



April 12, 2024

The Wee Voice

Newsletter



The
**Donway Covenant
 United Church**



Our Mission

“To follow Jesus by sharing God’s unconditional love as the Spirit empowers us.”

Our Vision

We will follow Jesus...

- **By being a local Christian church within the United Church of Canada; a community anchor for spiritual exploration and growth where life, worship, knowledge, service and song all contribute to our larger story.**
- **By welcoming and involving people of diverse faith, ethnicities, abilities, ages and stages of life, economic situations, sexual orientation and gender identities.**
- **By caring for all members with compassion, empathy and joy.**
- **By acts of service, reaching out to engage and support our community, the country and the world.**
- **By building bridges within our community, as a congregation recognizing the variety of religions and spiritualities in the most diverse city in the world.**
- **By using our facilities for religious, social, cultural, educational, or other programs that reflect our values.**

**We are an AFFIRMING
 Congregation**



Spring Comes Alive

by Shadow Hamilton

Ah Sweet Spring
 The land comes alive
 once more
 with glorious blooms
 of all colours just look
 at the shore
 Full of flowers
 that love the salt breezes
 They dip and frolic
 flirting away joyously

The hills are ablaze
 with wild flowers
 so sweetly scented
 wafting it down to us
 we surrounding all
 with heavenly aroma
 basking us letting us know
 we are alive

Lush grasses grow
 to give us sweet hay
 allowing us to take care
 of our stock animals
 trees full of vibrant leaves
 of greens
 with birds in their midst
 singing with joy

Feel the hot rush
 of blood as you stroll by
 passions rising
 as all seek a mate to love
 and continue to multiply
 forming new families
 to go forth and enjoy
 all the spring bounties.



Spring Flowers
 painting by Vera Kavura



The Church Office

is open four days a week
Monday to Thursday,
9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Closed Fridays

If you plan on visiting it is best to 'phone ahead so Emily knows you are coming. If you leave a voice message Emily will get back to you as soon as she is free.

(416) 444 - 8444

The Beauty of Spring

God, give us eyes to see the beauty of the Spring and to behold Your majesty in every living thing. And may we see in lacy leaves and every budding flower the Hand that rules the universe, with gentleness and power. And may this Easter grandeur, that Spring lavishly imparts, awaken faded flowers of faith lying dormant in our hearts. And give us ears to hear, dear God, the Springtime song of birds with messages more meaningful than man's often empty words, telling harried human beings who are lost in dark despair - 'Be like us and do not worry for God has you in His care'. Amen

Helen Steiner Rice

PLEASE....



We would ask that if:

- **you have COVID symptoms, or**
- **you have been in contact with someone who has COVID, or**
- **you have travelled outside the country**

you NOT attend, in person, church events until you have tested negative.

Thank you for your co-operation.

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Acts 3: 12 ~ 19

Luke 24: 36b ~ 48

"Presence Matters"

This week we hear about Cleopas and Simon who are heading to Emmaus from the gospel of Luke. Jesus walks along with them, his identity unbeknownst to them. At first the two fail to recognize him, even as Jesus interprets the scriptures for them.

We then move with Cleopas and his companion where they have just begun telling the eleven disciples about their encounter with Jesus on the road. The text tells us that *"While they were talking about this, Jesus himself appeared among them."* Yet despite having heard the women's story of the tomb and Cleopas' story of the road to Emmaus, the eleven cannot grasp that it is the resurrected Jesus who stands before them. Terrified, they think they are seeing a ghost. They cannot believe that the power of life has overcome the dark shadow of death.



Curiously, Jesus does not begin by explaining the scriptures to them, as he had done with the disciples on the road to Emmaus and as the angels had done with the women at the tomb. Instead, he begins by showing them his hands and feet. Yet, as we will hear, they still struggle to believe that this could actually be their beloved Jesus.

Rev Lorrie Daly-Price



**Missed a service?
Go to our web site and
you can stream it!**

<https://www.donwaycovenant.com/>



My Door Is Always Open

Drop by anytime
during the day,
Monday to Thursday

You should be able to catch me every
morning and some afternoons. Call
ahead to ensure I am at the church.

Lorrie Daly-Price



Springtime is showing itself in the gardens
and slowly greening lawns are appearing. There
is a sense that maybe something new is about
to happen. Maybe, just maybe we will be out in



Urns outside the CE
doors, lovingly tended
to by Ruth Kenny

t-shirts and shorts before
long! But these signs of
spring are a reminder to
us every year as well.

Sometimes I feel bad
for those who live in
warmer climates where
they don't experience the
changing seasons the
way we do. I feel sorry
that they don't get to
experience the growth of
something wonderful right
before their eyes. They
don't get to experience
the wonder of creation.
For I believe springtime is
a celebration of praise to
God our creator and a
reminder of the promise
made to make all things
new.

Lorrie Daly-Price



SERVICES for the EASTER SEASON

Apr 14 3rd Sunday of Easter
10:30 am "Presence Matters"

April 21 4th Sunday of Easter
10:30 am "Earth Day"
Guest preacher:
Rev Pamela McCarroll

April 28 5th Sunday of Easter
10:30 am "Staying Connected"

May 5 6th Sunday of Easter
10:30 am "Love One Another"

May 12 7th Sunday of Easter
10:30 am Guest preacher:
Rev Larry Beech

Join us for Worship in our Sanctuary

The Worship Committee



But It's ONLY April !!



At this rate I will
be enjoying
rhubarb pie,
stewed rhubarb,
rhubarb crumble,
rhubarb coffee
cake.....
by the middle
of May!

Tom Joyce

Two of my six plants

WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE?

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United Church



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION!

EARTH DAY

Tuesday, April 23 at 4 pm in The Living Room

“THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM”

Movie with Sandwich Supper

In this delightful movie . a couple are followed through their successes and failures as they work to develop a sustainable farm on 200 acres outside of Los Angeles.

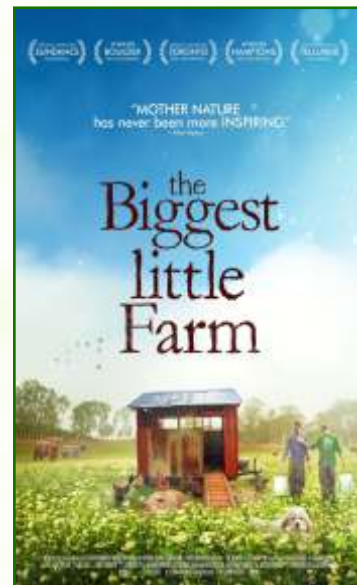
RSVP to the church office by April 18th.

There is NO COST to join us!

CLICK HERE to watch the trailer.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcQKWkpPB3U>

Please join us! The Outreach Committee



EARTH DAY SERVICE: SUNDAY, APRIL 21

EARTH DAY

The **Outreach Committee** invites you to join us for a service to celebrate and pray for our beautiful planet **EARTH** on April 21st with a very special speaker:

Rev. Dr. Pamela McCarroll,
Principal, Jane and Geoffrey Martin Chair
in Practical Theology
at Emmanuel College, University of Toronto

Pam McCarroll joined the faculty at Emmanuel College, U of T, in 2016 as an Associate Professor of Practical Theology. She came to **Emmanuel** after teaching in the area of pastoral theology for eight years at **Knox College** and, prior to that, serving as a Supervisor-Educator at hospitals in Toronto and Hamilton. Pam's major research and teachings have focussed on the lived experience and possibility of hope in contexts of suffering, shaping healing practices and life together as communities and global citizens.

Lately, her research is focusing more on the climate crisis and practical theology and she is offering leadership in the field in this area. She is also teaching, researching and publishing on inter-religious spiritual care and chaplaincy. Pam has also published in the area of spirituality and health, inter-religious spiritual care education, and methodology in practical theology.



We very much look forward to hearing Pam's message of hope, challenge and inspiration as we focus on EARTH DAY!

Vivian Yarwood, Chair
Outreach Committee

April is Earth Month

EARTH DAY

A Drop in the Bucket Planet vs. Plastics One idea at a time for eliminating plastic in our lives

Can you find ways to eliminate plastic from your life?



From the Outreach Committee

Plastic is everywhere. So many of our everyday objects are made from plastic. It seems like a wonderful, versatile material with which to make things until we don't need those things any more. Plastic is filling up our landfills and overwhelming our planet. Now it is not only in our water, in oceans and lakes and rivers, but it is even in the air we breathe. Microplastics can impact temperature, rainfall and even climate change. What can we do about it?

Drop in the Bucket Challenge



But drops upon drops add up. One small idea can lead to many ideas and soon there are possible remedies at hand for all of us to try. We can make a difference to the health of our environment one drop at a time if we challenge ourselves to think and to act.

For the next three Sundays we will collect your ideas in our metal

bucket. At the end of the month we will share our collection in the **Wee VOICE** and on the bulletin board and you can see what suggestions might work for you as we tackle the problem of plastic in our lives together. We will provide paper droplets as you enter church for you to write your ideas on and the bucket will be available to drop them in as you leave.

One gesture from one person may feel **"like a drop in the bucket"** when we consider the vastness of the problem.



My Winter Heart Is Lifting

Ladies' Fellowship
DEVOTIONAL

by Karen Stokes

*My winter heart is lifting, as dreams of spring abound,
Tulips tipped in sunshine, a crocus carpet ground,
A panoply of pansies will display their violet hues
And doubled-headed daffodils will also pay their dues,
Snowdrops will spread gently, and their fragile heads will rise
As hyacinths bring splendor, lilies reach for the skies,
Primroses preen proudly ad irises stand tall;
A floral feast of colour as spring now comes to call.*

Roberta Walker Ernst





Minutes for Mission



SUPPORTING A RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH TO GROWING FOOD

ADES works closely with the community to grow food in a rural region of El Salvador.



Community members show their pride in a successful bean harvest at the Dora Alicia Sorto School Farm
photo credit Christie Neufeldt

The **Association of Economic and Social Development Santa Marta (ADES)**, a **Mission and Service** partner, is located in an area of Central America that is very vulnerable to climate change. This hot, dry region regularly experiences drought. Mining projects have also negatively affected the environment and the people in the region. **ADES** and other community organizations decided to act to protect the community's right to a healthy environment.

An example of how **ADES** has responded is a three-year agroecology project co-funded by the **Manitoba Council for International Cooperation** and **The United Church of**

Canada Foundation, along with **Mission and Service**. Agroecology benefits the land and water because it recycles nutrients back into the soil. It also reduces production costs, lessening the financial burden on rural farmers.

In this project, **ADES** works closely with the community to grow food in a rural region of El Salvador, promoting sustainable agriculture that protects biodiversity, maintains the integrity of the land, and upholds rural culture.

At the centre of the project is the **Dora Alicia Sorto School Farm**, where rural families, mainly led by women, learn about agroecology. The school provides training, technical expertise, and seeds indigenous to the region. It focuses on preserving the surrounding environment and on upholding gender and human rights as part of its approach to food security.

Your gifts to **Mission and Service** help support **ADES'** agroecology project. Thank you for your generosity!

From the United Church of Canada website

<https://united-church.ca/stories/supporting-rights-based-approach-growing-food>

submitted by **Lorrie Daly-Price**



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THIS WEEKAT COFFEE TIME!!



TEA: \$5.00 per box
20 tea bags per box



HOT CHOCOLATE:
\$10.00 per 300 g bag



and
CHOCOLATE!!!!
\$4.50 per 100 g bar

Fellowship Committee

Toronto Newcomers Desperate for Household Items: Volunteers



Olivia Bowden, April 08, 2024

Affordability crisis means nothing left after rent for many new immigrants in Thorncliffe, Flemingdon Park

A family from Afghanistan arrives at the **Donway Covenant United Church** in Don Mills. It's a couple and their three-year-old son and a daughter that's only two weeks old, swaddled in a blanket.

Amina Khote and dozens of other volunteers have set up a swath of furniture, toys, clothing and kitchen appliances at the church for the family to take home with them. It's all free, including the delivery.

Khote is the founder of **Home Essentials Newcomer Support (HENS)**, an organization that gathers household items for new immigrants and refugees in need in Thorncliffe Park, Flemingdon Park or Scarborough. It's run in collaboration with the church and a host of other charity organizations.

She says **HENS** began operating out of the church last fall to meet increasing demand for supplies. Since launching an online intake form for newcomers in November, 392 families have submitted applications and the group has served 95 families so far, she said.

"It's really bad. It's hard for newcomer families to try to navigate through all the different challenges that they have to go through," she said. *"Most of their money goes towards the rent...so they reach out to me and they say, 'I have nothing.'"*

Khote and volunteers at **HENS** say the housing and affordability crisis has made settling in Toronto all the more difficult for newcomers. No one at **HENS** is paid and they rely solely on volunteers to operate. To meet the needs of more families quickly, organizations like **HENS** say they need more support and funding from anyone able to help.

Volunteer-run groups are having to step in to provide essential services for those in need, she said. Khote said they often make deliveries where they see multiple families living in a single

apartment, or where children are sleeping on the floor as they have no mattresses.

"They have nothing, just a carpet. And it's really hard to see that," she said.

The family, who arrived from Afghanistan a year and half ago, picks out a dining room table that volunteers load into a van for them.

HENS sets up

appointments with five families from their list every Thursday. Each family gets to browse the items, and the church has multiple rooms with each dedicated to different supplies, including a room for baby clothes and toys.

Volunteers then pack everything up and ensure they get delivered.

The father of the family, who **CBC Toronto** is not naming as he is concerned about stigma while he is searching for work, says he's had trouble finding a job in his field.

In Afghanistan, he was a teacher and also did some construction work. But with limited

English, he says it's been difficult to land a job.

"The home rent is very high. So newcomers need support," he said.

Receiving free furniture and items for his son and new baby daughter is helpful, as he and his wife have other concerns to worry about, including renewing forms at **Service Canada** this week, he said.

"We have many problems that we are
continued



Amina Khote, left, the founder of Home Essentials Newcomer Support and Cathy Paterson, right, an organizer with the group, stand in front of some of the items available for new immigrants. They provide essential home supplies for free for newcomers in need. (Olivia Bowden/CBC)

Olivia Bowden, April 08, 2024



CLICK HERE to watch

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1.7167758>

Toronto Newcomers Desperate for Household Items: Volunteers

continued

facing,” he said.



Clothing donations are some of the items HENS offers to newcomers. (Pelín Sidki/CBC)

The **HENS** team says most of the families they help are facing similar issues. Out of the 392 families who want their help, 333 reported on their applications that they had children under 18 years old.

The majority of families reported they speak Pashto (60 per cent) and Dari (50 per cent) and another 20 per cent reported speaking Farsi, the organization says.

Khote has helped connect newcomers to household items since 2018 through her community work in health care in the Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon neighbourhoods. But then she met Cathy Paterson, who coordinates the church’s annual fall sale.

Paterson was receiving a mountain of donations from the community and thought more should go to families in need. The tenant at the back of the church had left, so there was lots of room for the items. And Khote was able to bring in the families through her connections.

The goal for this year is to come up with a long-term strategy so the organization can help

more families, she said. “I don’t think this need is going to go away anytime soon,”

CBC Toronto asked the city to provide comment on the demand **HENS** is seeing and affordability concerns for newcomers. In a statement, the **City of Toronto** said it provides support for newcomers through community-based settlement services. Sponsored refugees are provided with their “most urgent needs,” which include housing, clothing and food, it said.

Khote says these families are desperate for basic items, with the most in-demand clothing being shoes, she said.

“The one incident we had, there was a child who came in with no shoes, just slippers, and it was snowing outside. And we showed him a pair of shoes...and gave him a brand new pair of socks and he got so excited,” she said.

With more funding, Khote says the hope would be to run the furniture bank five days a week. She emigrated from India to Canada as a child in the 1970s and grew up in Thorncliffe Park and says she doesn’t recall the rental issues and affordability concerns she’s seeing now.

“It’s much, much worse...they need help” she said.’



Home Essentials Newcomer Support has multiple rooms with donated items for new immigrants and refugees to choose from. (Pelín Sidki/CBC)



A Sunny Window

A picture of Norma Cowan’s kitchen window. These geraniums came from slips from her mom’s plants

Linda Cowan



Flower Children

by Elizabeth Gordon

Geranium wears a scarlet gown,
With trimmings shading into brown,
Her cousin is a dainty sprite,
She dresses modestly in white.



The
Donway Covenant
United Church



While we are so grateful that all of our chairs and most committee members are remaining in place for another year, we do have some vacancies to fill.

Our committees and our Council are the backbone of our congregation allowing us to go forth with our mission in the world.

REDEVELOPMENT: We require a Chair and some additional members. This is a unique and exciting opportunity to be involved in shaping the future of our church. No experience necessary. Many meetings are on ZOOM, some requiring in person attendance. This is a vitally essential team, and we encourage you to please consider participating.

A Message from the Nomination Committee

COUNCIL: It is advisable to have two members at large on Council. If you wonder what goes on at Council, this is your chance to find out. All Council meetings are on ZOOM. They are held every second Tuesday of the month, and it is customary to have summers off, unless there are important issues arising.

CHAIR of COUNCIL: This will be the 7th year that the current Chair has been in the role. If there is anyone who would like to assume this position, the current Chair will step down into the role of Past Chair and be on hand for any assistance. Alternatively, we do not have a Vice Chair and this position should be filled if possible.

Celebrating 25 Years

April 7, 2024



ESL
English as a Second Language



photos by
Victoria Martinez

My First Spiritual Home

We have been in the season of Lent as I was writing this story. I think that this would be an appropriate place to tell you about my first Spiritual home. It starts with a love story.

Dad was born in Scotland (September 8, 1907) and when he was four the family left Scotland due to the working conditions and came to Canada, settling in New Waterford, Nova Scotia..... but there was also many problems with the coal mines having so many disasters. So then his family moved to Toronto where Dad finished his schooling and became an accountant. First working for the Royal Bank of Canada then the Borden Dairy Company.

Mom was born in Toronto (June 7, 1909) in the house at Secord Avenue and 141 Dawes Road where her parents lived when they got married in August 5, 1908. Her great grandparents had come to Canada from England. Mom worked as a hair dresser for many years. Granny (born May 1, 1885) was a dress maker and grandpa (born January 18, 1883) was a chauffeur. When he retired he became a head gardener at Pine Hills Cemetery. Grandma and grandpa lived in this old house for many years and they always went to the nearby church.

Dad was looking for a church to attend close to his home and work near Dawes Road. Mom lived on Dawes Road with her parents and she sang in the same church choir on Dawes Road. It was not very long before they met in the church, perhaps you know the lyrics "*One day when the lady met this fellow*" from the TV show, The Brady Bunch? They fell in love and decided to marry in the same church where they had met. Their special day was August 20, 1932, married by their minister, the Reverend Mr. Dallas in Dentonia Park United Church on Dawes Road. They lived there happily for over 32 years.

As you will see I was quite young when I was first introduced to the church. My mom had a few health problems and her mother, my granny, was a big part of being there for me. As I got a bit older and I could sit still a bit better, I was taken by my grandparents to church. This small church had been Methodist in its first life

before amalgamation with other denominations. It is called Dentonia Park United Church. It was only a short walk from either of our homes. Granny and grandpa would come and walk me there. Granny always carried a small bag of peppermints in her purse to keep me very quiet and the candy kept my mouth full. As well she had paper and a pencil to keep my hands busy. My memory of grandpa was that he was an elder. He and the other elders would line up at the back and then process down the aisle with us all singing *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*. I still love that hymn! Then the elders would come up the aisle carrying the collection plate in their right hand and their left hand was held behind their back. I was even allowed to put a quarter on the plate. There was one item that always held my attention it was a stained glass window with Christ knocking on the door with the wording "*I stand at the door and knock*". Of course I had to ask Granny to read it to me. The picture was very beautiful and I would just sit in the same pew so I could keep looking at it.

As I got older I was taken down stairs before the sermon, could not be sure why but was put into Sunday School where I met a wonderful teacher. We all loved her. She would tell stories from the Bible at an age that we were able to comprehend for our age. She also had a lifetime passion not only of the Bible but about Egypt and she instilled that passion in me by telling us these marvellous stories.

Then one wonderful, unforgettable day she took all her class of about ten children to the ROM by street car. We bypassed lots of exhibits - the Dinosaurs, the bat cave, the realistic animals - and went almost directly to the Egyptian exhibits. As usual I was a bit cocky and when I saw the first mummy and read the name on the plaque, I kept saying, "*it's not a mummy it's a daddy!*" I still blush when I think back about this. What a great awakening for me at my young life and continues right up today.

By this time I was older and the parents decided to move but I will never forget my first Spiritual home and our teacher.

Jean McGrady

I was browsing through my many books and came across one containing notes from a former *Ladies' Fellowship* meeting to celebrate Viola Butler's 102nd birthday which we attended. Here is what I had written in my book (diary if you will) where I kept records of our meetings.

Roberta Walker-Ernst

Down Memory Lane

a *Ladies Fellowship* meeting held February 15th, 2018 for
"A Celebration of Viola Butler's 102nd Birthday!"

Our *Ladies Fellowship* were invited to celebrate with Eleanor McMullin and Linda Butler the celebration of their mother Viola Butler's 102nd birthday which took place February 14th, 2018. The following were able to attend: Marian Childerhose, Marilyn Walker, Marilyn Bee, Della Blamey, Virginia Lumb, Pat Shield, Iris Addison, Joan Dewar, Carolyn Reashore, Roberta Walker and Udo Ernst.

The room was lovingly decorated, with numerous photographs of Viola and her husband and family through the years! Eleanor and Linda provided a delicious lunch of sandwiches, cheese plates with fruit and homemade heart shape cookies baked by

Linda. Linda also baked two heart shaped cakes, one chocolate, one white, both with "yummy" chocolate frosting.

The celebration took place at **Oak Ridges Community Centre for Seniors**, a beautiful residence in Richmond Hill. Roberta read her "**Devotion**" that she had written for Viola's 100th Birthday at the **Donway Covenant United Church**. Also a surprise visit from Pastor Frank Liuzzi, a friend of Udo's. singing in his operatic voice "**Panis Angelicus**"!

As the song goes: "**What A Swell Party This Is**"!

Roberta Walker.

Home Safe

Lecture Series

Wednesdays 1:30 ~ 3:00 pm

April 17 - Alexa Gilmour and Carla Leon on
Aging Well in Place

April 24 - Katie Griffiths from Alzheimer
Society of Peel
on Resources for care Givers

Coffee and Tea served from 1:15 pm

There is no charge for these talks

Jubilee United Church
40 Underhill Drive, Don Mills
www.jubileeunited.ca



YOU'RE WELCOME TO

Please let us know if you are coming.

join us!

Entertainment: The Sparklettes

Thursday April 18th at 2:30pm
(In-person event)

Join Mary and Kathleen for a dynamic afternoon of singing, dancing and a rollicking good time. You can be guaranteed that a performance by **The Sparklettes** will be high energy and you will be smiling and singing along!

Cooking Demo with Chef James: Southern Comforts

Tuesday April 23rd at 2:30pm
(In-person event)

No matter where you're from, comfort food hits you at your core and makes you think of home. Join Chef James as he taps into some delightful dishes inspired by the southern states that bring out all the "feels"

Lecture: The Prison Lady

- Phyllis Taylor

Monday, April 29th at 2:30pm
(In-person event)

For the first time, Phyllis Taylor tells the story of her fascinating, sometimes chilling and often uplifting work with prison inmates. With uncommon honesty, depth and intimacy, she relates the experiences of the inmates who affected her most, offers the life lesson learned through counselling the marginalized and reveals a painful personal history that enabled her to identify with rude beginnings and unruly lives. Touching thousands of lives, Phyllis became a powerful motivational speaker, widely renowned as "The Prison Lady".

RSVP REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS

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Space is limited!

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Friday, April 19th
10 am to 3 pm

join us!

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Interact with a variety of local health vendors specializing in seniors' health and wellbeing. Join an exercise class, sample some healthy food, participate in **LivingWell™** program or listen to a health lecture, **Delmanor Wynford** invites you to join us.

Some vendors include: **Spec Savers, The Smile Room, Hearing Life, Integracare.**

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SOLAR ECLIPSE

April 8, 2024



photos by  NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC



*Is this what you saw?
If you stayed in
Toronto probably not!
If you don't own
equipment worth
millions, probably
wouldn't have even
if there were no
clouds!*



I still remember the total eclipse of July 1963. Like this one we gathered with family and friends. Unlike this one, we were on the beach at the cottage under clear skies.

One of our cottage neighbours worked for the Ministry of Natural Resources, so he had access to the special film required to make us all glasses.

Like this one, viewed through inexpensive eyewear, the sight was almost monochromatic. Unlike this one, we didn't have the media flashing amazing shots taken with super expensive equipment, so we didn't know what it could have looked like!

But we were still in awe, and we experienced this awe in the fellowship of family and friends. At the end of the day that's all that mattered.....and the fact that I can look up all the "amazing" photos whenever I want on my computer!!

Tom Joyce

Water (2005)

Directed by: Deepa Mehta
Starring: Lisa Ray, John Abraham
1 hr 57 minutes
(Rated Pg13)

***"Films that A.I.
Could Never Make"***

Written and directed by Deepa Mehta, with screenplay by Anurag Kashyap, **Water** is a dark introspect into the tales of lives of widows at an ashram in Varanasi, India.

The film premiered at the **2005 Toronto International Film Festival**, where it was honoured with the **Opening Night Gala**, and was released across Canada in November of that year.

Winner of 3 **Genie Awards** (incl. Best Actress, Cinematography, and Score)

Wednesday,
April 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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Don Mills Branch
888 Lawrence Ave E



***Your Mind is a Garden and Books are the Seeds,
so pick your favourite and Bloom as you Read!***



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Programs you might find of interest!

Tea & Movies

Join us on the second Friday
of every month at 2:00 pm
for classic films in the Library's Auditorium.



Friday, April 12
Notorious
(2:00 to 4:00 pm)

**Tea and coffee served
before the film begins.**

Notorious is a 1946 American spy film noir directed and produced by Alfred Hitchcock, starring Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman, and Claude Rains as three people whose lives become intimately entangled during an espionage operation.

No registration required.



**Japanese Tea Ceremony:
Prepare for Asian
Heritage Month**

**Friday, April 19, 2024
from 2:00 to 3:30 pm**

Experience the culture and
philosophy of Japan through the
tea ceremony.

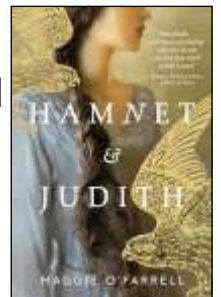


We will be demonstrating the traditional preparation and serving of tea with authentic tea utensils/accessories such as a kettle, tea bowls, a bamboo-made teaspoon and tea whisk. We will also learn how the tea is harvested, its history, how to make it, how to differentiate between different types and how to buy it.

BOOK CLUB April's Book
"Hamnet & Judith"
by Maggie O'Farrell

**Tuesday, April 16
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