



DURHAM WEST
ARTS
CENTRE

December, 2005

- Dance
- Theatre
- Poetry
- Sculpture
- Photography
- Recording Studio
- Cultural Events
- Puppetry
- Pottery
- Festivals
- School Tours
- Watercolours
- Acrylics
- Prints
- Studio Space
- Teaching Space
- Rehearsal Space
- Arts Seminars
- Vocal Music
- Instrumental Music
- Writers' Classes
- Book Clubs
- Oil Painting
- Drama Activities
- Arts Camps
- Mixed Media
- Graphics
- Mime
- Fabric Arts
- Drawing
- Readings

NEEDED AGAIN! Supporters for the Arts in Durham West

Mon., Dec. 19, 2005 at 7 p.m. the Durham West Arts Centre goes forward to Pickering Council at One the Esplanade, to support the vision of a permanent performing arts centre in the Ajax-Pickering area. The News Advertiser noted the great turn out at the Nov. 28th Ajax Council presentation. Those of you who were there, made a difference. Thank you. We need you again because it is your very presence that speaks volumes to the Councils. The politicians need to see the support for the arts in this community.

Dr. Polonsky of Durham College/University of Ontario Institute of Technology and David Sinclair, Chair of the Ajax-Pickering Rouge Valley Hospital Board will once again frame DWAC's presentation. DWAC will outline the arts services it provided, the work towards the future facility, features of The Economic Impact Study and Business Plan and the importance of accepting the arts as a core value.

Municipalities across Ontario build and sustain facilities for core values which include libraries, seniors' centres, recreation complexes and art galleries. Providing \$90,000 towards DWAC is a very cost-effective way to support a core value. \$43 per person in Pickering to support libraries—around a looney to support DWAC.

Please bring friends and family. This is not a battle between sports and arts or arts and libraries. All core values are equally important. What your presence indicates is that you would like Ajax and Pickering to believe in the vision of a performing arts centre. Hopefully, the transitional facility, the Durham West Arts Centre, will be able to keep its doors open beyond March 31, 2006 to continue its work on the vision. Additionally, DWAC hopes to continue to serve the arts and education needs of children and youth, to promote local artists and to support arts events representing the diversity in our community. In two years, we've reached 70,000 people directly and 300,000 through our website. We're a small and young but mighty organization with lots of promise. Please come out to support the arts in Durham West!

Thank you,

Angie Littlefield
Executive Director
Durham West Arts Centre