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Hayley Macneil stands beside her acrylic on canvas titled "Angelina" during an Aurora High School Grade 12 art exhibition held at the Aurora Cultural Centre last week. The Aurora resident was one of several who displayed everything from paintings, photography, sculpture to fashion at the show. See additional photo on Page 12.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Day in court wasn't

The long-scheduled January 13 hearing in the \$6 million lawsuit former mayor Phyllis Morris took out against three local bloggers, among others, failed to materialise last week after lawyers for Ms. Morris failed to file a motion confirmation notice.

The news of the error came on the Wednesday prior to the hearing. The hearing is now scheduled for March 15.

"I think what happened was that they forgot to confirm the motion and that is something that happens in practice and you make do with that situation," said Jordan Goldblatt, lawyer for the three named in the lawsuit – Richard Johnson, Elizabeth Bishenden, and former councillor Bill Hogg.

The case, which recently lost the authorization of Town Council, cutting the use of taxpayer dollars to fund Ms. Morris' suit, recently gained the involvement of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association as interveners to fight what

has been described as a Norwich order – compelling a third party to reveal the identities of anonymous posters on the Aurora Citizen Blog.

For Mr. Hogg, last week's error is indicative of the urgency of the case.

"It is disappointing that given the supposed urgency that Phyllis has to

getting this Norwich order endorsed that somehow they have forgotten to submit the right paperwork, which gives you a sense of just how important this is and such a sense of urgency this is," he said.

Mr. Hogg maintains that this is

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Concert planned for children of woman killed Christmas Eve

The York Regional Police Male Chorus will perform a one-hour benefit concert for the children of Jennifer Salandy, the 37-year-old mother of three who died early Christmas morning at Southlake Regional Health Centre as a result of an accident while she attempted to exit the parking lot of the hospital Christmas Eve afternoon.

The chorus will perform in Newmarket at Crossland Church on Millard Avenue West, just west of

Yonge Street.

The benefit is slated to be held Sunday, January 23rd beginning at 2.30 p.m.

There are 400 tickets available and they cost \$10 each.

Advance tickets are available by phoning York Regional Police Community Services at 905-830-0303 extension 6709 or in Aurora at 905-727-9676.

Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the concert.

Historian plans series of Aurora discussions

Aurora's distant and more recent history will come alive once again beginning this week at the Aurora Cultural Centre in an inaugural series of discussions and presentations hosted by local historian Jackie Stuart.

Ms. Stuart, who was curator of the Aurora Museum for 25 years, has called her series: "Our Aurora Heritage: Taking a Closer Look."

The first lecture on Wednesday, entitled "Looking Through the Layers: Clues to Aurora's Past in Our Present Surroundings" looks at changes in topography and compares past and present photos of many Aurora buildings.

That lecture is followed with

the second instalment on Wednesday, February 15, dubbed "A Virtual Mystery Tour of Aurora", which asks residents how well they know their Town.

The final scheduled instalment of this inaugural series is "Tomorrow's Heritage" which seeks to remind residents that "what we view as 'heritage' today was once new."

"I decided to talk about aspects of our heritage which can be seen, recognized by the newest newcomer to Town, our physical surroundings, and concentrating on our built environment rather than our natural environment, although that will come up to some extent," said Ms. Stuart.

"This is really talking about the buildings around us and how we can get some clues to Aurora's past, past appearance, the history of things by looking at those buildings which survive."

The lectures come after what Ms. Stuart describes as "25 years of preparation" as curator of the museum.

"During those 25 years I took lots of pictures and the museum, now the Historical Society, acquired numbers of old pictures donated to the Society and many of those were converted into slides," she said. "I have been putting together very much a picture-based presentation using those old slides."

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Briefly

Silent auction

"This January, Put a 'Spring' in Your Step!" is a silent auction fundraiser to mark the wrap-up of the CHATS 2011 Walk for Wellness – a 40 kilometre virtual walk to raise funds for seniors' programs and services in our community.

This is a free event, including food and soft drinks, and is open to the public.

Silent auction items will feature donations from local businesses and artists including a wood in-lay picture, photographic wall art, a Eureka tent, Dell printer, hand-crafted jewellery, beautiful gift baskets, one-hour field time at the Aurora Sports Dome, golf at Delta Rocky Crest, and more.

The event takes place Sunday, January 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. at CHATS, 126 Wellington Street West, Suite 103, Aurora.

For more information, call CHATS, 905-713-6596.

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COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19
The Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, presents the first in a three-lecture series "Our Aurora Heritage: Taking a Closer Look", an informative series of evening chats by local historian Jacqueline Stuart. Tonight's feature is Looking Through the Layers: Clues to Aurora's Past in Our Present Surroundings. Complimentary admission and refreshments, no registration required; starts at 7 p.m. Wheelchair accessible at north entrance. For information phone 905-713-1818 or e-mail info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20
The first Aurora Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast of the New Year, sponsored by Honsberger Physiotherapy, is this morning at St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club, 4 Pinnacle Trail, from 7.30 a.m. to 9 a.m. These popular breakfasts feature a hot buffet breakfast, formal networking, and a business card exchange. Cost to Chamber members is \$20, or \$30 for guests.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22
Opening Reception for Dorothy Clark McClure "Then and Now" artist display, happens today at the Aurora Cultural Centre (formerly Church Street School) from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dorothy will be in attendance.

Robbie Burns Night at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North, features a live celtic-rock band, Hadrian's Wall. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets, available from all members of the White Heather Pipes and Drums band or from the bar at the Legion starting Dec. 1, are \$40 per person.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 25
Movie at the Seniors' Centre is "Wall Street 2" (PG-13; 133 min) starring Michael Douglas, Shia LeBeouf and Susan Sarandon. Movie starts at 6.30 p.m. sharp and the cost is \$1.50 for members and \$2 for non-members. Cost includes the movie, refreshments and treats.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26
The Aurora Chamber of Commerce is hosting an information session, "How to Manage Your Small Business Electricity Costs with Time-of-Use Rates" at the Aurora Public Library in the Magna Room, from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. tonight. The event is sponsored by PowerStream, and is open to the public. Cost is complimentary.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27
Aurora Seniors' Centre presents a day at a casino and bingo hall. Participants will get a \$10 slot voucher which can be used at Georgian Downs and a \$15 bingo play package to be used at the Boardwalk Gaming Centre in Barrie. Free lunch is also provided at the bingo centre. Cost for the day is \$20. For further information to sign up, visit the reception centre at the seniors' building or contact Michelle Stemer at 905-727-3123, extension 3611 or via e-mail at mstemer@e-aurora.ca.

Newmarket-Aurora MP Lois Brown holds a Pre-Budget Consultation meeting to hear your suggestions for the upcoming federal budget

today at the Aurora Municipal Offices, 1 Municipal Drive in Aurora, at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome but presenters need to register ahead of time at 905-953-7515 or Brown.L@parl.gc.ca.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28
Opening night at Theatre Aurora for "A Streetcar Named Desire" the classical play by Tennessee Williams, set in New Orleans, which has challenged and entertained audiences through the years with unforgettable characters Blanche du Bois, Stella and Stanley Kowalski. Produced by Special Arrangement with Dramatists Play Service. Play continues January 29, February 3, 4, 5, 6 (matinee), 9, 10, 11 and 12.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Today is the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Ski Day 11 at Osler Bluff Ski Club near Collingwood. Tickets are \$115 and the cost includes bus transportation, lift ticket, lunch and après ski.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Are you ready for some heat? Warm up with classical guitar music performed by Robert Carullo. Tracie and Daniel will dance the Tango, Rhumba and Salsa in full costume and singer/actor Brent Titcomb will be featured in Bessada and Arbic's original short play, How Raven Stole the Sun. This is a fundraiser for the Yellow Brick House Second Shelter, Second Chances Capital Campaign. Tickets for the show at the Aurora Cultural Centre are available online at www.pandorasboxsalon.com or by calling 289-221-0229. They are \$35 adult; \$25 student/senior; or \$95 for a family of four.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21
The annual Arctic Adventure takes place in the Town Park today and is an opportunity to bundle up and take in some great outdoor activities such as dog sled rides, snow shoeing, skating, live entertainment, professional ice carving, fire-eating demonstration, chili cook-off and "snow" much more. The event begins at 10 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m. For further information, check the Town website at e-aurora.ca/arcticadventure.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24
The Aurora Chamber of Commerce hosts the Mayor's Luncheon today. Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe will be the keynote speaker and will talk about the Town's development of a new strategic plan and what that will mean for businesses in Aurora. The luncheon, sponsored by the Character Community Foundation of York Region, is being held at the Tuscany Event Centre, 222 Edward St., Aurora. Networking starts at 11.30 a.m., followed by lunch. Cost is \$40 for Chamber members and \$50 for guests – all are welcome but you must pre-register. Showcase tables are also available for \$30 at this event.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Bowl For Kids Sake, presented by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, will hold its Aurora Community Day today from 1 to 5.30 p.m. at the Gateway Café and Lanes. Call Mary Lynn Stephenson at 905-726-2149, extension 305 to book a lane for your team.

Explore different colours, textures and designs in glass with Daniela Weston while you create your own unique stained glass sun catcher at the Aurora Public Library. Event costs \$15 which includes all materials and is open for youngsters ages 9 to 14. Event lasts two hours and begins at 1.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
Retired York Regional Police Chief Armand

La Barge will be honoured by the Community Living Newmarket/Aurora District at its ninth annual Community Tribute Dinner tonight. The event will be held at The Manor, Carrying Place Golf & Country Club, 16750 Weston Road in Kettleby. The dinner is the major fundraising event of the year for Community Living and all proceeds will go to support people who have an intellectual disability. Tickets are \$125 each (\$1,000 for a table of eight) and can be purchased online through the Community Living website at www.clnad.com or by calling 905-898-3000, ext. 258.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
Embarrassed by your bare wrists? Get beading! Show off your sense of style with a unique beaded backpack pin and a fashionable suede bracelet made at the Aurora Public Library from 6.30 to 8 p.m. This program is for youngsters aged 9 to 14 and costs \$8 which includes all materials.

SATURDAY, MAY 14
"I Love Rock & Roll" dinner dance takes place this evening at DiNardo's Mansion on Industrial Parkway South beginning at 6 p.m. Dance to the music of Freddie Vette and The Flames and meet and have your picture taken with Elvis Presley, who is really Kevin Mills from Richmond Hill. Tickets sell for \$60 a


person, which includes a three-course meal and are available at Aurora Used Books, 95 Edward Street. Proceeds go to the Aurora-Newmarket District of Community Living.

CONTINUING
Trinity Anglican Church "Clothes Closet", located at 44 Metcalfe St., Aurora. is the local source for gently used women's, children's and men's clothing. All monies raised are used to support the needy of Aurora, since it goes directly to the "Welcoming Arms" Ministry. Open weekday mornings, 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. The Bag Sale happens the last Monday of each month.

The Evergreen Choir, under the direction of Richard Heinzle, meets every Wednesday afternoon in the West-McKenzie Hall of the Aurora Seniors' Centre. Members meet at 1.30 p.m. and rehearsals are from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. New members are always welcome. For more information call the desk at 905-726-4767.


The Aurora Probus Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at the Aurora Legion. Memberships consist of retired and semi-retired PROfessional and BUSiness

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