

Great Expectations

by John W. Sabean, Board Chair

Great changes are coming to the Durham West Arts Centre this Fall. With the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation we will be hiring two new staff members—a Director to oversee the operations of the Arts Centre, and a Manager to head up its office affairs and train volunteers.

We will also have a new facility out of which to conduct our business, launch exhibitions of art, and develop our plans for the future. As you will see from elsewhere in this newsletter the space is undergoing renovations. Look for an announcement soon of our Grand Opening.

This Fall will also witness some major changes in the Board's composition. A new Chair and a new Vice Chair will be named at the Annual General Meeting in October. After a three-year term (as provided by DWAC's Constitution) I will be stepping down as Chair and moving into the position of Past Chair. At present we lack a Vice Chair so this position—a three-year appointment—will also have to be filled.

Edward Falkenberg, one of DWAC's founders and its first Chair, who has been serving as Past Chair for three years will be leaving the Board. Edward has been the inspiration for DWAC and has made sure that its artistic integrity has been consistently maintained. We will miss him on the Board, but we know his presence will be felt in many other ways.



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The Pickering Green Festival

Muzic and Arts Night

A new project for DWAC to be supporting and involved with

is "The Green Festival - Muzic and Arts Night" at Herongate Barn Theatre, 2885 Altona Road, Pickering, on Saturday, August 11 from 4 p.m. to midnight.

The event features displays by local environmental groups and a Peter Shatlow film "The Last Stand" from 4 to 5 p.m.

Land Over Landings - bus tour.

Original art sale and display by PineRidge Arts Council members:

- Gloria Bales • Cheryl Bannister • Don Hightower
- Dorsey James • Judith Jewer • Mayra Majano
- Franca Montalbetti • Tim O'Hara • Kim Robertson
- Kelsey Steeves • Gert Untermann • Gwen Williams
- Ian Winton

Later in the evening unique folk rock sounds of The Gypsy-GRASS Band with music by Dianne Hanko will entertain in the theatre. The band will play two sets beginning at 8 p.m.

Cash bar, BBQ and veggie fare available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

DWAC will hold a raffle and so far we have:

- Canadian Tire - Gift Certificate, Solar panels and gift bags for ALL attendees containing energy efficient light bulbs
- Major Event Tickets
- Gift certificates from: • WalMart • Independent Grocers
- Gift baskets from: • Carol Bamford • Sue Mathieson

We are still looking for raffle donations - so if you have an item you would like to donate, just call Judy at 905.831.3358.

Tickets are available through DWAC Board members for only \$20 each and a portion of the ticket price goes to DWAC.

For more information check out: dwac.ca

or pickeringgreenfestival.ca

Membership Renewal Time

Check your mailing label. If your label has any number but an

"07" in the parentheses it is time for you to renew. We value

your membership. Together we will build an Arts Centre for

west Durham.

UPCOMING

August 11 • Kids' Saturday Morning

Music Madness

MAD ABOUT MUSICAL THEATRE

10:00 a.m. at Pickering Central Library

August 11 • The Green Festival

MUZIC AND ARTS NIGHT

from 4 p.m. at Herongate Barn

Theatre

August 18 • Kids' Saturday Morning

Music Madness

MAD ABOUT THE MAPLE LEAF!

10:00 a.m. at Pickering Central Library

October 18 • Annual General Meeting

DWAC and the Foundation

This will be a joint meeting of

October 27 • Roots and Drums

November • Reading and

Remembrance 2007

POSSIBLE PROJECTS

• CANstruction

• Culture & Creativity in Cuisine

(cookbook)



Work is currently underway to freshen up the interior. Edward Falkenberg has drawn up plans to renovate a room for use as exhibition space. He has worked out a lighting scheme with Allan Gibbins of Hubbell Canada, a Foundation member, and Hubbell will donate the necessary fixtures. Volunteer work crews will

pickering home. DWAC will soon call 364 Kingston Road, With funding from the City of Pickering,

paint the entire interior and complete whatever small repairs are needed.

Recently volunteers designed, donated material and planted a "Friendship Garden" at the front of the building.

It is expected that DWAC and the Foundation will be able to move into the building early in September. Expect an official launch sometime in October.



DWAC's new home

Gord Dyck-DWAC Director, David Green-DWAC Treasurer, Gary Faulkner-DWAC Interim Manager, Keaton Cook (infant), Erno and Diane Erola, Jaidyn and Victoria Ervats-DWAC members worked on the "Friendship Garden".



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FROM THE

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THE DURHAM WEST ARTS CENTRE

Kids' Saturday Morning Music Madness

"This year we are delighted to see capacity crowds at Pickering Public Library," says Judy Scott-Jacobs. "We are featuring over 50 talented young performers from the Pickering Rotary Music Festival and local schools as they star in summer music concerts for children and youth.



July 7th - MADCAP MUSIC MANIA

This has been made possible through the generous sponsorship of Scotiabank, Veridian Corporation, Pickering Town Centre and support by the Pickering Public Library and the Rotary Club of DWAC and Jane Stone of the Pickering Rotary Festival have woven together this 'tree summer fun' series

For more information on this DWAC project and the list of performers and concerts, please check the website dwac.ca/restOfStory/MusicMadness.html

Mystery Masterpiece

Ruth Abernethy, sculptor of the Glenn Gould life-size bronze portrait outside the CBC building in Toronto, who is currently the featured artist on DWAC's Cyber Gallery and formerly part of a DWAC exhibition added, "Congrats on a great evening of support and enthusiasm".

The evening featured over 170 people associated with the Durham arts community, The Young Singers, The Durham Philharmonic Choir, over 40 visual artists and jazz pianists from Dunbarton High School. "We thank DWAC Manager Gary Faulkner and his team for a job well done," added DWAC Chair John Sabean.

port for the vision of a performing and visual arts centre for west Durham. The well attended event held at the Deer Creek Banquet Facility, April 19 was full of surprises including the appearance of Robert Pilon, who is no 'phantom' in Durham where he has shown tremendous support towards the arts.



Robert Pilon, Ron Halliday, Diana Hills-Milligan

"It was a great mix of visual and performing arts—and I felt that DWAC definitely accomplished the arts awareness and the need for an Arts Centre in our community," said Cathy Schnipper, president of the Pineridge Arts Council and singer with the Durham Philharmonic Choir, one of the two featured choirs on that evening.



Carol and Ron Halliday, Angie Littlefield and Ruth Abernethy

Check out our website for participating artists and event photos – dwac.ca/restOfStory/mysteryMasterpiece2007.html and dwac.ca/PhotoPages/MysteryMasterpiece2007a/index.html



Photos from Saturday, July 21st Rule Britannia! Mad about the Isles



Roots and Drums 2007



Youth from Devi Mandir, seen here performing during Tapestry of Pickering Museum Village, will be at Roots and Drums 2007.

"Organizers plan on making this a two-day event in October!" says Shashi Bhatta. Last year the dedicated volunteers of the Arts Without Borders Committee and those of the Rotary Club of Pickering raised \$11,000 for the Durham West Arts Centre's Vision to have a permanent performing and visual arts centre. The splendid May 27 evening exemplified what is best about Canadian volunteerism. When people from all walks of life, of different ages and very diverse backgrounds give freely of their time to support a common cause, it works!

Watch the website for 2007 dates, time and location. Volunteers welcome, contact Shashi: shashibhatta@rogers.com

Tuesdays on the Trail

Pickering sculptor, Dorsey James a DWAC member, again participated in OPG's summer youth program. "Creating with Power", offered in July and August encouraging kids to discover symbols and images hidden within the Kijimba kind trail sculptures in Alex Robertson Park. Under Dorsey's watchful eye each young artist got the opportunity to carve their own wearable keepsake using power grinders.



NEW Project Support

Want to help play a key role in one of our 'wish list' projects? Give us a call! We would like to bring **CANstruction** to Pickering in time for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. We would like to create a multi-cultural cookbook **Culture & Creativity in Cuisine**. Cookbook cookbook@dwac.ca. Call Judy at 905.831.3358 or e-mail

May is Museum Month Launch

Women and men contributed significantly to maintaining Canada's free democratic society in the past and they continue to be present. The provincial project Reading and Remembrance 2007 features the roles of Women in War. Imagine thousands of Ontario school children simultaneously honouring our veterans, and showing the importance of reading and remembering the various ways women contributed to their country's peace-keeping efforts. dwac.ca/press/readingRemembrance.html

Canada Dept. of National Defence/Library and Archives Canada Arrival of RCAF Women's Unit 15 July 1942, St John's, NFLD.



Reading and Remembrance 2007

Last year we were pleased to present Edith Gelbard, the young survivor in "Hiding Edith", to a local school and that has inspired us to look for other authors to go into schools and tell their story and answer questions about a time and event far removed from them. Letters to Directors of Education will shortly go out, along with our 2007 poster. Please encourage your school to participate in this project.

Recently the Canadian Museum Association, the art museums in Durham Region and the Region of Durham Tourism Department promoted "May as Museum Month". Explore the wonderful ways in which art

For details and photos check: dwac.ca/restOfStory/May/MuseumMonth.html