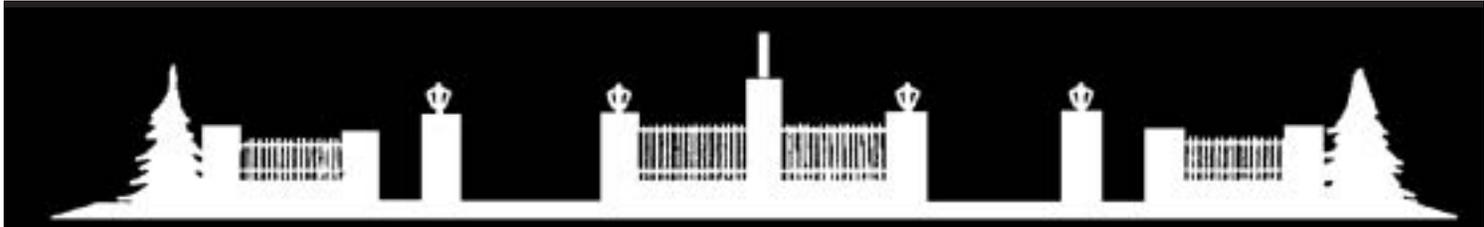


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## Guildwood Day – June 3, 2006



**A great day in the Village. Come out and join us**

### Morning

**Our 49th Annual Guildwood Day  
Help us celebrate – all day**

**8:30 – 11:30 – Pancake Breakfast**

At Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church

Rain location – Church Hall

**Come early and avoid the lineup**

**9:45 – Decorated Bicycles**

Assemble in front of Laurier Collegiate for  
the parade.

**10:15 – 11:00 – Guildwood Day Parade  
Celebrating Guildwood Day**

Come out to see the marching band and  
clowns and join the parade.

**11:00 – Games – Races – Amusements –  
Prizes - Lunch and Snack Bar –  
Entertainment – Craft and Display Tables  
– a wide array of vendor items for sale.**

### Afternoon & Evening

**All Afternoon – Visit the GVCA table**

– Get your membership

– Find out what's happening

**1:00 – Races (Ages 8 and under)**

**2:00 – Races (Ages 9 and over)**

#### Special Events

Come and see what is happening all day long at  
the rear of Laurier - special activities for all!

**5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Barbecue sponsored by the  
GVCA**

(Southwest corner of Guild Inn park)

Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on

**• Hamburgers • Hotdogs • Soft drinks  
• Live Entertainment**

Members – Free (Bring your membership card)

Non-member family – \$15.00

Single Non-members – \$ 5.00

**These events are organized by The Guildwood Village Community Association  
Guildwood Day Committee**

**Special thanks to:** The merchants of Guildwood, David Soknacki and his staff,  
Bob Johnston Chevrolet Oldsmobile Ltd., Davidson Chrysler Motors, The Guild Inn  
(Recreation and Parks) and the many people who have volunteered their time





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Celebration.....Peter Sherman  
 Signs.....Michele Ade  
**A Day in the Gardens of  
 Guildwood**.....Gerrard & Judy Baribeau  
**Shoreline Cleanup** ..Gisela Bach  
 Membership List .....David Tumber  
 Guildwood  
 Day Parade .....Joyce DeSouza  
 Environment  
 Clean Team.....Judy MacLeod

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**Did you know...** that the Guildwood Village Community Association has its own hotline?

If you have any questions you would like answered or any issues you would like to bring to our attention, this is the number to call and leave a message anytime. The messages are checked on a regular basis.

**(416) 410-2755**



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## President's Message



Thank you to all in the community who attended the Annual General Meeting held on March 28th at Holy Trinity Church. It appeared as though we had a higher number of attendees this year. At the Annual General Meeting, I was appointed to the two year term of President of the GVCA.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Harry Spindel** for his past contribution to the GVCA and the community as President. Well done! Harry will remain on the executive as Past President.

I am a relative new comer to Guildwood, only moving to Sylvan Avenue in 1999. I say 'new comer' as I realize that we are fortunate to have so many long time residents in the neighbourhood, and as well second/third generation and extended family who continue to reside in Guildwood – all of those who have established this neighbourhood with many great traditions and who have generated a strong sense of community.

It has been these traditions that attracted me to joining the network of volunteers in our community, as well as being concerned about the plight of the Guild Inn. My objective is to continue to get the community involved in our neighbourhood initiatives and keep our members informed.

Who we are? Our volunteer Executive and Members-at-Large, meet once a month to address events and concerns in our community. Additionally, **Councillor David**

**Soknacki** does a wonderful job of keeping us informed on timely issues and requesting feedback from us on behalf of our community, as well as keeping us up to date on the process which may lead to a new Guild Inn.

Anyone interested in volunteering their time, may it be one hour a month or one time a year, please call our Hotline, or refer to our website. I look forward to getting to know everyone in our vast, dedicated network of volunteers in the community and I thank them in advance for their continued efforts.

As always, the community spirit thrives from April to September, and I suggest that you don't miss out and mark the following events to your calendar:

<b>GVCA Membership Drive begins</b>	<b>April 28</b>
<b>Community Garage Sale</b>	<b>May 27</b>
<b>Guildwood Day</b>	<b>June 3</b>
<b>Poplar Rd JPS Strawberry Festival</b>	<b>June 16</b>
<b>A Day in the Gardens of Guildwood</b>	<b>July 9</b>
<b>Art Naturally</b>	<b>August 12 &amp; 13</b>
<b>Shoreline Clean Up</b>	<b>Sept 16 &amp; 23</b>
<b>Guildwood JPS Fall Fest</b>	<b>Sept 23</b>

As weather warms, I once again will attempt to get the garden growing...even though I will never be quite ready to be put on the tour on A Day in the Gardens of Guildwood! Enjoy your spring gardening!

*Michele Ade*

## Guildwood Village Community Association Annual General Meeting.

**Your New Executives are:**

**President – Michele Ade**

**Vice-President – John Harris**

**Treasurer – David Tumber**

**Corporate Secretary – Kathleen Wolfe**

The Guildwood Village Community Association Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 28th with a very good turnout of community residents.

Our guest speaker was **Superintendent Paul Gottschalk** of our new 43 division. **Superintendent Gottschalk**

shared with us his plans for the new division and their role in our community. He plans to put together a crisis team who will go into private residences to help resolve domestic problems. He is also in the process of setting up a community hotline which will handle non emergency or ongoing problems. Also, during the summer months there will be more officers designated to patrolling our parks and recreation areas. **Superintendent Gottschalk** said they are also taking an aggressive stand against the graffiti which is creeping into our area. He also went on to say that the main

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## Guildwood Village Community Association Annual General Meeting – *continued*

problems we experience in **Guildwood Village** are break and enters.

Following the presentation the floor was opened to a question and answer session which gave **Superintendent Gottschalk** the opportunity to address some of the concerns of our community residents.

Special volunteer presentations were made to **Gerard Baribeau, Cleve Pendock** and **Sue Donahue** for their tireless work as members of the **Guildwood Village Community**.

Following the presentations the Annual General Meeting was held, which included the election of your new executive committee. Please join me in thanking these volunteers for their time and commitment working as members of the GVCA to help our community.

We were also pleased to have **Councillor David Sognacki** attend the general meeting. **Mr. Sognacki** provided us with an update on the progress of the plans for the Guild Inn and of his hope that a community meeting will be arranged within the next 4 to 6 weeks to further update the community. David is working on running a graffiti program again out of his office as there has been a problem with graffiti on the walls of the **Guild Inn**, the Osterhout cabin and other areas of **Guildwood Village**. David also gave us a brief update on the Dearham Wood traffic calming request and the proposed new building development on Portia.

Apologies were sent from the **Hon. John McKay M.P.** who was called back to Ottawa and the **Hon. Mary Anne Chambers, M.P.P.** who was held up at a meeting of the legislature.

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## From David Sognacki, Councillor Scarborough East – April 2006

### *Dear Guildwood Villagers*

The revitalization of the **Guild Inn** is getting closer to a decision. As of early April, both City staff and the proponent were commenting that they were still trying for a May community consultation so as to have reports before Committee and Council cycle in June. Once the negotiations have been completed, we will be sending a notice to Guildwood Villagers inviting them to a meeting to review the plans.

Although a lot of progress has been made, Yogi Berra once summed up a similar situation with the expression “it’s not over till it’s over.” While we are all hoping for a successful and timely conclusion to the negotiations, there are no guarantees. From what I know the parties are still speaking of a concept and structure very similar to that presented to the community and Council last year. There have been options presented on different financing models, but nothing has been finalized. In any case it will be up to the community, stakeholders and Council to make decisions on the proposal once the negotiators have finished.

Still on the subject of investment in Guildwood, very recently I met again with the principals of **Sentex Developments**. Their first proposal was for some homes on the north side of Portia. After negotiations through our office with your Community Association, both sides feel that they have come away satisfied. The developer can build, and has agreed to wider lots as requested by the community and specified in the zoning documents.

Sentex then has come to our office for a second phase of a further six homes on the north side of Portia. All of these homes are within the existing permissions so no exemptions or variances are required. I have encouraged them to meet with the Executive of the Community Association so that residents can see the layout. In essence, the developer has tried to accommodate the interests of nearby residents to have single family homes that fit within the character of Guildwood.

Although Guildwood is blessed with a very low crime rate, an incident occurred in the late winter to which I wish to draw residents’ attention. The facts are straightforward: uniformed officers attended a medical com-



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plaint at an address on Toynbee Trail. While on the scene, they located an active marijuana grow operation in the basement of the house. Not only was there an illegal operation, unsafe chemicals and fumes, there was an abundance of drug paraphernalia... and a young child. The child was placed in the care of the *Children's Aid Society*. Not only were the parents charged with production and possession of marijuana, they were charged with failure to provide the necessities of life.

We all know Toynbee Trail as a stable, above average income neighbourhood within Guildwood. But antisocial and criminal activity can occur anywhere. Please, if you suspect a grow house, or any type of crime call the *43 Division Crime Prevention Unit* at 416 808 4339 or call *Crime Stoppers* at 1 800 222 TIPS. Callers can remain anonymous. If you wish you can call our office so we can pass the information along to Police.

In the next few weeks we will be participating in a number of events in and around Guildwood

Of course I look forward to joining residents at the ever popular Guildwood Cleanup on Saturday morning 22 April.

**Compost Day** will be held on Saturday 6 May - starting at noon this year - at Laurier. Please remember to bring your containers and shovels.

On Saturday 13 May from noon to 2:00pm I will be hosting another 'Meet and Greet' session, this time at Cedarbrae Library. Please feel welcome to come to the Library to discuss neighbourhood issues, or just say hello.

*David Soknacki*, Councillor  
Scarborough East

## Poplar Road's Famous Strawberry Festival – 2006



Poplar Road Junior Public School is once again hosting its annual fun fair with entertainment for the whole family.

The 44th Annual Strawberry Festival will be held on **Friday, June 16th, 2006 from 6pm onwards** and include

 **FUN!**     **FOOD!**     **GAMES!**     **RAFFLES!**

**AND, OF COURSE, OUR FAMOUS STRAWBERRY TARTS !**



**Admission is a food bank donation or a loonie.**

The Strawberry Festival started in 1962 as a neighbourhood social tea, and has developed into Poplar Road's main fundraising event. The event is supported by hundreds of generous donors and volunteers. All funds raised go directly back into the school for additional services and supplies for Poplar Road students.

For details, call *Steve Kemp*, Principal at (416) 396-6525





## Message from Hon. Mary Anne Chambers Member of Provincial Parliament for Scarborough East

### 2006 Budget Highlights

Your provincial government's third Budget continues to strengthen Ontario's economic advantage by strengthening its people and investing in their priorities. Highlights include:

- Move Ontario – a new \$1.2 billion investment in transit, roads and bridges;
- \$1 million towards an environmental assessment for a Scarborough subway;
- Investing an additional \$1.9 billion in health, including increasing the number of Family Health Teams and reducing wait times;
- \$7 million annually to enhance newborn screening and support the creation of a new screening facility at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario;
- Ensuring more college and university students qualify for tuition grants by doubling the family income threshold for a family with two students to \$75,000;
- Covering the full cost of books for 138,000 students – 75% of all OSAP recipients;
- Increasing funding for school boards in 2006-07 by \$424 million to help support smaller JK to Grade 3 class sizes and higher literacy and math scores for Grades 3 and 6;
- Creating a \$2.1 billion Jobs and Skills Renewal Strategy to expand services for the unemployed, under-employed, new Canadians, the working poor and social assistance recipients.

### Financial Support for Local Athletes

More than 850 of Ontario's high performance amateur athletes will receive direct financial assistance through the Quest for Gold Ontario Athlete Assistance Program (OAAP). The \$2.9 million in net proceeds from the Quest for Gold sport lottery will help athletes cover living, training and post-secondary tuition costs. From the riding of Scarborough-East, the following athletes received funding: Kevin Ignacio, Athletics, \$2650.00; Jocelyn Ko,

Badminton, \$2650.00; Lisa Blanchard, Curling – Paralympics, \$2650.00; Daniel West, Rugby, \$2650.00; Vivian Chan, Beach Volleyball, \$2650.00; Alana King, Wrestling, \$2650.00; Trevor Robinson, Water Polo, \$2650.00; Sarah Marie Ann McIlveen, Water Polo, \$2650.00; Jeff Weiler, Indoor Volleyball, \$1500.00.

### Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Consultations

Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) have been introduced across the province of Ontario to ensure that residents have improved access to quality health services. The vision is to develop a health care system that helps people stay healthy, delivers good care when people need it and will be there for our children and grandchildren. From April 24th until May 18th, public consultation sessions will be held with community residents, hospitals, community care access centres, psychiatric facilities, long-term care homes, community service agencies and community mental health and addiction services to help create an Integrated Health Services Plan (IHSP) to guide the delivery of services across the Central East area.

The Scarborough public consultation will take place on Wednesday, May 17th, 2006 at the Centennial College Conference Centre, Markham Rd. and 401, from 6.30-8.30pm.

### Ontario Summer Jobs, 2006

There are thousands of summer jobs for students with the Ontario government, through programs such as Summer Company, Summer Experience Program and the Ontario Government Regular Summer Student Hiring. For more information, please visit my constituency office or the website: [www.youthjobs.gov.on.ca](http://www.youthjobs.gov.on.ca).

If you think I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my Community Office, at 4630 Kingston Road, Unit 20, Scarborough ON M1E 4Z4, by phone at **416-281-2787**, by fax **416-281-2360**, or by e-mail at [machambers.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org](mailto:machambers.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org)

*Mary Anne Chambers*



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## The Guild – Alive with Culture June 24 & 25, 2006

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Guild, 201 Guildwood Parkway, Scarborough

**The Guild – Alive with Culture** is a 2-day showcase of the arts – past, present and future – on the site of Scarborough's waterfront treasure, the historic Guild Inn.



In anticipation of the redevelopment of the Guild Inn, the **Guild Renaissance Group** is pleased to host an arts and heritage weekend to celebrate the former Guild of All Arts, the thriving artists' colony that once existed on the Guild site through the efforts of visionary art patrons, Rosa and Spencer Clark. All are welcome to attend for a fascinating exploration of its unique cultural legacy.

The weekend will feature performances, exhibits and demonstrations in various art forms in front of the Inn, including a chance to see work in progress by **Dorsey James**, former sculptor-in-residence at the Guild of All Arts. Dorsey will be demonstrating in front of the sculpture cabin – the studio in which he created the relief sculpture that still decorates the cabin.

**Stones of the Guild**, a walking tour of the gardens, will introduce visitors to the sculptures and architectural artifacts located on the grounds. These include the columns, reliefs, carvings and facade elements from Toronto's historic banks and office buildings that had been slated for demolition in the 1950s and 60s. Spencer Clark salvaged and relocated them throughout the estate's formal gardens. In so doing, he preserved an important part of Toronto's built heritage and created an environment that continues to stimulate arts and cultural activity decades later.

Future plans for cultural life at The Guild are but a continuum of the vibrant artist community of its past. A



slide/video presentation titled **Virtually Live at the Guild** will provide a look at the artists, the estate and activities that have long enriched the site. The presentation will be ongoing through the weekend.

Learn about the renaissance of the Guild and the City of Toronto's exciting plans for redevelopment, including the rebirth of the Guild of All Arts as an integral part of its vision. Plans for the reconstruction of the Inn are progressing well and will be on view at the Information Booth. **Guild Renaissance Group** members will be on hand to answer questions and to discuss the vision for The Guild's future. Join us at **The Guild - Alive with Culture** for a glimpse of a rich and unique aspect of our City's arts heritage, and a look ahead at what will again be one of Toronto's cultural jewels.

The **Guild Renaissance Group** is interested in receiving proposals from artists, performers and groups who would like to participate in this weekend event. **Alive with Culture** will allow visitors a look at The Guild as it could be – a lively centre for arts activities in a unique heritage setting. If you are interested in helping us celebrate the rebirth of The Guild of All Arts, please email **Janice** at [foundart@sympatico.ca](mailto:foundart@sympatico.ca) or call **416-283-2200** for more information.

By presenting events like The Guild – Alive with Culture, the GRG continues to raise a greater awareness of The Guild's cultural rebirth. The GRG depends on the ongoing support of its membership, community and businesses to offer this enjoyable weekend of the arts, and to broaden its outreach to the entire city of Toronto. We thank our generous supporters, and welcome all donations that will help bring this event to The Guild. For information, please contact the GRG at 416-410-2162.





## Advertising Local Business & Services

The Guildwood Village Community Association encourages our residents to support local businesses. In future editions of the *News & Views* we will include 2 pages of advertising for several reasons.

1. **Healthy Businesses** – One of the best ways to keep a safe and healthy community is to help local businesses thrive. When residents support local merchants and business owners, the overall image of the community is improved and residential property values are maintained or increase. When local plazas are busy, there are fewer vacant units that may become targets for vandalism and graffiti or attract undesirable businesses such as adult video stores.
2. **Additional Revenue for GVCA** – Our community association needs additional revenue to assist in underwriting the cost of printing newsletters and funding community events such as Guildwood Day and other designated community projects.
3. **Community Awareness** – Many residents are not aware of local businesses or services available in the community. *Guildwood Village* has many talented entrepreneurs

who own independent businesses. It would be helpful for residents to know if there is someone who can provide needed services or products close to home.

4. **Local Business Marketing** – Many local businesses are small and find it financially difficult to market their products and services. These organizations need assistance and support in getting information to potential consumers.

Timo Puhakka is the volunteer Advertising Coordinator. He will be canvassing potential business advertisers and coordinating the incoming ads at the time of submission.

If you are interested in advertising your business or service, please email Timo at [esphysio@bellnet.ca](mailto:esphysio@bellnet.ca) or call 416-283-6893. The next submission date is June 1st.

### Ad Rates:

<b>One line directory listing</b>	<b>\$10 per issue</b>
<b>Business card size</b>	<b>\$30 per issue</b>
<b>1/4 page size</b>	<b>\$60 per issue</b>
<b>1/2 page size</b>	<b>\$100 per issue</b>

## Letter to the Editor

With the warm weather fast approaching, all of us with cabin fever are certainly happy to be getting out again walking around the neighbourhood and taking the kids and dogs out to the parks.

I think it's important for all of us to remember that the parks are used for many purposes (play, sports, leisure, exercise, dog walking) and that we need to be respectful of each other while sharing these spaces. Part of being respectful of each other includes following the guidelines that have been set out about usage of the parks – one such by-law being that dogs must be on a leash at all times.

One needs only to walk through any of the neighbourhood parks early morning or after dinner to find dogs running throughout the park unleashed. While I can appreciate that people want their dogs to get some exercise and that the owners know that their dogs are “friendly,” I ask you to consider what it's like to be a three-year-old and have an animal the same size as you or larger charging towards you. They don't know your dog and they don't know what the dog will do when it reaches them. It's scary for them (and for many

of us parents as well). No matter what type of disposition your dog has, it should still be on a leash at all times. This is why the by-law was created.

For those of you who want to have your dog run leash-free, there have been parks specifically designated for such a purpose and those can be found on-line at [www.toronto.ca/parks/dogs.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/parks/dogs.htm) (while there are none in Guildwood, there are some close by in the beach).

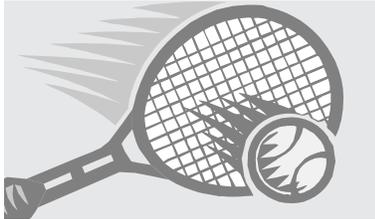
I'm not confident that a letter to the local newspaper will do much to change the thought patterns of the dog owners who are letting their dogs run free around the parks, but perhaps it will motivate those who don't want the dogs running around the park to feel legally empowered to ask the owners to put their dogs on a leash. Guildwood residents should also feel free to contact our Ward **Counsellor, David Soknacki**, at **416-392-4008**. As he states on his web site, his mandate is to serve the residents of Scarborough East on any municipal matter.

*Jane Colby*



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## Tennis Anyone?



Did you know that Kiwaniwood Tennis Club is one of the oldest community tennis clubs in Scarborough? The club began over 35 years ago. With the

help of The Kiwanis Club, we built three courts in the park beside Elizabeth Simcoe Public School on Sylvan Ave. Tennis was so popular that a fourth court was soon added. About five years ago the playing surface was extensively re-furbished to provide the best tennis courts in the city.

Tennis is the perfect sport. You can learn the game when you are young and play forever. Equipment is not too expensive; you can get a good workout in about an hour; the courts are right at your doorstep, and there are many benefits from joining your local community tennis club. These include access to beautiful, well maintained, lighted courts, a lesson program for children and for adults, many different levels of play from informal practice to social round robins to interclub league and tournament competition. You even have access to a qualified tennis instructor. There is something for everyone at Kiwaniwood Tennis Club.

Membership is inexpensive too - the cost ranges from \$25 for a junior membership that includes free lessons to \$120 for a whole family. But you should sign up early! The nets will go up as soon as the ground thaws. The Junior Lessons program runs for two weeks in the second half of May, and Adult lessons will begin in early June. The interclub league competition, boys' and girls' leagues all begin in mid May, and the club has its opening round robin social in early May.

Past members will receive their 2006 application soon. New members can look for the Kiwaniwood Tennis Club brochure in the library, and you can email us at [kiwaniwood@yahoo.com](mailto:kiwaniwood@yahoo.com), or phone **Phil Yeoman**, Membership Chairman, at **416-267-4430** for an application form. You can also visit the Scarborough Tennis Federation website for an overview of tennis in the city: <http://www.scarboroughtennis.com/> Serve 'em up!

## A DAY IN THE GARDENS OF GUILDWOOD

JULY 9, 2006  
1:30-5:00 P.M.



The fourth annual **A Day in the Gardens of Guildwood** will be held **Sunday, July 9, rain or shine, from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

If you would like to include your garden in this year's tour, please contact **Gerard** or **Judy Baribeau** at **416 264 4527** or email [gandjbaribeau@rogers.com](mailto:gandjbaribeau@rogers.com). We'd also like to know if you would like to recommend someone's garden and we will contact them.

Last year 15 villagers opened their gardens showing ponds, waterfalls, interesting annuals, perennials, terraces, novelties and other unique designs.

See last year's garden photos on the **GVCA website at [www.guildwood.on.ca](http://www.guildwood.on.ca)**. The admission cost will be \$5 per guide. The guides will be available after July 1 at various locations in Guildwood. Please watch for information in merchants' windows and on the GVCA web site.

**Gerard and Judy**

## Letter to the Editor

### Reduce Car Exhaust Emissions

**A reminder for residents:** Please do not leave your vehicle engines idling in your driveway for more than 3 minutes. During the past winter months we heard from environmentally conscious neighbours who were disturbed by the number of folks who seem to ignore the idling vehicle bylaw for the sake of a warm car. Remember, everyone wants to breathe clean air and this is one simple way that we can help!

**Lori Metcalfe**





## The Oeno-Files A Matter of Taste

A wine tasting is an event, to be shared with any number of other tasters, from one to a hundred or more. The event consists of the “tasting” of small amounts of any number of different wines. There are varietal tastings (every wine is made from the same grape variety), vertical tastings (every wine is the same but from a different year’s batch or vintage), horizontal tastings (every wine is from the same region or area), blind tastings (the bottles are covered to do away with region or brand bias or to test the tasters), tutored tastings (with experts to guide and educate the group) and others. There are fun tastings in people’s homes, professional tastings for the food and beverage industry, wine club tastings and award tastings.

### How to...

One and a half to two ounces of the wine are poured into your glass. The first observation is the color. If it is a white wine, is it clear or cloudy, is it brilliant or dull, is it greenish, goldish, yellowish or colorless? If it is a red wine, is it garnet, ruby, purple or brownish? Is it clear or opaque? After examining what the wine looks like, we award the wine up to 10 points for pleasing color and clarity.

**Next we judge the aroma of the wine.** If you remember your physiology, you’ll know that what we refer to as taste really is mostly a matter of smell. Our tongue only gives us 5 tastes; sweet, sour, bitter, salty and umami (or pungent). The rest, all the subtle and not so subtle tastes are a matter of our sense of smell. To get the best aroma that the wine has to offer, we need to aerate the wine a bit, so we swirl the wine in the glass just before smelling it. We are looking for pleasing aromas, nothing acrid or off. We award up to 15 points for the aroma.

**Finally we taste the wine.** Remember that what we call taste is mostly smell. We sip a small amount of wine, but don’t swallow. We need to aerate the wine for its aroma, so we make some strange noises as we try to suck air through the wine in our mouth, the gurgling sound one hears at wine tastings. We also check for the tastes of sweet, sour, bitter, salty and umami. I find the better wines deliver a consistency from the aroma to the overall taste. Some wines have great aromas but fail in the mouth because they don’t have enough grape extract, or acidity or dryness (tannins). Others have flaws of over-ripeness or lack of balance. Remember we are looking for flaws as well as brilliance. For taste we are also looking the valued “length of finish”. Great wines have flavors and aromas that stay in your

mouth for 5 minutes or longer. Rate the taste and finish it up to another 15 points.

Finally we award up to 10 additional points for uncommon qualities. These may include extraordinary length of finish, depth of taste or potential for improving with age.

That’s only a maximum of 50 points however, so we add a base of 50 free points to the total of our other scores and we have a rating using the 100 point scale for the wine we have just tasted. Cheers!

### This season’s recommendations:

(85 pts. is good, 90 pts. is great. 95 pts. is spectacular. 100 pts. is perfect)

Best red wine buy of the year so far:

**DE BORTOLI DEEN VAT 8 SHIRAZ, 2004,**  
LCBO #621649, **\$14.95, Rating 91 points**

As good as it gets for a red wine under \$30. This is a rich, flavorful, full-bore Australian Shiraz that makes no excuses for going all out. Loaded with dark fruit, alcohol and oak, it’s a crowd pleaser. It would go well with a rich meaty, meal.

### Here’s a red wine bargain:

**SPINELLI SANGIOVESE,**  
LCBO #621961 **\$7.95, Rating 87 points**

### ...and a white

**YELLOW TAIL CHARDONNAY,** LCBO #627802,  
**Price: \$10.60, Rating 87 points**

From Australia, this may have become the most popular wine at the LCBO. And there is one reason, it delivers value for money. Pleasing aromas of tropical fruit with some caramel undertones (from oak), and nicely balanced flavor and texture

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# Guildwood *News & Views*

## Our Village District Girl Guides – Thinking Day Celebration



We are the Village District Girl Guides. We have 100 girls and leaders in our district starting at the age of 5. We have several meetings throughout the Guildwood Village Area.

On February 22 almost all 100 of us gathered at Elizabeth Simcoe Public School for a Thinking Day Celebration. Thinking Day is the birthday of Lord and Lady Baden Powell the founders of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. We completed our Healthy living

Challenge. We jumped rope, played games, stretched, had a healthy snack, and sang some of our favourite camp songs. It was a good time had by all.

You will see our girls out and about the streets in the coming weeks selling Girl Guide Cookies. Please support our units by purchasing a box. You may also see the girls out on a unit hike on their meeting nights, out at special community days like Guildwood Day, or just out having a good time.

Up coming events we are participating in a Downtown Toronto Scavenger Hunt, Tree Planting in Rouge Park, and an Under the Sea Camp.

Our service project for the year is collecting pop tabs for a former member of Girl Guides which is now bound to a wheel chair. We collect these tabs to trade in for money to be used towards purchasing equipment she requires.

It isn't too late to get involved in Girl Guides, whether as a girl member or as a leader. We will accept girls and women of any age 5+ so come out and join the fun. For more information please contact our District Commissioners by emailing **Erika** at [erikavanputten@hotmail.com](mailto:erikavanputten@hotmail.com) or calling **Margie** at 416-266-4065 for more information.

Our District is always looking for donations in the form of used tents, camp stoves, lanterns or anything else you may have to offer. If you have any used equipment and would like to free your garage space, please let us know.

There are some erroneous facts circulating about Col. Harold Child Bickford. A newspaper article and the 2006 Guildwood Community Guide states that he was a retired American colonel. In 1876 Harold Child Bickford was born in Toronto in a house called Gore Vale. At the age of 19 he joined the military with the Governor General's Body Guard. Two years later he was posted to England and joined the 6th Dragoon Guards and served in India, then in the South African war. In Africa he became a hero when he saved the life of a soldier. This soldier was loaded with ammunition while riding a horse across the raging Assegai River. Captain Bickford jumped into the river and saved the soldier. The horse was never seen again.

When WWI began, Harold Bickford served in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in Valcartier, Quebec as Colonel. Later he was sent to Siberia in command of two Canadian battalions. He received eleven citations and was made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George as well as many other awards.

When he retired, Harold became a real estate broker. During the great depression, he lost all his money and moved to Buffalo, New York. Here he regained his fortune through real estate. He died in 1956 and is buried in St. James cemetery in Toronto.

Excerpts from: The History of The Guild Inn – author: Carole M. Lidgold.





## Guildwood Public Library Spring 2006



**Guildwood Library 416-396-8872**

Monday and Thursday 12:30 - 8:30  
Tuesday, Friday 9:00 - 5:00 and  
Saturday 9:00 - 5:00  
Drop box open when library is closed.

### **Guildwood Day**

Saturday, June 3

Library staff will march in the parade and will be at Sir Wilfrid Laurier C.I. to help the community celebrate Guildwood Day. Drop by our table and check out what is new at the library. Children can come and get a preview of the TD Summer Reading Club "Quest for Heroes".

### **Author visit**

(Ages 10-12)

Meet *J. Alan Cumyn*, author of *The Secret Life of Owen Skye* and many other titles. Friday May 6 at 10 a.m.

**Local art continues – please come in and enjoy our gallery with us. Kay Long is our current artist.**

**Golf will be featured in our window – we will have books and other materials.**

**Drop in and get something to help improve your game.**

**Volunteers Required for Guildwood Day!** If you are interested in helping out, please contact John Harris (Guildwood Day Coordinator) at 416-265-5999.



### Guildwood Village Community Association Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Would anyone in your household be interested in volunteering in any of the following ways?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Canvassing for membership        | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution of News and Views |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributions to News and Views  | <input type="checkbox"/> Help on Guildwood Day          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Become involved in the Executive | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                         |

Return application along with payment of \$15.00 to:  
Box 11001, 97 Guildwood Parkway  
Scarborough, Ontario M1E 5G5

