

The tardy spring is causing gardening complications, but it will come

Nobleton Notes

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Horticulture

Submitted by John Arnott

As the old song says "Spring will be a little late this year."

Well now, I haven't been able to do much in my garden lately, what with this inclement weather we've had. My crocuses and snowdrops (galanthus) are bravely toughing it out while daffodils planted mid-January are just showing. A

patch of iris reticulata in any spring garden keeps assuring me, with their vivid blue, that while spring may be tardy, it will come. These bulbs, native to the Caucasus Mountains of Eurasia, are hardy, even pushing up through the snow to bloom. Commonly called dwarf blue iris, they grow four to six inches (10 to 15 centimetres) high, and over time form a colony. They are excellent for sunny rockeries and the front of sunny borders along walkways. They are sometimes planted with a similar bulb, iris danfordiae,

bright yellow in colour which too will form small drifts.

Mark well the place where both are planted as by late spring (no pun intended) flowers and foliage will have disappeared. When planted with four inches of good soil above the bulb, nose annuals may be grown over them. Both these iris varieties are bulbs and should not be confused with a small iris type, often called flags, which grow from rhizomes and come in the same colours as well as white and variegated. These rhizome irises bloom in mid

to late spring.

Nobleton — King City Horticultural Society's April meeting will be at the Nobleton Community Hall on Old King Road, just east of Highway 27 near the arena this coming Monday (April 23), starting at 8 p.m. Entries in the flower show must be correctly ticketed and in place by 7:30 p.m. Non-members are charged a guest fee of \$2 per show. Non-exhibitors are not permitted in the flower show area until entries are placed and judging is finished.

The guest speaker will be Patricia Simmons, who will

give an illustrated talk on big bold and beautiful plants she calls "the Mae Wests" of the garden.

Is It Spring, the flower show's theme, will feature many creative arrangements in the decorative class such as Peek-a-boo a miniature; Let's go fly a kite, which suggests motion; Tundra, which features rocks and moss; Humpty Dumpty, an arrangement in an egg cup; Easter Parade, a floral design incorporating a hat; and Welcome Spring, a display of cut flowers, foliage and potted flowers/foliage arranged in one larger container.

In the cultural class daffodil/narcissus scapes (stems) should be shown without any leaves.

Mark your calendar and enjoy a touch of spring.

Movies on the Lawn
Submitted by
Andrea Kollo

With summer around the corner, many people are already starting to make their plans, so please include attending at Movies on the Lawn.

The movies will be on a 34-foot screen, with professional projection and sound at the Nobleton Arena Sports Park. Gates will open at 8 p.m. and movies will start at approximately 9.

The first event will be June 13 and every other Wednesday after that. This will truly be a community event.

Mark these dates on your calendar: June 13 and 27; July 11 and 25; Aug. 8 and 22; and Sept. 5 and 19 (two rain dates have been scheduled for Sept. 12 and 29).

You can read more about this event by going on the Web site at www.starlightmoves.ca to get the full impact of what is being planned. You can order your season or individual tickets via secure on-line credit card from the Web site.

Seniors' euchre

April 10 euchre winners were Gwen Potter, Carol Sharer, Vivian Hannah, Joy Lostchuck, Bob Fleury and Cathy Kiekebelt. Lucky draw winners were Iva Hilliard, Lou Curtis and Deanne Campbell.

The next euchre will be April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Drop-in Centre. All are welcome.

Nobleton United Church

Nobleton United warmly welcomes all to attend the Sunday service at 11:15 a.m. with Pastor Tim Dayfoot. You might want to read Acts 9:1-6 in advance, the story of Saul on the road to Damascus.

This Saturday (April 21) from 10 a.m. to noon, there will be the third session of "even more spirited discussion" at Kleinburg United Church. This is related to the National United Church's campaign on emerging spirit and how this relates to both Kleinburg and Nobleton United Churches. All are welcome to attend and participate.

Nobleton United will be hosting another Roast Beef Dinner fund-raiser April 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nobleton Community Hall. Tickets are required in advance; \$17 per person and \$8 for

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Family concert at KCUC Saturday night

King's Corners

All Saints' Church
Submitted by
Claire Alexander

Giant Rummage Sale
Come this Saturday (April 21) from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. to All Saints' Anglican Church for the giant rummage sale. The cost is \$2 for shoppers, and children get in free.

The sale will feature linens, toys, books, clothing and huge white elephant items.

Students can earn community service hours this week by helping with set-up today (Wednesday), tomorrow and Friday, and with the massive clean-up anticipated after the sale. Drop in, or call Denise Whalley at (905) 833-2654.

All Saints' praises God for freedom to openly celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter. Thanks, too, to the children who carried in Toronto's 150th anniversary wooden cross Good Friday; to choirs and soloists; to church neighbours for the warmth of fellowship together as a community; and for newspaper coverage that spread the joy.

Note that grieving children, ages six to 12, may share their feelings through crafts and games at Hospice King-Aurora, 155 King Rd., in Oak Ridges, starting this coming Tuesday (April 24) from 6:30 to 8 p.m., for eight weeks. Pre-register (free) for Wings with Karen Simmonds at (905) 773-0155.

Next Sunday (April 29), All Saints' looks forward to a preaching visit at 10:30 a.m. from Rev. Tim Elliott, with contemporary music by the Alexander family. Tim is the first of a number of former clergy and students returning to celebrate our 150th year. Come and give him a warm welcome back. The adult NOOMA video

discussion continues from 9:15-10:15 a.m., between services, led by Judith Bishop and Leah Springford.

Mark your calendars for the Women's Dinner May 10, with a secret dessert to follow. Get your tickets early and bring your friends.

Choral evensong takes place Mother's Day (May 13) at 7:30 p.m. under Director of Music Michael Leach.

A friendly church welcoming young families, All Saints' is at 12935 Keele St. in King City, a few doors south of King Road. The Eucharist is celebrated at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sundays, with nursery care and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m., followed by c o n g r e g a t i o n a l refreshments.

If you have a need, call the church office, or Rev. Nicola Skinner, at (905) 833-5432, or e-mail to allsaints@eol.ca

King City United Church
Submitted by Shirley
Burton

King City United Church, a vibrant, caring Christian church, invites all to Sunday morning worship service, led by Rev. Bob Biggar, and Sunday school, at 10 a.m., followed by fellowship and refreshments.

King City United Church is located one block south of the King Road and one block east of Keele Street, 50 Elizabeth Grove.

This coming Sunday (April 22), the reflection is to be The Church of the Future, based on John 21:1-19. All are invited to gather in the parlour after worship to discuss this further.

When submitting taken money to the church, please indicate if the amount includes a repayment of seed money

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call Virginia Wainman at (905) 884-2972. The yearly cost is \$14, and is payable by cheque to King City United Church, marked "Observer".

Mark your calendar for next Saturday (April 28) for the Spring Tea, from 2 until 4 p.m., with Antiques and Pottery on display. Tickets at \$7, are available from Shirley Scott at (905) 833-3724, or at the church office.

The annual King City United Church spring clean-up is to be May 5, starting at 9 a.m. The more the merrier to get it finished faster. Come our and have some fun at the same time.

The Youth Group is to gather for fun and games at the church, May 5, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Photos of KCUC happenings are great. Check out our Web site at www.kcuc.ca

It is the time to get ready for the third annual King City amazing race. The race is to take place June 2. The times and details are to follow. At this time, we are in need of volunteer host homes so we can set out our route. We are also in need of prize donations. If you are able to help with either of these needs, talk to Daniela Weston or Searena Edmunds.

For further information on church activities, please call (905) 833-5181. The office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you wish to insert a news item in this weekly column for church news, please call Shirley Burton at (905) 778-0947, or e-mail to sbburt1@aol.com

KCUC invites all to a community family concert this Saturday at 7:30 p.m., featuring Spirit.Calm Praise Band.

The band performs old time gospel and contemporary Christian songs, with guitar, bass, keyboard and percussion. The concert promises to be inspirational and celebratory

of God's gifts. The music is both performance and interactive, with audience participation. Spirit.Calm's repertoire is music that everyone will enjoy and can sing along to; music that is both reflective and celebratory. It is assured that all concert goers will go home tapping their toes and humming upbeat tunes!

Spirit.Calm Praise Band originated at Northminster United Church in Oshawa and now includes 11 different musicians from the eastern GTA. KCUC Praise Band and the family choir will be joining Spirit.Calm for two numbers at this event.

Tickets are \$10, and \$5 for students. Children under 12 get in free. Tickets will be available at the door or reserve yours by calling Bill at (905) 833-2254.

King City United Church is at 50 Elizabeth Grove (just off of Keele St. behind the ambulance station). The concert starts at 7:30. For more information contact KCUC at (905)-833-5181 or www.kcuc.ca

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Submitted by Kathy
Patterson

Just a reminder that the Adult Bible Study on Luke's Gospel is reconvening this coming Sunday (April 22) at 9:30 a.m. in the lounge.

Come for coffee and great discussion.

The Men's Breakfast Group is meeting at the church Saturday at 9 a.m. to go to a local restaurant for food and fellowship.

We're gearing up for our annual Showers of Blessing. Hope you can come and enjoy a heart-felt evening of song and musical selections held April 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Call the church for further information regarding services or if you need a ride. We would love to hear from you at (905) 833-2325.

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