition so the leaves don't have to sit for 2 or 3 years.
3. Spread them on your garden beds once the weather gets colder. This way, pests won't find a home in the leaves. Heap them over tender plants to protect them from the freeze and thaw cycles we now seem to be subjected to. You can place plant supports around the plant first if you wish to create insulating air pockets.
4. This is the leaf mold.... Shred more leaves and put them in black plastic garbage bags, making sure the leaves are moist. Poke holes in the bag to let air in and throw in a shovelful of garden dirt and sheep manure if you have it. Since winter is coming, I pile them in a corner of my garden bed once the plants have died back. Yes, I know. I can hear some groans... but there's no denying the great results you will get.
5. Another method I have used is to create a pen with chicken wire or plastic netting to make a temporary container to pile them in. Be sure to keep it moist. This method may take a little longer; plastic bags keep in the heat and moisture, which speed up the process.

Then spring comes and voila! The sweet reward: sumptuous, rich, earthy decay in the form of terreau de feuille. Now that it is fully baked, it's ready to be used as mulch and a superb soil conditioner for your garden beds.

Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners provide free gardening advice in York Region.

Send your questions to our gardening hotline at lssmastergardeners@gmail.com

**November is a busy month for the Town of East Gwillimbury.
Here's a list of all scheduled meetings (at press time).**

- Nov. 05 Committee of the Whole Council 10 am
- Nov. 05 Council – 3 pm
- Nov. 12 Special Council - Town Hall Meeting to present the draft
Thinking Green Sustainability Strategy and receive public
input – 6:30 pm
- Nov. 14 Special Council Workshop - Clean Water Act - Standard of
Care – 9:00 am
- Nov. 19 Committee of the Whole Council – 1:00 pm
- Nov. 19 Council – 7:00 pm

- Nov, 21 2013 Business Plan & Budget Deliberation 10:30 am – 4:30 pm
- Nov. 26 2013 Business Plan & Budget Deliberation 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Nov. 28 2013 Business Plan & Budget Deliberation 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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**Mark your Calendar for Events in December**

**Saturday, December 1. Enjoy Breakfast with Santa in a historical setting!**

The Friends of the Museum will host a continental breakfast. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Breakfast will be available at 8:30 am and 9:30 am. Admission to this event includes Continental Breakfast, Photo Opportunity with Santa and Museum admission. This is a popular event, please make your arrangements early to avoid disappointment. Don't forget to bring your camera! Tickets must be purchased in advance. Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main Street South, Newmarket. Call 905-953-5314.



**Saturday, December 1.  
Christmas Carol Sing & Breakfast  
Sharon Temple National Historic Site and  
Museum**

18974 Leslie Street, Sharon. 905-478-2389  
9:00 am  
Get into the holiday spirit with a traditional carol sing in the Temple followed by a hearty breakfast in the Sharon Hall. Trim the tree, deck the halls and have some old fashioned fun! Tickets: Adults \$10, Students (6-16 years) \$5, Kids (5 and under) free! Call us to reserve your tickets.

**Saturday December 1. 12 - 4 pm.  
Get Your Picture Taken with Santa**  
River Drive Park Community Centre @ 20 Oak Street, River Drive Park.  
The first 200 children will receive a free framed photo with Santa.  
Free digital copies for all. Complimentary refreshments and snack (including Peanut Free options) will be provided. While the children wait they can make a holiday craft. Something for all ages. Donations will be accepted for the East Gwillimbury Food Drive.



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## Take Time to Remember Veterans' Week 2012, November 5 to 11



This year's poster (see page 17) features the National War Memorial which stands majestically in Confederation Square in the heart of downtown Ottawa. The National War Memorial, unveiled in 1939 to commemorate the response of Canadians in the First World War, has over the years come to symbolize the sacrifice of all Canadians who have served Canada in times of war, armed conflict and peace.

Rising 21 metres from its base, the memorial consists of an arch of granite surmounted by emblematic bronze figures of Peace and Freedom. Shown advancing through the archway are 22 bronze figures symbolic of the "Great Response" of the hundreds of thousands of Canadians who answered the call to serve.

The tulips at the base of the monument symbolize Canada's contribution in the liberation of the Netherlands. More than 7,600 Canadians gave their lives for freedom in the Netherlands and Canada would play another important role for the country.

During the war, some members of the royal family of the Netherlands found sanctuary in Canada and in 1943, Princess Marguerite was born in a section of the Ottawa Civic Hospital that was temporarily made territory of the Netherlands so the princess could be born on Dutch soil. These powerful connections helped form warm bonds of friendship and respect between the Dutch and the Canadians which continue to this day. The evidence of this enduring connection may be seen in the tulips—gifts from the Netherlands—which bloom in Ottawa each spring.

### Take the Remembrance Challenge

Your challenge is to make remembrance more than something you feel. Make it something you do. There are many ways you can show that you remember and honour our Veterans.

- Pin a poppy above your heart.
- Attend a local Remembrance Day ceremony.
- Listen to Veterans talk about their experiences.
- Download the We Remember Mobile App.
- Create a mashup and share it on YouTube.
- Visit the Veterans Affairs Canada fan page on Facebook, write on our wall and share how you remember.
- Change your Facebook profile picture to a poppy, or write on your wall about how you remember.

Visit [veterans.gc.ca](http://veterans.gc.ca) to learn more about tulips and other flowers that symbolize remembrance, to get interactive and share your thoughts or to find Remembrance events in your community.

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# Through the Hayes

My name is John Hayes and my wife Julia and I own and operate Blackwater Golf on Highway #48. Well here we are again, the 2012 golf season will be just about over by the time you read this. All the equipment will be put away and the greens, hopefully, be safely asleep until the spring.

Julia and I have been away in Jolly Old England visiting relatives and we are, therefore, slightly out of touch with the day to day goings-on in our own little bit o' heaven.

What did make the news on the far side of the pond was McGinty's resignation and prorogue of the legislature until the New Year. I guess that's what happens when you get to be a legend in your own mind.

It would appear the cynical vote getting seat sale in Oakville (re their Peaker Plant) to get the five Liberal seats re-elected in that area wound up costing a lot more than just dollars (180,000,000 or so). Just imagine what would have happened in our area if we had had the liberal MPP's instead of the conservatives in the driving seat. The Peaker Plant in King may have been cancelled too. Gosh another \$180,000,000 down the tubes... Just to put things back to where they should have been in the first place. Anyway hubris has its own rewards and I'm pleased that Dalton's getting his. Time will tell if the weight of scandal, political expediency and arrogance to the voter will have a lasting effect.

I'll wind up by stating a few points on my perspective of our local politics. I was at the meeting in Holland's Landing in early October. I was amazed that, with the exception of our mayor, no one from OUR council stood up to address the crowd. When a public meeting was held in Georgina a few months back, two of THEIR councilors spoke out vehemently against this poo plant. It seems that all of our council WAS in attendance but just somehow melted away when asked for their opinion.....

I was further disappointed to hear that our Mayor felt that the situation was beyond the local government's realm and that there was nothing that could be done regarding this unpopular and unwise choice for the proposed sewage treatment plant. Come on guys, we know this is a difficult issue but we are looking to you to fight for us. Nothing is final until the shovel hits the ground. Well, it's up to us to scream, shout, gripe, rail and complain about the poor location the UYSS has selected.  
– Never underestimate the power of the people.....

The self-assured composure of the UYSS team was visibly rattled by the simple question "What happens if you are wrong?" No answer – just the sound of crickets..... Then assurances that they would follow MOE Guidelines (You should just try and read them!) It's not as if engineers have bold claims about their own infallibility before. A few notable examples being – the Titanic, the Hindenburg, Three Mile Island, Chernobyl, the Challenger etc. etc. etc... New technology always carries unforeseen risks.

I also wonder if East Gwillimbury is so focused on sustainability that they are prepared to permanently damage the winter recreation and tourist area of Soldier's Bay. The locals are justifiably concerned about the safety of snowmobilers who are accustomed to using this stretch of water, which will no longer be solidly frozen.

"Hubris" – nice word that!!!!!!!!!!!!

Well so long for now – see you next edition..... Please feel free to contact me at Blackwater golf (905) 473 6684 or contact @ blackwater-gc.ca . No rude emails or I can't forward them...



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