

MARKET MUSINGS

By Jan Freedman

Our third Special Event of the season, Family Day, is now history and it was a wonderful day in all respects. I hope you were able to sample the gorgeous and tasty cake baked by our new bakery, San Nicola Bakery, to help celebrate Family Day.

Our next Special Event will be our annual Community Corn Roast on August 20.

On that day, the Town of Aurora will be honouring several of our long-time volunteers with Community Volunteer Awards. As more details of the day's activities are finalized, I will elaborate in a future column.

Have you noticed a new booth in the park which is full of vibrantly coloured fabric creations? The booth is a collaborative effort on the part of two sisters, Adrienne and Mira and their mom, Eleanor Rinne.

The Rinne family first settled in Aurora in the 1980s and the children attended a number of local schools. Although the daughters have moved around Ontario, Aurora is their hometown where both Eleanor and Adrienne and her family live.

In 2015, Adrienne and Mira began a tradition of a Rinne Craft Day in order to schedule time together to pursue their passions of sewing, quilting and knitting. The day rotates among their three houses and involves crafting, good food and wine and many laughs. Sometimes, a project is completed but their time together is paramount.

The Rinne women are all very creative. Adrienne is a quilter. She finishes and repairs quilts and loves to make custom pieces and memory quilts for her customers. Her quilts have been exhibited in the Distillery District and at the One of a Kind Show. She and her friend, Shannon, made a quilt out of Red Bull cans for the Art of the Can Show in 2012. Their quilt, Toro Toro, made it to the finals and was displayed in Chicago as part of the show.

Mira has recently embraced the art of sewing as a creative outlet after working all day in the city. She creates beautiful receiving blankets in cozy flannels as well as useful wallets and pouches. Each piece is unique and features different thread, fabric, decorative stitching and buttons. She is always making new items for her collection. Mira's fresh style ensures her items work equally well in a modern setting or in a more traditional space, such as her 1903 Brampton farmhouse. She often uses reclaimed silks and novelty cotton prints in her pieces. She thinks that she might actually have a sewing addiction.

Mom, Eleanor, rounds out the Rinne trio. She makes novelty scarves and pretty dishcloths. It seems that her knitting needles never stop moving, even during market time. Recently she chatted to some women about 'arm knitting' and demonstrated to them how it was done including some tips. 'Try it, you'll love it. Here's a YouTube demo that really shows how it works?' she suggests.

This occurs while she is knitting another dishcloth which is quickly picked up by a customer who needed it for the cottage.

Stop by their booth in the park to say 'hi'. They are there on Special Event days only.

Parking.

Undoubtedly you will have noticed that the Town has recently erected signs around the park indicated that several spots are now reserved for permit parking only. While we acknowledge that it can be very frustrating not to be able to find parking easily, the Farmers' Market Committee implores you to refrain from parking in the permit only spots and never to obstruct someone's driveway. We do have a 'Carry Out' service at the market in which one of our volunteers will help you carry your bags to your vehicle. Thank you for your co-operation.

See you at the Market!