

Guildwood News & Views

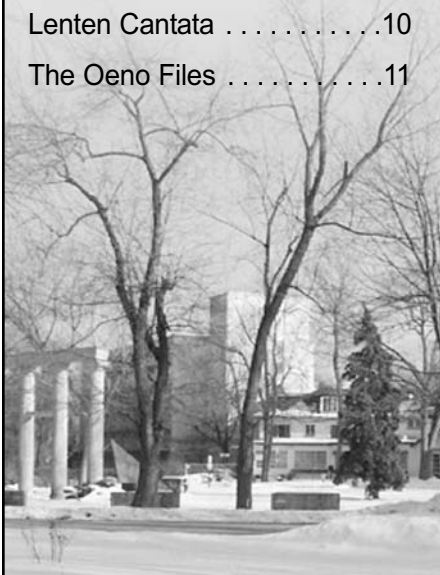


Winter 2007

Guildwood's 50th Anniversary Year

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GVCA Annual General Meeting

**Please join us for the
Guildwood Village Community
Association 2006/2007
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
at
Church of the Holy Trinity
85 Livingston Road**

**Guest Speaker – Superintendent Paul Gottschalk
Toronto Police, 43 Division
Topic: Affairs related to the Guildwood community
with special emphasis on graffiti**

Other agenda items are

- **President's, Treasurer's and other Committee Reports**
- **Election of Officers**
- **Community Announcements**

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Shoreline Clean UpGisela Bach

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- Winter Edition – January 31**
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- Summer Edition – May 31**
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Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with any submissions you wish returned.

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

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 any time. The messages are checked on a regular basis:

416 410 2755



2007 Guildwood Village Community Association Membership Application

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Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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Membership can be purchased at **East Scarborough Physiotherapy**, 84 Dearham Wood, or **Parkway Travel & Cruise**, Guildwood Shopping Centre, or

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



President's Message

Sadly, I must report the resignation of our President, Michele Ade. Michele's professional work has increased more than tenfold over the past six months and she has found herself unable to meet all her commitments. We will miss her leadership and understand her decision. I hope that you will take an opportunity to wish Michele the best in all of her endeavours.

That leaves me, as Vice President, to be acting President of your association for the remainder of this fiscal year. Our Executive Committee has unanimously encouraged and endorsed me to take on this added role. I have respectfully agreed, and so here I am writing this message as President.

We must report that Debbie Cameron, our long time editor of the *News & Views*, has retired from the position due to the pressures of her other commitments. We will sorely miss Debbie. We are pleased to report that her assistant Judy Baribeau has agreed to replace Debbie as the editor. As you have seen from the last issue, Judy's work has been excellent. We welcome Judy in her new capacity.

Guildwood Day 2007

It has been a very busy autumn for your association. We have been recruiting volunteers to work on Guildwood Day, our Membership Drive and a number of other activities. I can report success in finding someone to coordinate Guildwood Day. Noreen Jivraj has agreed to take this position. Please let's all support her in

this important event, especially since this is our 50th Anniversary.

Guildwood Day 2007 will be held on Saturday, June 2. This year Guildwood Day will be special celebration as it falls in line with the 50th Anniversary of Guildwood Village. We will need as many volunteers as we can get to assist with the planning and execution of the special day. Please contact us at the GVCA infoline 416-410-2755 to indicate your willingness to help. See you all on June 2.

Other Events

We still need many volunteers for our Membership Drive this spring. Please contact Judy-Anne Tumber to show your commitment to our association; it won't take much of your time.

The date for the annual Guildwood Garage Sale is Saturday, May 26.

We are working with the Toronto Historical Board to create a 50th Anniversary Commemorative plaque in the parkette at Guildwood Parkway and Prince Philip. We plan the unveiling for our actual anniversary date later this summer.

We are also working with the Toronto and Region Conservation Board for The Living City to ensure that the community is kept abreast of any and all developments within and around the community.

In addition we have been able to make a successful transition with our communications from the Offices of Councillor David Soknacki to

Councillor Paul Ainslie. We look forward to a long and successful relationship with Councillor Ainslie.

Graffiti

Two of our Primary schools were struck with graffiti this autumn, and thanks to the persistence of some members of our Executive Committee and our new School Trustee, Nadia Bello, the offending graffiti was removed. Let's try to rid our community of all the graffiti that's out there. Allowing graffiti on our streets, no matter how small, gives the message to our children and neighbors that we don't care, and I know most of us do care about our community. Please read the article about graffiti in this edition (Page 9).

Advertising in News & Views

Do you like the advertisements in the *News & Views*? Have you noticed the ads? We have received very little feedback regarding our change to paid advertising in our newsletter. We are conducting a review to see if this will continue as a new revenue stream for the GVCA. Your input is valued.

Annual General Meeting

Finally, don't forget to join us for our Annual General Meeting, on March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Trinity. We hope that you all can attend. Nominations are also being sought for positions on our Executive Committee. If you are interested, please email me or phone our infoline.

*Respectfully,
John Harris, President (Acting)*



Guildwood Calendar

Please note the following upcoming Guildwood events on your calendars and plan to participate as you are able.

- **March 27** – GVCA Annual General Meeting at Church of the Holy Trinity, 7:00 p.m.
- **April 27-May 13** – Membership Drive
- **May 26** – Guildwood Garage Sale Day
- **June 2** – Guildwood Day – Rain or Shine
- **July 8** – Day in the Gardens of Guildwood
- **August 11 or 12** – Voices of the Guild

Canadian Study Tours 2007 Program – Opportunity to Host Japanese Students

During the last week in July 2005 and 2006 you may have noticed a group of about 30 young Japanese girls around Guildwood. They have visited our Village for the past two years and will again this year. This tour is done in partnership with Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute where Laurier students assist in teaching the guests.

This year from July 23-August 3 (11 nights) we have an opportunity to host students in our homes. Host families are asked to provide safe, friendly and comfortable homes for young ladies (16-17 years of age). They will study English and go on local field trips weekdays from 8:30 to 5:00 and enjoy time interacting with their host Canadian

families evenings and the weekend. Compensation will be paid. If you are interested, please contact Ken Bole by email at cdnst@rogers.com to arrange for an interview.

We hosted two students in our home last year and enjoyed learning about them while they learned about life in Canada and met friends and neighbours in our community. We have kept in touch with them and look forward to the time when we can meet with them again, and possibly their families. Please consider hosting a student or two this year. It is a wonderful opportunity.

Judy and Gerard Baribeau



East Scarborough Physiotherapy

Car accident Injuries

Being in a Car accident is always a traumatic experience but even more so if you are injured. The severity of your injuries are dependant on many factors. Sometimes relatively minor accidents can cause more serious injuries than more severe accidents depending on simple things, like your head position at the time of impact.

The new laws concerning car insurance claims, allows most people to begin treatment very quickly, and rejection of coverage has become extremely rare.

One of the biggest concerns for the patient, is to find a clinic that is very convenient to go to, since you will likely be coming frequently for treatment (depending on the injury). You will also want to find a clinic where you will be comfortable, both with the setting and the staff. Many people along the way (doctors, insurance adjusters, insurance brokers, even tow truck operators) may suggest clinics for you, but be aware that it is always your choice which clinic you go to. Only you have your own best interests as a first priority.

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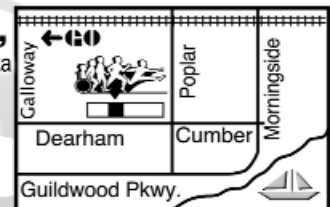
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From Paul Ainslie, Councillor, Ward 43...

My January calendar proved to be a very busy month, and February is shaping up to be much the same. I have with pleasure taken on roles at City Hall as the Vice Chair of the Budget Committee, as well as being named to sit on several boards and committees including the TRCA, Rouge Valley, the Guild Renaissance Group, the General Government Committee, the Toronto Public Library Board, the Toronto Atmospheric Fund and the Striking Committee.

Guild Inn Revitalization

The Guild Inn Revitalization plans look positive. It is my understanding from City staff in our Economic Development Department an operator for the Guild Inn has indeed been secured. We are just trying to clear up some legal work which will allow the company to be named publicly. City staff is positive that all of the loose ends should be tied up very soon. When this is done I will notify the community.

Portia Street Project

The developer of the Portia Street infill project (<http://www.intracorp.ca/index.html>) has obtained his demolition permit from the City and taken down the four homes on the north side of Portia Street. He has kept his word to both the City and residents living on adjacent Tivoli Court and used part of a large pile of dirt at the end of Portia, behind homes on Tivoli, to backfill the holes left in the ground where the four houses once stood. This pile has been rather irksome to residents on Tivoli who had seen their rear views blocked.

An item to approve the application to build the eight new homes for the extension of Portia Avenue will be on the agenda of the next meeting of Scarborough Community Council. The zoning and conditions for this section were approved by Council in February

2002 in conjunction with the land use study and OPA. Several meetings were held with residents, the Guildwood Community Village Association, City Staff and Councillor David Soknacki. The new homes on Portia will be in proportion to the new homes being built on the current empty lot as the same developer will be constructing all the homes. Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this project.

Shoreline Cleanup

Gisela Bach, who co-ordinates successful shoreline cleanups each year along the Scarborough Bluffs, is taking to heart the task of halting the dumping of shopping carts across the City. She is seeking a City of Toronto by-law holding store owners responsible for their shopping carts. She would settle for a sign reminding shoppers that taking the carts from store property is theft, and they can be criminally charged for it.

Festival of Lights Award

Ward 43 Festival of Lights Recognition Awards went to 180 decorated homes throughout the area this past holiday season. Beautifying our community brings much life to the neighbourhood which encourages all of us to be good neighbours. I will visit the ward throughout the year and will recognize residents for their beautiful front gardens during the summer months. If you would like one of your neighbours to be recognized, please contact Peter Sinclair at my office.

Lifesaving Water Safety Programs

The City of Toronto and its two school boards are joining forces to bring lifesaving water safety programs to grade school students. The Lifesaving Society Swim to Survive Initiative is a three-part crash course on drowning prevention was piloted last year to 600 Toronto area students and went off without a hitch.

The schools involved in Ward 43 are: St. Martin de Porres, St. Edmund Campion, Eastview JPS, Guildwood JPS, and St. Margaret's JPS.

Neighbourhood Beautification Projects

Clean and Beautiful Neighbourhood Beautification Project applications are due in June. This program is an opportunity for your community for murals, cleaning and greening projects, i.e. planting; creation of neighbourhood signs (entrances); art depicting neighbourhood expression, or enhancing a specific area in need of attention. As part of this program, the City provides \$1,500 to each ward toward a selected beautification project. Our office will collect the applications for the committee and submit them on your behalf. Information for the project can be found on the city website at <http://city-dev.city.toronto.on.ca/cleanand-beautiful/index.htm>.

Community Parks

Along with City Staff, I visited the parks in the riding to determine their condition and what is needed to enhance them. The Guildwood community enjoys Sylvan Park, Elizabeth Simcoe Park, South Marine Park, Guildwood Village Park, Poplar Park, Morningside Avenue Park, Rowatson Park, Spencer and Rosa Clark Parkette and Grey Abbey Park.

I welcome your comments on any municipal matter and the opportunity to be of service. My website at www.paulainslie.com, contains information on local organizations and news and events at City Hall. You can communicate by email at councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; telephone me at 416 396 7222, or send a fax to 416 392 4006. Alternatively you can visit Joan Bannister, my Constituency Assistant, on the second floor of the Scarborough Civic Centre. ♦

Day in the Gardens of Guildwood

This year we celebrate the fifth annual garden tour in Guildwood on July 8. If history holds true, we will have a warm, sunny day. We invite all of you to join us in either visiting the gardens on view or even better, volunteering to show your gardens. Let us know if you would like to show your garden; or if you would like to recommend someone's garden, we will contact them to see if they are willing to show their garden.

Each year we include new and revisited gardens – in fact, we get requests from our guests wondering if a favourite garden is on display again this year. Our gardens are all unique, mostly designed by the homeowners and show a lot of variety. We have had no reports of damage or theft from previous tours so there is little risk in showing your garden.

Watch for flyers in the various merchants' windows around Guildwood, on the Guildwood messageboard, and on our website showing the locations where you can purchase your tour guides. Please invite your friends from outside the community to join you in viewing our gardens. Join us for a wonderful afternoon in Guildwood.

Gerard and Judy Baribeau
416 264 4527
gandjbaribeau@rogers.com

Volunteers Needed to Canvass for Annual Membership Drive

Do you have a few hours to spare? We need more area coordinators and canvassers for our annual Membership Drive. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with your neighbours and to support the work of the Guildwood Village Community Association.

We thank the many residents who have canvassed over the years – from the students who are accumulating Community hours to our octogenarian who still canvasses his street.

We also have a special request for all who live in our apartment buildings and condos. We need your support. We are looking for a coordinator for each building. Please contact me for more information or if you are willing to help out.

Judy-Anne Tumber, Membership Chair
416 264 6016

Girl Guides

Girls like Guides. I know because I am one. Girl Guides is fun in many ways.

We go to camp. We go to different camps (winter, summer, spring, etc.). We sleep in bunk beds. We do lots of crafts, games and other very fun stuff. The leaders are very nice. I know because my mom is a leader. The camps are sleep-away camps.

In January we went to winter camp. We slept in cabins. We went skiing, snow shoeing and we really liked tobogganing. The hill at the camp we went to was bigger than Guildwood Junior Public School. We had a campfire outside which was really fun even though it was cold. Camp was so much fun.

At the end of March we are going to the Ontario Science Centre and are going to be sleeping over among the exhibits. I know it will be fun because when I was in Brownies I did it and it was totally fun. You get to play in the exhibits; we get to see an IMAX movie; we get a snack and we get to do experiments. In the morning they give us a yummy breakfast. It is going to be totally awesome.

At the end of April we will go to Horse Camp. I've never been to Horse Camp before. I bet it will be fun. They tell us that you get to sleep in covered wagons. You get to ride horses and learn how to take care of them. That is going to be wickedly awesome, I bet.

Girls are with other girls their age (well sort of the same age). We play games, do crafts, and more. I think girl guides is very, very, very, very, much fun. I make lots of new friends at Girl Guides.

If you would like more information on how to become a Girl Guide, send an email to torontoguides@yahoo.ca.

Emily Cameron –
Grade 4

Message from Mary Anne Chambers

Member of Provincial Parliament for Scarborough East

Fourth Annual Youth Career Fair

I am pleased to announce that our fourth annual Youth Career Fair will be held Saturday, February 24, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the University of Toronto at Scarborough, located on the southeast corner of Military Trail and Ellesmere Road. The organizing committee is comprised of a number of individuals and community service organizations, all of whom share my commitment to assisting the youth of Scarborough. We are committed to providing a day of opportunity which will encourage our youth to consider some of the career options available to them.

Our objectives are to help them become aware of the range of summer and permanent employment opportunities and support services available and to provide them with some basic information on preparing for postsecondary education and apprenticeship opportunities, applying for a job and presenting themselves during the interview process. There will be workshops on résumé writing, interview skills and dressing for success, as well as presentations on a variety of career options.

This year, we will also provide opportunities for both youth and adults to learn about the benefits of mentorship and

how they can get involved, including a workshop hosted by Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto. I am pleased to inform you that this year's Career Fair will have some exciting new participants, thanks to the generosity and commitment of organizations and individuals eager to share their areas of expertise to the benefit of our youth. Some of the workshops and booths featured at this year's Career Fair include an accountant and a lawyer who will provide information on careers in their fields, and a booth on Mental Health and Well-Being presented by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

Investing in Health: New Birthing Centre in Scarborough

Rouge Valley Health System will be home to the only Advanced Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in the east Greater Toronto Area, expected to open in 2008. The provincial government is the primary financial supporter of the birthing centre, which will include 16 labour, delivery, recovery and postpartum rooms, New Advanced Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, 21 additional postpartum beds for longer stays, four private care-by-parent rooms, a family lounge, and two overnight hostel rooms. The centre will offer a modern birthing experience, allowing a mother

and her family to remain in the same private room for labour, delivery, recovery and postpartum care. The facility will place the hospital's Maternal Newborn and Neonatal Intensive Care Units adjacent to each other, providing for an

integrated, family-centred birthing experience. Residents of Scarborough can feel proud of the outstanding commitment and professional skills of the nurses, physicians, and other medical, technical, administrative and support staff who provide exceptional care for patients at Rouge Valley Health System. Please visit www.rougevalley.ca/growth/birthing for more details.

Improvements in Education

I would like to share some of the achievements which have resulted from your provincial government's commitment to improving education:

■ **Reduced Primary Class Size:** Currently, about two-thirds (64%) of Ontario's primary classes have 20 students or fewer, compared to only 31% in 2002-2003.

■ **Improved Literacy and Numeracy:** Nearly 900 schools had at least 75% of students achieving the provincial standard in Grade 6 reading in 2005-06, compared with fewer than 450 schools in 2002-03.

■ **Increased Graduation Rate:** Six thousand more students are graduating each year, up from 68% in 2003-04 to 71% in 2004-05. Students taking co-operative education rose by 22%, which is an increase of more than 15,000 students from 2003-04 to 2004-05.

■ **Increased Respect for Educators:** There have been no significant labour disruptions (strike or work-to-rule) since 2003, compared with a total of 26.5 million lost school days during 1995-2003.

If I can be of any assistance, please 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. ♦

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Guildwood Day – June 2 Volunteers Needed

June is just around the corner and you know what that means – Guildwood Day – the biggest and most anticipated event in the community. This year's is Saturday, June 2 – Rain or Shine. What's so special about this year, you ask? Well, it is the 50th year of Guildwood Village.

To take full advantage of this event, make sure you purchase your annual Association membership. Membership lets you and your family be part of an awesome event – free for the festivities and evening barbecue.

We will get the party started with the parade. The parade is for everybody. Do you have an antique car you want to show off? Are you a local business who wants to promote your services? Do it by marching in the parade with a snazzy float or banner. For the kids, get your

creative minds working on how you're going to decorate your bikes. Prizes go to the most creative girl and boy. How about all you dog lovers? Do you want to show everyone why your pride and joy is the most perfect pooch? (Please ensure that they are on a leash at all times.) Just about anything can be part of this parade. Again this year will we have the honour of our local politicians participating in the parade.

We will have great events at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate and lots of fun for everyone. Back by popular demand will be the games, the bouncing castle and prizes for the little ones. There may be a few new additions. There will be various vendors, so bring a little extra money and support our local talent.

In the evening, at approximately 6 p.m., at the grounds of the Guild Inn

will be an evening of entertainment and food. Bring a blanket or chairs and get comfortable. With your membership card you and your family can enjoy an evening with music, dancing, great conversations and unlimited barbecue.

Now you ask, how can I participate in this event?

First of all volunteer for some portion of the day.

Second, donate a prize or gift certificate – we would more than appreciate any small or large donation.

Third, if you would like to be a part of the parade, to keep it organized, please do your best to contact us in advance.

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please call the info line at 416 410-2755 or contact Noreen Jivraj (Guildwood Day Coordinator) at 416 266-5169.

Noreen Jivraj

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Graffiti In Guildwood

The Guildwood community is seeing a steep increase in the amount of graffiti – on postal boxes, buildings at the Guild Inn site, playground equipment, and local school buildings. The most common type of graffiti in Guildwood is “tagging” – stylized writing of individuals’ names. If the tagging is done in blue or red (Crip and Blood gang colours), or intended to send a particular warning message, or establish territory, it may be gang related.

Whether committed by frustrated artists or gang members, graffiti is an act of vandalism, and therefore a crime, according to the Toronto Police Service.

The Toronto Police Services “Combat Graffiti” brochure states that when graffiti enters a neighborhood, property values may decrease, and it can be a precursor to increased criminal activity because its presence sends a message that those who live in a community do not care about its condition.

When, as residents, we fail to report graffiti to the police, and to responsible authorities like the Toronto school boards, utility companies, and the Post Office and/or our city Councillor, and demand that it be removed, we are sending the wrong message about our community to both those committing the vandalism and to local criminals.

Residents of Guildwood can do their part to address this problem. Police should be called immediately when residents see any type of suspicious behaviour. A clear description of the individuals involved and their vehicles, including model, color, and license numbers is helpful to the police.

Graffiti needs to be removed quickly – between 24 and 48 hours is best according to the City of Toronto. Good lighting, video cameras, and most of all

a strong community presence are the most effective ways of deterring this type of vandalism and other types of criminal activity.

Those wishing to report graffiti crime should do so immediately upon discovering it to 43 Division – 416 808-4300. If the graffiti is on school property, it should be reported right away to the Toronto School Board at 416 397-3000. If the graffiti is on City property, it should be reported to 416 39CLEAN – the Graffiti Abatement Program. If no

action is taken, residents should contact Councillor Paul Ainslie’s office at 416 396-7222.

More information from Toronto Police Service is available online at <http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/graffiti/brochure2001.pdf> and at the City of Toronto website – http://www.toronto.ca/graffiti/abatement_program.htm.

Patricia Spindel

Community Food Bank Drive and Candy Cane Hunt a Success

The GVCA sponsored a successful Community Food Bank Drive at the corner of Guildwood Parkway and Livingston Road on the weekend of December 9 and 10. The event raised approximately \$400 in donations and 400 pounds of food for the West Hill Food Bank.

The highlight attraction was the Children’s Candy Cane hunt, which happened on December 9. The cost of admission for each child was a Food Bank donation. The children were given a passport and they were required to find the 12 Candy Cane stations. Their passport was stamped each time they found one of the Candy Cane stations. When they found all the Candy Cane stations, they were rewarded with a yummy candy cane and a hot chocolate. Approximately 100 children participated in the hunt. The children worked hard but based on their smiles and excitement, it was apparent they all enjoyed themselves.

We would like to thank all the people who donated or helped in any way to make this event a success and in particular the following:

- Church of the Holy Trinity for allowing us to use their property as well as sharing an electrical outlet.
- Valu-mart for donating the hot chocolate and cups.
- Bank of Montreal for providing the event flyers.
- Gerard Baribeau for making the hot chocolate.

We are currently planning for an even more successful Food Bank Drive this coming December, which will include a Children’s Candy Cane Hunt and possibly other attractions.

We welcome any ideas that you might have on improving this event.

Thanks.

*Tammy Macklin and
Dennis Reinsborough*

Guildwood Village 2007 Calendars



For some there was good news and for others there was bad news concerning the 2007 calendars. Due to a busy personal schedule I had not managed to accumulate a sufficient quantity of Guildwood photos during the year to create the Village through the seasons calendar. However, the collection of pictures taken in the 14 Gardens of Guildwood in July 2006 contained images I felt were appropriate for the Gardens of Guildwood version. So there was only the one version. I apologize to anyone who sought in vain for the usual Village calendar. I will try to have enough pictures for both in time for the 2008 calendars.

There were fourteen entrants in 2006; a number that prompted me to add an extra month - January 2008. Every garden entered in the tour was represented. The quality of the printing was excellent and they received many compliments, which was gratifying. In all, 79 calendars were sold.

I was fortunate to receive sales help from two businesses: Chris Musselman and her staff at Parkway Travel and Cruise located on the Guildwood Plaza, volunteered their services once again and Kathy Moloney, the proprietress of The Village Tea Room, located in the Cliffcrest Plaza. Kathy is a resident of

the Village and an enthusiastic supporter of the GVCA.

Posters displayed by many of the local businesses and on the Plaza Message Board were supplemented by information posted on the GVCA Website. My sincere thanks to all of them for their valuable assistance. Specifically:

■ Poster Display

Brinkof's Valu-mart; CIBC; Guildwood Cleaners & Tailors; Guildwood Dollar & Discount; Guildwood IDA Drug Mart; Guildwood Kitchen Food Fair; Guildwood Plaza Message Board; Guildwood Public Library; Lady Guild Beauty Centre; Muddy Paws in the Guild; and The Quilting Patch.

■ Publicity and Sales

Parkway Travel & Cruise; The Village Tea Room; and Andrew Macklin (GVCA Web Master).

My thanks also to all who purchased one or more calendars.

John Mitchell

Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church Presentation

The Crucifixion

On March 31, 7:30 p.m., the Senior Choir along with several guest soloists conducted by Music Director Carmine Lappano and accompanied by organist Rick Humphrey will present "The Crucifixion" by J. Stainer. This musical meditation soulfully reflects the Passion of the Lenten season.

Following a brief intermission with refreshments, Lappano, along with five of the guest male vocalists, will perform more wonderful Lenten choral music.

The church is located at 140 Guildwood Parkway. Tickets are \$15 each and will be available for purchase at the door or in advance from choir members. ♦

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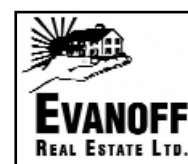
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The Oeno-Files

Shopping at the LCBO by Country or Region

As you know, every LCBO store has its wines displayed by country. In order to help you find the best wine available at our local LCBO, I've put together this handy little list of what's best from each region.

Ontario, Canada: Always look for the letters VQA on the capsule (the covering of the top and neck of the bottle). VQA stands for Vintners Quality Assurance, but what it really means is that the grapes that have made the wine are indeed Canadian. The VQA is NOT a guarantee of good taste, simply provenance and some guidelines for wine-making. I stick with white wines from Niagara, mainly Rieslings, because of the short growing season. Look for VQA Rieslings from wine makers like Henry of Pelham, Vineland Estates and Cave Springs, and expect to pay \$16 to \$20 for a good off-dry to dry Riesling. You also cannot go wrong with an Ontario Vidal or Riesling Ice Wine for \$45+ dollars for a half bottle. Drink an Ice Wine as dessert not with dessert.

California, United States: Known for its very expensive red wines, both Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir; good one's start at \$30 and go up to a few hundred per bottle. There are less expensive Cab's and Pinot's from California but they are, in my opinion, not worth the cash. Instead, look to California for excellent Merlot's and Zinfandel's (reds) and Chardonnay's and Fume Blanc's (whites) that won't break the bank. Look for names like Rodney Strong, Ravenswood, Beringer and Mondavi. For real quality bargains, look for Merlot's from Washington State.

France: Known the world over for their Bordeaux (Clarets) and Burgundy wines at tremendous prices. I'd shy away from these famous growing regions and look a bit south to the Languedoc for some of the best bargains at the LCBO. Instead of regional blends, the winemakers of Languedoc have focused on varietals, the reds of Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot and the whites of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier. I'd recommend wines from Skalli and the modern styles from Fortant.

Australia and New Zealand: Wines from Australia are crowding the shelves at the LCBO, and for only one reason, great taste at moderate prices. The Aussies have found the secret to the wine hearts of us North Americans, lots of fruit flavour and enough alcohol to make their wines seem a bit sweet. It's easy to find a Shiraz or a Cabernet Sauvignon from Australia, but to be sure of the flavour, stick to the wines made by Wolf Blass, Peter Lehmann and Wynn's. The Aussies are also making some great, reasonably priced whites from Chardonnay and Riesling grapes. For these, look for Lindeman's, Yellow Tail and Wolf Blass.

New Zealand has become a world leader in wine making from the Sauvignon Blanc grape. You'll love the citrusy, fresh cut grass aromas and tastes along with the classic, thicker texture that the better Kiwi whites offer. Look for Villa Maria, Stoneleigh and Babich (and my pick below).

Next time I'll write about the wines of Italy, Spain and Portugal. Cheers!!!



Picks for this edition:

Try an "Old World" Pinot Noir that won't break the bank:

BOUCHARD AINE & FILS BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR, from France, LCBO #665406, \$16.95 I rate it 87 points, sadly, it doesn't get much better in this price range for a real Burgundy.

For a real treat, try a California Cab that's the best bargain at the LCBO right now, it's in the Vintages section:

LIBERTY SCHOOL CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 2004, VINTAGES ESSENTIALS #738823, \$18.95 I rate this 90 points, and it'll give you some great aromas and flavours. Have it with a beef or lamb dinner.

... and a wine from New Zealand with a great name (somewhat descriptive of the wine, but don't let it frighten you away):

CAT'S PEE ON A GOOSEBERRY BUSH, SAUVIGNON BLANC, LCBO #606384, \$13.80

I rate it 87 points, it's a great way to complement a meal of grilled salmon, with asparagus and garlic mashed potatoes.

Harry Spindel



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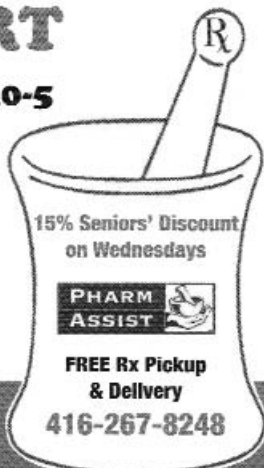
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