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President's Message

Jim Whitney

President,
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The GVCA Board of Directors held its first-ever virtual Annual General Meeting on March 30th and I am pleased to report we had a great turnout.

While we discussed the many COVID-19-related challenges that the community and the GVCA have faced over the past year, we also covered the few bright spots, including our caravan of support for local frontline workers and the Family Day virtual talent showcase. Guildwood's enthusiasm for community involvement and support was as strong as ever!

In my comments, I again recognized and thanked all those frontline workers who have helped keep us safe, healthy and fed throughout the pandemic, including the staff at our local businesses. Please show your support by buying locally whenever you can when more of our local businesses re-open.

Kelly Cole provided a summary of the 2020 financial results which were significantly impacted by COVID-19, resulting in a 2020 loss of \$9,631. Savings from cancelled 2020 events were not sufficient to make up for the poor 2020 membership results following the cancelled door-to-door membership drive, and the extra costs of delivering the News & Views by Canada Post to ensure the continued safety of our volunteers.

The GVCA has worked hard over the past several years to ensure it had the financial strength to withstand an unforeseen event like the pandemic, but 2021 will need to be a better year. Please visit us online at www.guildwood.on.ca to purchase your new membership or buy it in person at Valu-mart or Guildwood Physiotherapy.

Elections are a key element of the GVCA AGM. Bob Taylor-Vaisey served as returning officer this year. While GVCA Board members are elected for three-year terms, this year's election process included candidates who were intended to be elected at the cancelled 2020 AGM. In the end, the GVCA's general membership voted to pass a motion acclaiming the following GVCA Board nominations:

- » President, for a one-year extension ending March 2022: Jim Whitney
- » Vice-President, in the second year of a three-year term ending March 2023: Ulrik Westergaard
- » Treasurer, for a three-year term ending March 2024: Kelly Cole
- » Secretary, in the second year of a three-year term ending March 2023: Allison Murray
- » Directors at Large continuing in the second of a three-year term ending March 2023: Bruce Villeneuve, John Mason, Timo Puhakka
- » Directors at Large returning for a three-year term ending March 2024: Dave Arnold, James Gilchrist, Angela Vanderburg, Brad Warren
- » New Directors at Large joining for a three-year term: Jeff Garrah, Robert D'Addario and Ashley Rycroft

Following the business portion of the AGM, the GVCA was pleased to have Anne Gloger of the East Scarborough Storefront share the uplifting story of how the organization came to be and the unique way it has and continues to provide coordinated support services for those in and around our community. It was clear community involvement is key to the Storefront's continued success. If you are interested in learning more about the Storefront, please see their website at www.thestorefront.org.



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Dear Guildwood Neighbours,

I want to thank everyone for their efforts during these difficult times. I know it has been hard, but we all must continue to keep following the mandated rules and guidelines. We also need to remember, our mental health is paramount, and it is important we take care of ourselves and seek support if needed.

Scarborough Health Network (SHN) and several health and community partners have come together to roll out the COVID-19 vaccines across Scarborough. They are planning to do this through various community clinic sites, as well as through mobile teams. You are invited to review eligibility and pre-register with Scarborough Health Network at www.scarboroughcovidvaccineclinic.ca

Please Shop Local! Support our Small Businesses. I encourage everyone to show support for local businesses and retailers by shopping locally online and arranging delivery or curbside pickup.

The Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival turned into an ONLINE event, hosted on our Festival website, www.guildalivewithculture.ca, which was launched on July 1st, 2020. Please support our artists!

Community Updates:
Watermain Replacement on Catalina Drive from Livingston Road to Prince Philip Boulevard
 The City of Toronto plans to replace the watermain and the City-owned portion of substandard water services on Catalina Drive from Livingston Road to Prince Philip Boulevard. The expected timeline for this project is March 2021 to October 2021. For more information please contact my office.

Clark Centre for the Arts Update
 This coming spring the construction of the Clark Centre for the Arts will be complete. Following this will be the operational and program set up for the centre to occur over the summer and fall. The site now features a beautiful three-storey, white stucco 10,000 square foot building with a green roof, a newly paved pathway skirting its east-facing façade, polished interior concrete floors, freshly painted walls in five art studios, two artist residency studios and office spaces. Surrounding the outside of the facility are carefully curated installations of carved building stones that were previously in storage. The landscape planting will be completed in May.

All my best,
 Paul



Spring Has Sprung Early In The Real Estate Market This Year! Typically The Market Is A Little slower At This Time Of Year But 2021 Is Proving To Be Very different. A Low Inventory Of Listings Combined With Quite A Few Confident Buyers And Record Low Interest Rates Are Causing The Market To Set Records In All Sectors! The Market In The City Of Kawartha Lakes Is No Different With Many People Looking To Buy Cottage Properties, Vacant Land Or Full Time Residential Homes!
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Average DOM	23	19	-17.9%

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Bringing Art to Life at Guild Park

John P. Mason | President, Friends of Guild Park

Today's Guild Park has been the home and working studio for hundreds of artists and artisans.

This collection of creators – sculptors and painters, weavers, performers and others – started to come in 1932, the year the property's owners, philanthropists Rosa and Spencer Clark, founded the Guild of All Arts.

The Clarks' legacy of attracting and supporting artists is recognized in two ways. Last year, Friends of Guild Park partnered with Heritage Toronto to install an official heritage plaque commemorating the Clarks' Guild of All Arts.

Today, a \$5.5 million building – the Clark Centre for The Arts – is nearing completion at Guild Park. This facility, named after Rosa and Spencer, brings back to the site the Clarks' dreams for public art programs, exhibition space and artists' studios.

The 6,000-square-foot Clark Centre will be operated year-round by the City of Toronto. The three-level building, designed by Taylor Hazell Architects, is expected to open in early 2022, 90 years after the Clarks first opened their home and grounds as an inspiration to so many creators.

Here are stories about four of Guild Park's many notable artists and their connection to the site and the new arts centre.

Thomas Bowie, Guild of All Arts resident sculptor, 1956-61. This Scottish sculptor arrived in Toronto in 1953 to teach at what was then called the Ontario College of Art. Rosa Clark happened to take one of Bowie's sculpture classes, then invited him to get involved at the Guild of All Arts.

Bowie agreed. He exhibited some of his carvings – in wood, marble, and other stone – at the Clarks' Guild Inn. He also set up his studio on-site, at today's Sculptor's Cabin. There he created his sculpture of St. Francis and the Wolf, a work Rosa commissioned for the Guild's gardens in 1956. Decades later, Bowie's sculpture was damaged and removed from Guild Park. The City of Toronto's public art team repaired the limestone figure and remounted it on-site in 2019, near the Greek Theatre.

Sorel Etrog, internationally renowned sculptor and friend of the Clarks. The abstract, often humanistic works by this Romanian-born artist, who came to Toronto in 1963, attracted Spencer Clark's attention. Spencer commissioned Etrog to create the massive black steel Space Plough for the Guild in 1981. This 11-foot (3.5 m) tall sculpture is displayed in Guild Park's front (north) gardens. Nearby is Ravenna, another Etrog sculpture, which the City of Toronto repaired and returned to Guild Park in 2019.

At Spencer's request, Etrog curated the Guild's international sculpture exhibition in 1982 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Guild of All Arts. Ambitious plans to build Etrog's own studio and exhibition centre at Guild Park ended with Spencer's death in 1986. At Clark's funeral, Etrog gave a tribute and served as an honorary pallbearer to his patron.

Dorsey James, Guild of All Arts resident sculptor, late 1970s–80s. Spencer Clark was the first collector to purchase Dorsey's wooden carvings – a group of six works that Clark bought on impulse. This immediately launched the professional art career of this former U.S. Air Force mechanic, who'd left Philadelphia for Toronto. Spencer later commissioned Dorsey to recreate the Norse figures that had once decorated the Guild's Sculptor's Cabin. Using Douglas fir, Dorsey carved the likenesses of various mythological characters – from warriors to dragons. This work, including his hand-carved nameplate "Dorsey James, Sculptor," continues to grace the façade of the wooden cabin.

Dorsey accepted Spencer's invitation to work at the cabin and create more wooden figures. A decade later, Dorsey was a high school art instructor. He is still actively creating – taking art commissions for private collections, public buildings and parks. One of Dorsey's signature "story-poles", carved with unique figures and faces, will be displayed inside the Clark Centre for The Art. This was made possible by the Guild Renaissance Group.

Elizabeth Fraser Williamson, Guild of All Arts artist-in-residence, 1970-95. Sculptor, painter, author and educator Elizabeth Fraser Williamson was the last artist from the Guild of All Arts era to live and work on the site. For 25 years, she used Guild Park's 1850s log cabin as her seasonal studio, while making her home in a nearby cottage (now demolished). The award-winning, Canadian-born artist displayed her work, notably in clay, wood and bronze, at Guild Park. She also gave hands-on art classes to all ages on-site and throughout Scarborough.

After Williamson's death in 2000, the City of Toronto acquired about 200 pieces of her original artwork for its public collection. Except for some works displayed at the Scarborough Civic Centre, much of Williamson's art remains in storage. Today, a commemorative plaque installed by Williamson's family near her old studio is the only record of the artist's presence at Guild Park.

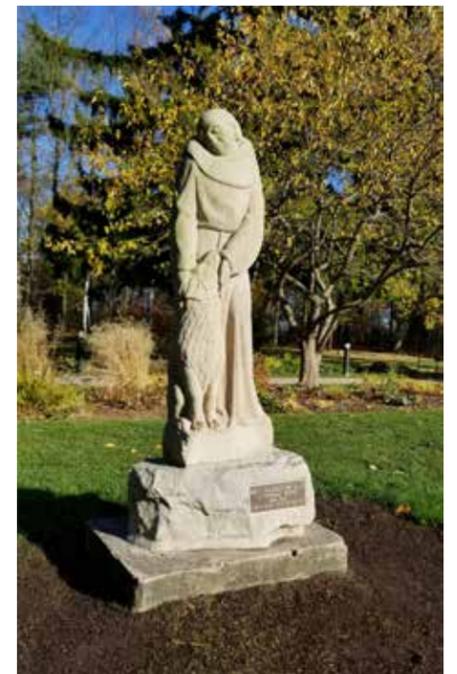
The opening of the Clark Centre provides an excellent opportunity to display the City of Toronto's collection of Williamson's art. Her imaginative works, many inspired by nature, are closely linked to Guild Park and have been compared to creations by world-famous sculptors Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth.



Guild Park's Clark Centre for The Arts nearing completion, spring 2021.
Photo: Friends of Guild Park



Elizabeth Fraser Williamson, Artist-in-Residence, Guild of All Arts (1970-1995), teaching at her log cabin studio. Photo: Guild Renaissance Group



The St. Francis & the Wolf sculpture at Guild Park. Created on-site in 1958 by Thomas Bowie, Guild of All Arts, Artist-in-Residence and instructor at the Ontario College of Art. Photo: Friends of Guild Park



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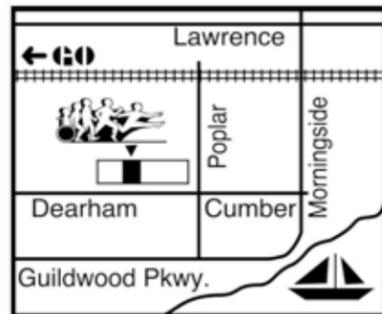
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How Native Pollinator Plants are Transforming Guildwood Gardens

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There's a growing gardening movement across North America that supports the return to welcoming native pollinator plants in our yards.

Many Guildwood gardeners have been proudly embracing the trend and re-planting their conventional gardens and lawns with native pollinator plants that are magnets for native butterflies, moths, birds and bees.

These plants, which bloom in a riot of color and scent, support the life cycle of native and migratory pollinators which in turn support the growth and health of our crop foods and a balanced ecosystem while strengthening endangered species.

For years, gardening experts and plant retailers urged backyard gardeners to choose plants that were proven to be 'pest-free' and insisted that a green lawn was desirable. Gardeners got into the habit of buying tropical annuals and exotic perennials every spring to add long-lasting colour in their yards.

Private and public lawns became thousands of miles of monoculture landscape that is as useless and sterile as desert sand for native pollinator birds and insects.

What went unseen until recent years was declining populations of native birds, butterflies, moths and bees. When scientists and naturalists began to investigate the causes,

they realized that native pollinators depend upon dwindling numbers of native plants as nurseries for their young. They were unable to use many non-native flowers as food, and pesticides that were sold to achieve perfect lawns killed butterflies and birds and further decimated local species.

The end result of the misguided conventional landscaping strategy was fewer native and migratory pollinators, increased species at risk of becoming extinct and an increasing threat to the viability of human food plants without pollinators.

Many nature enthusiasts became inspired to repair the damage to our environment and began planting native pollinator plants to support the comeback of our pollinators and the plants on which they depend.

The good news is that after several years of seeing and experiencing the benefits of native plants in their gardens, enthusiasts have identified several "gateway" native plants that are showy, easy-to-grow and attract an abundance of beneficial and beautiful pollinators.

These plants, and the pollinators they attract, are so interesting that they may inspire conventional plant gardeners to make the switch to native plant gardening – or at least be willing to add a few native plants to their existing gardens.

Gateway native pollinator plants are:

- » Wildlife attractors (e.g. hummingbirds, Monarch and Swallowtail butterflies)
- » Easy and adaptable for beginners to grow
- » Hardy to our winter cold
- » Require little maintenance or watering after they're established in the first year
- » Showy or similar in appearance to non-native plants that we're used to growing
- » Fairly well-behaved in a garden setting

The following plants have become beloved residents in the native pollinator gardens that are flourishing in Guildwood and adjacent neighbourhoods. Most do well in full-sun to part-shade.

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'Gateway' Native Pollinator Plants Suitable for Guildwood Gardens	
Name and Bloom Time	Colour
Spring (Early)	
Prairie Smoke (Geum triflorum)	Deep Pink
Wild Columbine (Aquilegia canadensis)	Red
Summer (Mid-season)	
Anise Hyssop (Agastache foeniculum)	Mauve
Black-eyed Susan (Rudbeckia hirta)	Yellow and Brown
Butterfly Milkweed (Asclepias tuberosa)	Orange and Yellow
Cardinal Flower (Lobelia cardinalis)	Brilliant Red
Coneflowers (Echinacea)	Mauve and Brown
Great Blue Lobelia (Lobelia siphilitica aka Blue Cardinal Flower)	Light Blue
Lanceleaf Coreopsis (Coreopsis lanceolata)	Yellow
Purple Flowering Raspberry (Rubus odoratus)	Mauve
Scarlet Beebalm (Monarda didyma)	Scarlet
Serviceberry (Amelanchier spp.)	White
Swamp Milkweed (Asclepias incarnata)	Pink
Wild Bergamot (Monarda fistulosa)	Pale Pink
Fall (Late)	
Iron Weed (Vernonia)	Purple
New England Aster (Asteraceae)	Mauve



**Spring Native Plant Sale:
Order by May 12!**

Guildwood Butterflyway Rangers are planning a native pollinator plant fundraising sale this spring featuring "gateway" plants! All orders must be received by May 12. To view our catalogue and access order and pick-up details, visit gwbutterflyway.wordpress.com/blog.

Watch our social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for more updates, or email gwbutterflyway@gmail.com and ask to be added to our mailing list.

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 Website: gwbutterflyway.wordpress.com/blog

Pollinator Garden Coming to Guild Park

Friends of Guild Park and the Guildwood Butterflyway Project recently got the go-ahead to create Guild Park's first native pollinator garden. The project is receiving a \$4,000 grant from the City of Toronto's PollinateTO program. This "green" idea was developed jointly by the two volunteer groups and supported by the GVCA, local City Councillor Paul Ainslie, Toronto Parks and Park People.

As warmer weather arrives, watch for more details about bringing this garden to life, including a call for local residents to help out.

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May Migration

Ann Brokelman and Erik Brokelman



After a long winter, isn't waking up one morning and realizing the birds are singing rejuvenating? Isn't it one of the first things we mention to our friends, family or co-workers? "Wow, the birds were so loud this morning!" or, "I forgot how much I missed that sound!"

Of course, it's not just the sound that we missed, but the amazing sights. While some people get sore legs after they hit the ski hills for the first time in the winter, or a sprained shoulder after their first 18 holes in the spring, the biggest problem for me this time of year is that my neck always hurts because I am not used to looking up so much! But, if the birds are calling to me, how can I not respond? If they are taking the time to sing, you should take a few minutes to listen.

This is the time to enjoy the arrival of the spring migration of birds everywhere. Every colour of the rainbow is found on some of the most beautiful birds in the

world. Whenever Canadians visit places like Florida, Mexico and the Caribbean, they tend to fawn over the amazing colours of the tropical birds. But did you ever think that when people visit Canada, they do the same over our blue jays, cardinals, finches, warblers, swans and orioles? Go to the Guild Inn and look at trees, into the bushes, or out over the water. Go for a walk through your neighbourhood, or just sit in your backyard, listen and look around. While you're watching and listening, remember to keep your mouth closed or you may get some extra protein from all the gnats and other bugs that appear this time of year. Yes, yes, I know they are annoying, but the gnats are feeding the warblers, orioles and swallows, and, while the bugs only last for a few weeks, the birds will stick around for months.

At my house I'm getting ready to put out nectar feeders and soon, I will have ruby throated hummingbirds regularly buzzing around. Pretty

soon I'll also have Baltimore Orioles chasing each other around my yard, sitting in my trees, and enjoying the fresh oranges I hung up to attract them. Rose-breasted grosbeaks will be eating the suet and nuts from my backyard feeders, and male cardinals are already taking seeds from the front feeders and bringing them to their mates.

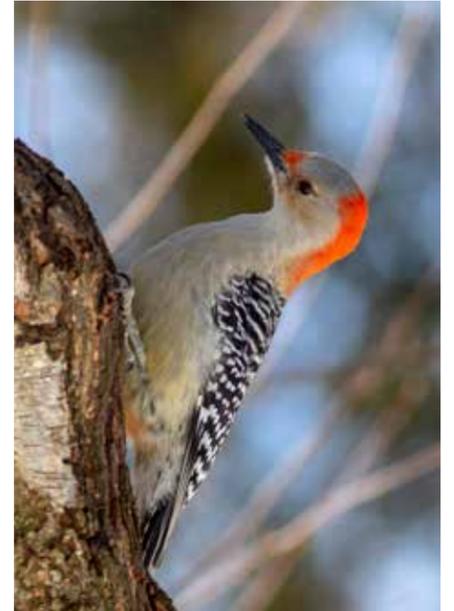
On a more serious topic, I am often asked: "What do I do when a bird hits my windows?" Well, there are several steps you can take to help the birds avoid the windows in the first place. First, check the website for the Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP). They are the experts on the bird-building collision issue, and, following their advice, we have put hawk decals on the windows and try to keep the front lights off at dawn, dusk and during nighttime. There may be other specific advice that applies to your house, apartment or condo as well, and I recommend you check out their website at www.flap.org.

If a bird does hit your window, what can you do? If you've had it happen before, there's a good chance it will happen again. You could prepare an old shoebox nest in advance and just put it in the closet or garage just in case. Inside my own emergency box, I have a small towel, rolled up to look like a nest and some tissue in the centre of the makeshift nest to collect the inevitable poop. If I have a window strike, I will gently place the bird inside the box, trying to handle it as little as possible. If a bird hits your window, please do not leave him outside stunned and unattended. Don't be afraid of picking up the bird. Unless you are dealing with a bird of prey, or something like a Canada Goose, you shouldn't have anything physical to worry about. Once the bird is in the box, (don't forget air holes), shut the lid and put it in a location where it is dark, quiet, and away from any dogs, cats or curious children you may have. Please do not keep looking at the bird as that will cause unnecessary stress. If the bird starts squawking or bouncing in the box you know he is coming around, and you should try pointing and opening the box in the direction of some trees (while you're outside, if that wasn't obvious) and hope it is able to fly out.

While you're waiting for the bird to recover, check out where the closest wildlife rehabilitator is in your area. If the bird is unable or unwilling to fly out of the box, or if you can tell that it is visibly injured, call the wildlife centre and see if they can take in the bird. See the following link for the Toronto Wildlife Centre: <https://www.torontowildlifecentre.com/contact/>.

Unfortunately, during the migration in spring and the fall, it's more common to have window strikes, and sometimes there is just nothing you can do to prevent them or to help a bird that hit hard enough. The people at FLAP also encourage everyone to log the window collisions with their organization through their Global Bird Collision Mapper at: birdmapper.org/app.

Back to a happier topic: I cannot wait for May and all the beautiful birds that will soon arrive. I have attached some photos of how to prepare a shoe box for an injured bird. Take five minutes outside and let me know what you see! See you at the Guild.



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Living Green

Kathleen Wolfe

While going over an old newspaper I found a few tips for becoming greener.

- » Use a plate to cover bowls of leftovers in the fridge instead of Saran Wrap
- » Save your veggie scraps (onion skins, garlic skins, pepper tops, etc.) to make your own veggie stock (save money and avoid the packaging).
- » Make rags out of old sheets, t-shirts and towels and use them in place of paper towels. You can also wash your windows with newspapers.
- » Swap the plastic bottle of body wash for a bar of soap. Hair shampoo can be purchased in bar form as well.

I leave you with a quote from Chief Dan George of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation about his father: "He had a deep respect for everything in Nature that surrounded him. My father loved the earth and all its creatures. The earth was his second mother. The earth and everything it contained was a gift from See-see-am...and the way to thank this Great Spirit was to use his gifts with respect."

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A COVID-19 Project: Milk Bag Mats

Catherine MacOdrum

With a little extra time on my hands during COVID-19, I looked around for something to do that would be fun and be useful. I thought of all the milk bag mats that my good friend had made over the last 10 years – 60 of them! Another friend had cut up all the bags for her and then she did the crocheting. For quite some time volunteer groups from churches, schools and community groups have been making these wonderful mats. There is even a website called Milk Bags Unlimited (milkbagsunlimited.ca).

The bags are used for the homeless here and in developing countries. They are very much appreciated because the bugs don't like them, they are colourful, they are extremely strong, they last over 25 years, they wash and dry quickly – and they are comfortable! Not only can these milk bag mats provide

comfort as a bedding alternative, but many have been used by health-care professionals as a substitute for an operating bed or table where resources were scarce.

To make these mats you need to collect a lot of milk bags: 400 for an adult mat and less for child-size mats. First you fold the clean bag in four lengthwise, then cut off the end and finally cut it into nine or ten loops. These are then joined together as you would join elastics. This long string of plastic is then formed into a ball – your 'crocheting' ball. Finally you crochet the mat.

Some people weave the 'yarn' into mats after they make a very simple loom. This is a much faster way of making them. Lots of school children weave them on looms as a wonderful school volunteer project.

If any of you buy your milk in four litre bags, I would really appreciate it if you saved them for me. I have left a large bin outside of the side door of the Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church (140 Guildwood Parkway) in case you would like to drop them off, or you're welcome to contact me to make arrangements at cpmacodrum@gmail.com.

Maybe after we're all vaccinated some of you would like to join me in making these super mats. We could always meet and enjoy the fun together, and save all those bags from going to waste.



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Ten Years of Guild Festival Theatre

Helen Juvonen and Tyler J. Seguin | Co-Artistic Directors, Guild Festival Theatre



How time flies! It's hard to believe it, but ten years ago Sten Eirik announced his bold vision for a professional theatre company in Scarborough and in the summer of 2011 he brought the Greek Theatre in Guild Park to life with a stunning production of Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard*. Since then, Guild Festival Theatre has entertained nearly 15,000 people and employed over 200 artists working on great plays such as *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Romeo & Juliet*, and *Pygmalion* as well as modern takes on classic stories like *Anne* and *Clouds Over TO*. We're immensely proud of what GFT has accomplished and we're grateful to you, our community, for carrying us this far.

You've honoured us with awards and commendations. You've attended events and donated to fundraisers. You even welcomed us to your homes last summer when the pandemic shut us out of the park! We've only been leading GFT for a little over a year (and what a year it has been!) but what

inspires us every day is the amazing community that this company is part of.

GFT's first ten years haven't always been easy, but you've been there for us through it all. When Sten suddenly passed away in 2015, Guildwoodians stepped in to honour his legacy and make sure that season was a success. When construction in the park forced us to cancel the 2016 show, Guildwoodians stepped up to make sure we could continue. When a global pandemic prevented our 2020 season from taking place as planned, Guildwoodians welcomed us to their streets for pop-ups and Porch Plays. And when we finally made it back to the Greek Theatre last August, Guildwoodians were there, lined up and eager to share the joy and the triumph. We truly are Guildwood's theatre and being part of this community means everything to us.

We have a very special summer planned for our 10th Anniversary

Season: A spectacular production of *Alice in Wonderland*, a beautiful love story in *Salt-Water Moon*, and a festival-within-a-festival called *The Song & Story Series* that will feature five days of music, theatre, storytelling, and activities.

Assuming everything goes according to plan, of course.

Writing this in March, we still don't know exactly how the summer will unfold. Public health reports are optimistic, so we're determined to plan for the best. But if we've learned anything during the last year, it's that everything can change in a moment. We know that no matter how this summer unfolds – at the Greek Theatre, in the neighbourhood, or streamed online – Guild Festival Theatre will be there for Guildwood and that we'll celebrate 10 years of GFT together.

P.S. If you'd like more information about Guild Festival Theatre's plans, you can sign up for our mailing list at www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca.

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Updates from Elizabeth Simcoe Junior Public School

Understanding Racism

Inaaya A. & Goheen F.

What is racism?

Racism is when someone is not being treated fairly, being made fun of or being bullied because of their skin colour or heritage. Racism is based on people feeling superior and therefore making people of another skin colour feel like they are not enough.

What are some types of racism?

Racism can come in many forms, all of which are not good. One of those forms is called microaggressions, which are typically offensive. They can be unintentional comments, “jokes”, etc. Another type of racism is where people intentionally bully people with different skin colours. They make people with a different skin colour feel ashamed, which could lead to really bad things. Another negative aspect of racism is cultural racism. Cultural racism is where people of different heritages get bullied because of their beliefs and where they come from. This makes people ashamed of their culture.

How do you stand up to racism if it is directed at a friend?

Racism is extremely hurtful to other people, but there are some ways to prevent it. If racism is directed at one of your friends (or literally anyone else), you should tell a teacher immediately. You should also support the victim by standing with that person to show them they are not alone and that they have a friend that will stand by them no matter what. Doing that may not stop the racism, but it will show the victim that they have a friend and it also shows the racist person that other people disagree with that racist opinion. This is called being an ALLY.

What can you do if the racism is directed at you?

If the racism is directed at you, you have to stand up for yourself. One way to do this is speaking up to the person bullying you, and say something like “If you don’t stop doing this, I will tell the teacher.” Hopefully this will make the bully back up and stop. If the bully doesn’t care and/or keeps

bullying you, then you should tell a responsible adult that you trust. And when the bullying starts, you shouldn’t ignore it, because that gives the racist person power.

What can you do at home to bring awareness about racism?

You can bring awareness about racism at home by making posters informing family and friends, you can make a short (or long, make it as long or short as you want) video talking about how racism isn’t a good thing, and spread awareness about racism in that video. Another way to bring awareness about racism at home is by using chalk to write about why racism has to stop as well as positive anti-racist messages on your sidewalk or driveway. You can also write about why racism shouldn’t exist on a piece of paper, take a picture of it and send it to all of your friends and family.

It is clear that racism exists in our world but if everyone does their part, we can put an end to racism. What are you going to do?

Updates from Elizabeth Simcoe Junior Public School (cont.)

Racism and Allyship

Sophia K. and Matteo J.

Comparing Racism and Anti-Racism

Racism and Anti-racism. Two words that may sound similar but mean opposite things. The difference is that racism means an act towards people who are different based on their skin colour and/ or culture whereas anti-racism means an act against racism. Let’s look deeper at these two terms.

Racism is...

Racism means that someone is bullying or being mean to someone just because of their skin color and culture. Racism has been around for a very long time. People like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. have tried to fight against it, but to this day racism still exists. Racism is not good because it makes people feel like they want to be someone who they are not just because of their skin colour. A lot of people think that being different is a bad thing but it is a very good thing. Being different means that we have more to share and give to one another.

Anti-racism is...

Anti-racism is an act against racism. Anti-racism stands up to hatred against people who are of different colours and different cultures. In your everyday life, it is important to try your best to be an anti-racist.

Here are some suggestions of how to be anti-racist: discuss unfair treatment and strategies to solve it, teach your friends and parents about racism, and always try to include people no matter what they look like.

What is a Microaggression?

A Microaggression (pronounced mike-RO-agg-reh-SHUN) is a form of racism. It is a small form of racism that is often unintended, which means a smaller form of racism that is not meant to hurt the other person. An example of a microaggression is, “Hi, your hair looks really good for a black person.” This is a microaggression and this happens a lot and it hurts a lot. If you are experiencing microaggressions, you should respond to them and not ignore them, because if they keep on building up it can have consequences on your mental and physical health.

What is an Ally? What is a Bystander?

Let’s say you see someone being bullied. Would you say something? Or would you leave it alone? Stand with the victim and stand up to the bully! In other words, be an ally. An ally (pronounced al-EYE) is someone who stands up to bullying/racism

and is not a bystander. A bystander (BYE-stand-er) is someone who sees something such as bullying or racism and does nothing about it. Being a bystander is almost as bad as being the bully yourself! Being a bystander would be like saying “Oh, okay, go ahead,” to the bullying. Always, always choose to be an ally.

How can YOU be an ally?

You can be an ally by standing up for yourself and others. If you see someone being racially bullied, due to their skin colour, say something. DO NOT leave it alone and be a bystander. You should lead the victim away and be a friend.

A few questions to think about: Are you an ally or a bystander? Which is better? And why shouldn’t we be racist? As a class, we discussed and brainstormed ways we can put an end to racism. Some things we came up with were: posters, positive messages, creating logos (such as on water bottles, t-shirts, etc.), and peaceful chants.

How are you going to STAND UP TO RACISM?

Elizabeth Simcoe Salutes One of Our Amazing Volunteers

Madeleine H. and Sasha Q.

Mrs. Boonstra, is a volunteer at Elizabeth Simcoe who takes care of the school gardens. She comes here on her own time and isn't asked by anybody. The students and staff of Simcoe are very grateful that Mrs. Boonstra comes and takes care of their garden.

In the Summer, the garden is blooming with flowers and plants because of her hard work. When she comes, she weeds, plants flowers, and waters the plants,

depending on the time of year. She uses the school compost to help with the soil that the plants grow in. Mrs. Boonstra also puts out water containers for the birds to drink from.

Mrs. Boonstra has a real green thumb. She puts her skills to use in our garden. She has been volunteering at our school for a very long time. She is an excellent gardener and has a heart of gold.

"We're so happy that you've been taking care of the garden. It's so beautiful in the summer and it welcomes everybody who wants to see the school and who wants to go to school. Thank you so much," says Sasha, a Simcoe student.

Everyone at Simcoe is grateful for Mrs. Boonstra's generosity and hard work. She is an important part of our Elizabeth Simcoe family.

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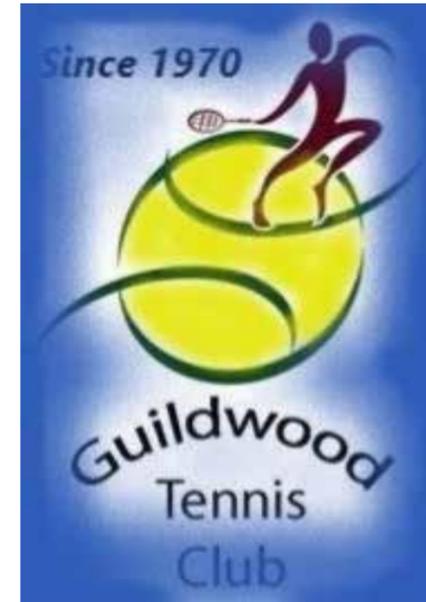
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Guildwood Tennis Opens Season 51!

Rosemary Enright | Guildwood Tennis Club



Spring is here, summer is coming, and Guildwood Tennis Club (GTC) is preparing for another exciting year – our 51st, in fact. As of April 15th the nets will be up, the courts will be open, and eager, hearty players will be seen testing their endurance against the cold April and early May weather. GTC is optimistic that the City of Toronto and the Ontario Tennis Federation will have approved outdoor sports activity by that date.

So, why not join one of Scarborough’s best tennis clubs? There is something for everyone at GTC. Want to just play and enjoy the sport? Then join in the Opening Day round robin, the evening round robins, the ladies’ morning tennis, or the mixed morning tennis. Want more of a challenge? Try out for our competitive Scarborough Tennis Federation (STF) teams and participate in the Guildwood Cup in June. To raise your playing level attend the clinics with our club pro. Want to play singles or doubles? Then use the online booking system that reserves court time for you. For Juniors we have a competitive Junior STF and an exciting new

program aimed at developing skills and an appreciation for, and enjoyment of, the sport.

For this year, GTC’s participation in STF competitions will be dependent on COVID-19 restrictions. We want to ensure the safety of all our club members.

The GTC’s new website at www.guildwoodtennis.com has all the information you need. The website provides a history of the club highlighting those who built the club from scratch, those who promoted its growth, and those players who can trace their tennis success to training received at GTC. There you will find the membership form, fee structure, and information on the booking system. For your convenience the membership form and the payment can be submitted online. A mail-in option is also available.

The executive of Guildwood Tennis Club is looking forward to meeting you on the courts, enjoying the sunshine, the exercise, the companionship, and the competitive friendly atmosphere.



Victor Krustev, 10x national tennis champion, with junior Nathan Rabbior at last year’s 50th Anniversary event.



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Building a Connected Community with East Scarborough Storefront

Sherry Lin | East Scarborough Storefront

If you had a chance to hear Anne Gloger, Director of The Storefront, speak at the March 30 GVCA Annual General Meeting, you'll know that we're passionate about community-building and supporting people's aspirations and well-being by fostering a community ecosystem that grows stronger over time.

People in The Storefront's immediate neighbourhood – Kingston-Galloway-Orton Park (KGO) – are very community-minded and are great neighbours to one other. Unfortunately, they also face steep barriers to well-being including poverty, high unemployment, and poor food security. These challenges have been made even more challenging by the pandemic.

The Storefront stimulates social and economic improvement for the whole community. We help people connect with social services, find meaningful work, engage in civic action, and feel a sense of community regardless of cultural, age, and socio-economic differences.

“The #1 reason people visit The Storefront is for a sense of community and belonging.”

In 2019-20, people visited The Storefront 48,000 times:

- » The #1 reason people visit The Storefront is for a sense of community and belonging.
- » 5,500 people received services from 35+ social service partners.
- » 737 people were connected with employment and economic supports/opportunities.
- » 1,760 people participated in workshops/events run by local residents and partners .

Results like these don't “just happen.” They come from working very intentionally, getting to know people, and building relationships throughout the community. We take the time to learn about people and the skills, information, assets, talents, and resources they have to share with one another.

We take a “Connected Community Approach” because we know that strengthening relationships throughout the community makes communities stronger. We want to work with everyone who lives, works, plays, or takes an interest in what is happening in and around the community – including you!

Connected Communities are helping people get to work

The Storefront has been helping job-seekers for 20 years. We noticed that even when jobs do become available in East Scarborough, and employers are motivated to hire locally, local

people found it very hard to get local jobs. About five years ago, we decided to try a new approach to change this. **“East Scarborough Works”** was born.

At the time, the social services sector was seeing significant public investment in job creation, so we decided to focus on it. We started by documenting:

1. The strengths and areas of challenge of people living in poverty in East Scarborough who aspire to work in the social sector.
2. The skills and attributes that social sector employers in East Scarborough were seeking for their workforces.
3. The relevant skills development and training opportunities in East Scarborough.

Doing that info-gathering revealed that there was a gap in the employment ecosystem. There was a need for training to help people living in poverty develop the skills and attributes desired by the employers in the sector. There was also a need for support for these job-seekers.

In response, The Storefront developed our 13-week course, **“Working with People in the Social Sector,”** where participants develop and hone their skills for social sector employment. Throughout the course, participants are supported to overcome personal challenges that act as barriers to entering the

job market. They receive one-on-one coaching and wrap-around supports (help with transportation, childcare, etc.) throughout the course. Participants also have the opportunity to practice their skills through projects, custom volunteer opportunities, job trials, and placements and the course covers topics related to self-awareness, interpersonal communication, group dynamics, professional expectations, conflict resolution, and understanding the social sector.

Upon graduating from the course, a team of coaches supports and connects participants to entry level jobs in the social sector or advanced training or education opportunities.

We're proud to say that we've offered the course three times, in 2018, 2019, and virtually in 2020. We'll be welcoming a fourth virtual cohort in May 2021. So far, 85% of participants who completed the course have found work or have decided to pursue further education in the sector. We count this as a “Connected Communities” success story!

You can be part of our Connected Community this spring!

We'd love for you to stay in touch with us! If you would like to learn more, reach out to me at slin@thestorefront.org. You can also browse www.thestorefront.org/get-involved to see all the opportunities for you to plug in and build a connected community with us!



Debora (L), WPSS Participant, shown with Umema (R), Storefront staff, on WPSS Graduation Day in August 2019. After WPSS, Debora found employment in the social service sector in Scarborough.

Scarborough Arts Launches New Website

Scarborough Arts, one of Toronto's six Local Arts Service Organizations (LASOs) and the only organization of its kind serving the Scarborough region, has launched a new website that aims to deepen community engagement with its programming and improve the user experience.

Created in partnership with local design firm OmniWorx Inc., founded by former Guildwood resident Jack Henry, the new website offers online membership payment and renewal, an artist directory and a job board (both coming soon), as well as updated program information, a news section, and an event calendar.

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COVID-19 Vaccines and Your Social Media Responsibility

Nick Kossovan

On Monday, December 14, 2020, Canada started the journey towards the light at the end of the tunnel. On this day, the first COVID-19 vaccines, created by Pfizer, were injected into Canadians' arms.

Social media during the pandemic has played a significant role in informing people and continues to do so. As well, social media became a haven to escape from the craziness by doing viral challenges – from doodling, trick shots, baking, and dance-based challenges on platforms like Instagram and TikTok.

COVID-19 became a catalyst for news agencies to broaden their social media presence. Access to trustworthy information is now vital when it comes to making the many daily decisions we make.

Conversely, there's a lot of misinformation circulating on the web. Remember the conspiracy theory that 5G towers give people COVID-19? Then there was Donald Trump, the world's most notorious driver of COVID-19 misinformation, declaring antimalaria drug hydroxychloroquine a "game-changer" and, during a White House briefing in April 2020, suggesting an injection with a disinfectant – such as bleach – would combat the virus.

I won't get into the number of "COVID-19 miracle cures" floating around the Internet.

Social media platforms facilitate the spreading of information, which is their reason for existence and mass adoption. Unfortunately, this ease

of communicating information has led to the amplification of rumours and questionable information, complicating public health responses, creating confusion, and contributing to vaccine hesitancy.

There are two types of false information that proliferate:

1. Misinformation—inadvertently drawing conclusions based on wrong or incomplete facts.
2. Disinformation—the deliberate spread of falsehoods to promote an agenda.

Both are a serious threat to public health.

Last summer, a McGill University study published in "Misinformation Review" found people who get their news from social media are more likely to have fallacies about COVID-19. In contrast, those consuming more traditional news media have fewer misperceptions and are more likely to follow public health recommendations like face mask wearing and social distancing.

At this critical stage, when we're turning the corner to head into a post-COVID-19 world, ask yourself: What's my social media responsibility now?

Your social media responsibility begins with separating disinformation from accurate information. How? By trusting your common sense. If the information in question doesn't sound right or seems suspicious, don't immediately trust it. More importantly, don't forward it, share it (i.e., retweet,

post on Facebook), or like it – this will just spread the disinformation. It's okay to be skeptical. Do some research! Taking what you read on the Internet at face value can be, and unfortunately often is, a huge mistake.

I strongly suggest you adopt a habit of getting your information from multiple sources to make an informed decision. Compare and contrast the information so you can critically analyze the information. There are many digital "one shop" news resources available to provide you with news articles from reliable sources. Being an Apple iPhone user, I use Apple News+. Other reliable news sources I'd recommend: Google News, Reuters, Associated Press, and Newspaper Source Plus.

It's important to read critically and question if the information you're reading or was forwarded to you matches up with other reports and with information you know to be true.

When reviewing multiple news sources, ask yourself:

- » What's the author's knowledge about the subject?
- » Does the author, or media outlet, have an agenda?
- » Where did the author get their information?
- » When was the material written?
- » Has the material been reviewed for publication or simply posted with a disclaimer?

Suppose the news source doesn't provide information about the

author or isn't clear where the author got the information. In that case, credibility and reliability are hard to evaluate—a red flag. Sources that clearly state these things are generally more reliable.

A reputable news outlet has an interest in being reliable, reachable, transparent, and straightforward. It should be easy to reach out to an editor or reporter at a publication if you have questions or concerns.

It goes without saying that we should never trust, forward, or repost anything appearing on your Facebook wall or Twitter feed, or that you come across on Reddit or YouTube, without first doing due diligence.

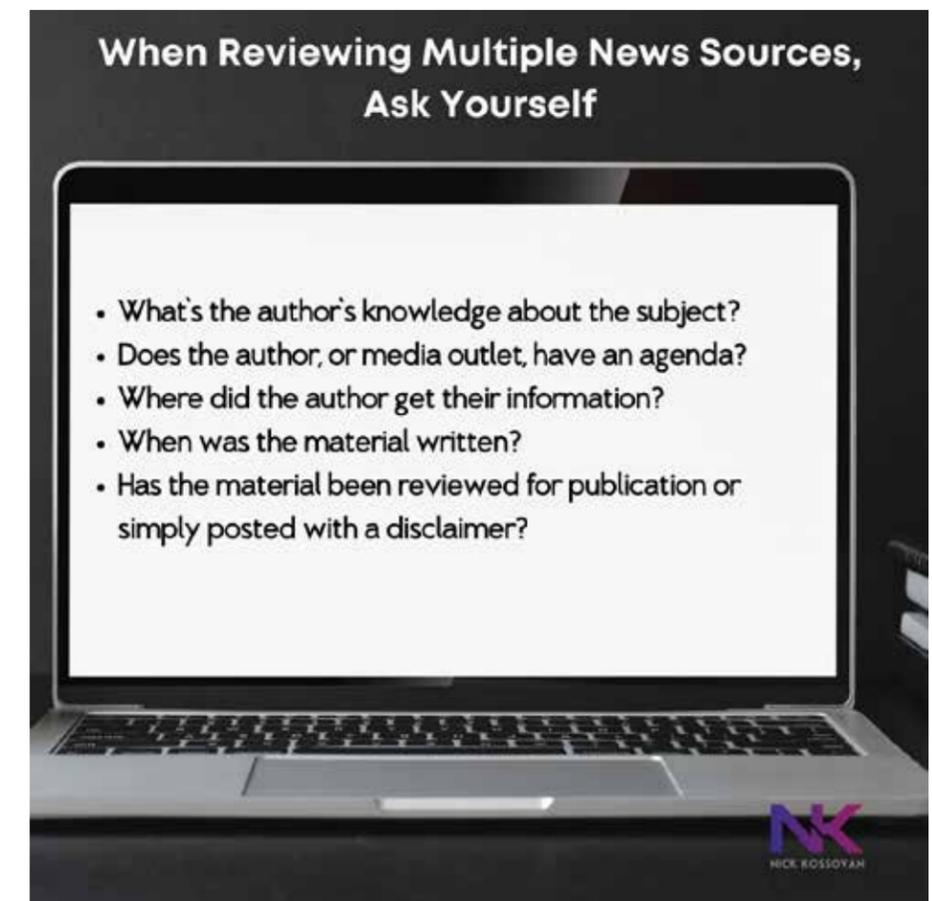
You owe it to yourself to check your sources of information; it's a large part of being social media responsible. You don't want to unwittingly spread rumours, inaccuracies, or fake news, which can lead to vaccine hesitancy.

Social media companies are finally beginning to show a willingness to address disinformation on their respective platforms. However, those with an agenda to undermine trust in the vaccine will not be using outright lies. Instead, they'll be leading campaigns designed to undermine the institutions, companies, and people overseeing the rollout. They'll be posting vaccine injury stories and providing first-person videos detailing side effects that are difficult to fact check. When a radio station asks on Facebook or Twitter, "Will you

be getting the COVID-19 vaccine?" the comments will be flooded with conspiracy theories.

By verifying your information sources and refraining from spreading falsehoods, along with washing your hands and wearing a mask while in public, you'll be doing your part to help wrestle this pandemic into becoming a footnote in our history.

On an ending note: One thing you can do is assist with removing COVID-19 disinformation from the Internet by reporting it to the World Health Organization (www.who.int), which has a page on their website with links to report online misinformation.





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Community Police Liaison Committee Update

The Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) has not met since February 2020 but we receive updates from 43 Division, especially from the crime prevention officer PC Julie Campbell who has been focusing on scams and fraud. In this article we will highlight a few recent scams. For more details go to the Canadian anti-fraud website <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca> and follow PC Julie at 43 Division of Toronto Police Service on Facebook.

As it is tax season there is a resurgence of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) scam wherein you are notified by e-mail or text that you owe an amount of back tax and can clear your account by sending payment to the sender of the e-mail or text. Don't fall for this as CRA never sends messages of this sort and never asks for payment by gift card, prepaid Visa card, or Western Union money transfer. Variations of this are in the form of texts saying

you have a refund and can get it by clicking on the supplied link. This will require you to give sensitive information to the scammer and no refund exists. Alert any young people in your family as they may not be aware of how CRA operates and are at risk of identity theft or of losing money to scammers.

Newer scams involve payments for items on buy and sell sites, such as Kijiji or Facebook Marketplace, where you have bought something and are asked to send payment and then given an address where the merchandise can be picked up. Guess what, it turns out to be fake. Never do this, but instead arrange to meet the seller in a public place to exchange money for goods.

Another payment scam involves someone buying your stuff and sending electronic payment. A while later they say they have changed their mind and ask for a refund. You give the refund and up to ten

days later the original payments bounce after the bank clears them. If you are asked for a refund tell the purchaser that you will process it in 10 days time to allow for clearance of the payments. This way you will not lose anything. Always check the reviews for the buyer or seller on buy and sell sites before doing business with them.

Rogers recently sent out a message requesting customers to change their e-mail passwords by logging into their Rogers account. This was a legitimate message but since then a couple of Rogers look-alike emails have been received saying your password has not been validated or will be cancelled shortly unless you click on the supplied link to fix this matter. These were scams and were reported to Rogers security, who verified they did not send them.

Just be aware online and if something looks wrong, ignore it.

Stay safe.

What's On @ Guildwood Library



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Tuesday	12:30 – 8:30
Wednesday	10:00 – 6:00
Thursday	12:30 – 8:30
Friday	10:00 – 6:00
Saturday	9:00 – 5:00

Please go to www.tpl.ca for more information about our reopening plans and updates.

Recommended Books from Guildwood Staff

- Matthew recommends: *Flyboys* by James Bradley
- Ruth recommends: *The Lies that Bind* by Emily Giffin
- Kanta recommends: *Death by Chocolate Snickerdoodle* by Sarah Graves
- Helen recommends: *Old Soul Love* by Christopher Poindexter
- Regina recommends: *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi
- Carolyn recommends: *Crazy Good* by Steve Chandler
- Des'Ree recommends: *All About Love: New Visions* by bell hooks

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Across:

1. _____ Helm of the Band	27. Bull ring cheers	50. Social media acronym meaning one came to understand something
6. Lower limb digits	29. _____ rug	51. A form of electricity
10. Health resort	31. Mr. Bean drives a _____	54. Anger
13. Avoid capture	32. Travolta _____ with Princess Diana	57. With 5D, a famous Scottish place
14. Is often mistaken for an aardvark	34. Farmers _____	60. Needed
16. Takes care of	36. Has showy flowers	63. _____ Vigoda
17. Goes back in	38. Control _____	64. Sharpen
18. Queen Victoria ____ on the throne	39. _____ Dog	65. _____-sound scan
20. Irritate playfully	42. A flatbread	66. Beatty or Flanders
21. A foolish, often gullible person	44. Most who work, have one	67. _____ car
24. _____ Stevens	45. Dwelling place	68. Artists support stand
26. _____ Mills	47. They would likely use 3D to take things from place to place	69. From Rocky III, " ____ Of The Tiger"
	49. Turner and Fey	70. Wanna _____?
		71. See clue 22D

Down:

1. Allow	19. A colony of New France in northeastern North America, established in 1604	46. _____ one's hopes
2. Many consider her the true "first lady"	21. Piece of turf	48. 1980's Miami _____, starring Don Johnson
3. See clue 47A	22. With 71A, a nice side for apple pie	52. My horse won by ____ (2 wds)
4. Strange	23. Kingston _____	53. A principle or belief
5. See clue 57A	25. Can be served hot or cold	54. The world's second largest religion
6. _____ sauce	28. Subject on some students timetables (abbrev)	55. _____ Rizzo, character in Midnight Cowboy
7. _____ sided	30. A Swiss mountain	56. Made a mistake
8. Summer in Quebec	31. Bruce Wayne lived in a stately _____	57. Penny _____
9. Mailed, for example	33. Mr. Borgnine	58. Do as you're told
10. The quality of not shaking or moving	35. _____, Black Label	59. Give up power or territory
11. Types of classified ads	37. Malone or Spade	61. Johnny Cash sang "A Boy Named _____"
12. For one thing, it's a rat killer	39. A fez is one	62. An Ivy League school
15. Consumed	40. Japanese sash	64. _____ cap
	41. A common weight for bricks	
	43. Saw	

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