

# BULLETIN

Meeting the information needs of Consumer/Survivors in the Toronto Area

November 16 – 30, 2010

Consumer/Survivor Information Resource Centre of Toronto, 1001 Queen St. West, Toronto  
 Phone Hours: M – F from 9 – 5 / Drop-in Hours: M – F from 9 – 4  
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## Where to Learn How to Use a Computer

1) The **Toronto Public Library** offers popular programs at most branches and at all 15 of their Learning Centres across Toronto. Call the Answerline at 416-393-7131 or visit [www.Torontopubliclibrary.ca/programs](http://www.Torontopubliclibrary.ca/programs) for dates, times and locations near you. The classes are free. Here are some of the courses they offer:

**Move That Mouse:** Learn basic mouse and keyboard skills in this hands-on class. An introduction to skills required for all Internet courses.

**Email Made Easy:** Learn to use Web-based email services, set up a free email account and send your first message.

**Web Basics:** Explore the Internet using Web addresses, search engines and subject directories.

**Web Basics II & III:** Improve your search techniques to master search engines, subject directories and the library website's rich content.

**Web Basics for Seniors Part I & II: Move That Mouse.** Learn basic mouse and keyboard skills. An introduction to the World Wide Web in two sessions. For older adults with little or no Internet experience.

**Word Basics Part I & II:** Create and Save a File. Learn to open Word, create a document and save a file. An introduction to Microsoft Word XP 2002 in two sessions. Learn basic editing, use Help and create letters and resumes with templates. An introduction to Microsoft Word XP 2002 in two sessions.

**Web 2.0:** YouTube, Flickr, Wikis, and More. Explore recent changes in creating and sharing information on the World Wide Web.

**Digital Design Basics** including designing a simple and basic website using Dreamweaver.

**Surfing Seniors Drop-In.** Explore the World Wide Web and meet other seniors.

2) The **Toronto District School Board's** Learn for Life – General Interest Classes for Adults offers more in-depth learning about computers. Digital art, images, presentations, video and music, web design, computer repair, Microsoft Office, Internet and email, New Age publishing, computer security, Skype, Twitter & Facebook, and more. Registration for the Winter term begins November 15, 2010 and continues right up until the first class if it is not full. Winter classes begin January 15, 2011. My best advice: Register early. Register today. Classes are located in schools and community centres across Toronto.



Cost: Seniors received a substantive discount. OW, ODSP or CPP Disability recipients may take one course per term for only \$10. Computer related courses have a \$10 additional fee that is not discounted.

Register online, by mail, phone, fax, email or online.

Office: Continuing Education Department, 2 Trethewey Drive, 3rd floor, Toronto, ON M6M 4A8 Phone: 416-338-4111

Fax: 416-394-3877 email: [communityprograms@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:communityprograms@tdsb.on.ca) [www.learn4life.ca](http://www.learn4life.ca)

3) Martha mentioned that you can download some really good tutorials:

<http://www.officetutorials.com/> <http://www.functionx.com/windows/index.htm>

4) Many community employment counseling agencies offer free computer skills upgrading to job-seekers registered with them. Online interactive tutorials on email, the internet, and widely used word processing, web design, accounting, and spreadsheet programs may be available. Call 3-1-1 to locate agencies near you.

5) Some **community centres and drop-ins** offer classes on how to use a computer. Here are some:

**People and Organizations in North Toronto (P.O.I.N.T)** offers free computer and Internet access, as well as free, one-hour Internet-based classes. 200 Eglinton Avenue West. 416-487-2427 [point@pointinc.org](mailto:point@pointinc.org)

**Scadding Court Community Centre.** Computer classes are held twice per month and include an afternoon class and an evening class. All classes are free of charge and are one and a half hours in length. The class is open for students at a beginner level and higher. Scadding Court Community Centre, 707 Dundas Street West. Register at 416-392-0335.

**Ralph Thornton Community Centre.** Lewis Pearsall Computer Resource Centre. This volunteer run Computer Resource Centre provides free computer and internet access to individuals and community groups. They teach people how to use computers for free. You can call or drop-in to arrange your sessions. Ralph Thornton Community Centre, 765 Queen Street East 416-392-6810 [info@ralphthornton.org](mailto:info@ralphthornton.org)

**Sound Times Support Services.** This Consumer/Survivor Initiative provides computer and internet access free of charge to members. They also offer individual instruction in basic (LINUX) computing and email. Membership is free. 280 Parliament St. 416-979-1700 Fax: 416-979-8354 [www.soundtimes.com](http://www.soundtimes.com)

**Friends & Advocates Centre.** This consumer/survivor initiative offers free computer and internet classes to members. Membership is free. 2340 Dundas St. West #g27 416-234-9245 [friendsandadvocates@bellnet.ca](mailto:friendsandadvocates@bellnet.ca)

**Dixon Hall.** The Family Computer Literacy Program provides free computer access and training to both children and adults so that they may improve keyboarding skills, learn various software (Microsoft Word and Excel), surf the Internet or use an email account. 58 Sumach St. 416-863-0499 x 230 [www.dixonhall.org](http://www.dixonhall.org)

**East Scarborough Storefront** offers free basic computer classes and access to computers and Internet. 4040 Lawrence Ave. East [info@thestorefront.org](mailto:info@thestorefront.org) [www.thestorefront.org](http://www.thestorefront.org) 416-208-9889

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



### CAMH's New Smoking Policy: A Feedback and Complaints Session for CAMH Clients

How is the new policy affecting your daily life? Do you have access to going outside for a smoke? Do you have a locker provided for storing your cigarettes? Can you get help with quitting smoking if you want it? How is the weather affecting smoking areas? Empowerment Council Office, Room 160, 1001 Queen St. West on November 23 from 2 – 3 pm. Call Lucy Costas at 416-535-8501 x 3013 for more information.

## Thank you!

In this issue we would like to extend our gratitude to Diane Lewis, our retiring tax volunteer who faithfully did tax returns for people all spring and summer.

We welcome Ian Aukema, who has just started as our new tax clinic volunteer.

C/S Info Centre

## In 1990, Gerstein Crisis Centre opened its doors.

Since then, thousands of people have found support through difficult times.



Please join us for our... 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House

Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010

3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

100 Charles Street East, Toronto, ON M4Y 1V3

R.S.V.P. 416-929-0149 or [admin@gersteincentre.org](mailto:admin@gersteincentre.org)

## Accent On Ability – Developing education, training, and employment opportunities for consumer/survivors of the mental health system.

You are invited to attend a Strategic Planning Workshop to be held Saturday, November 20, 2010 from 10 am – 3 pm at SUBUD, 2170 Danforth Avenue, one block west of Woodbine Avenue (next door to A-WAY Express and a short walk from the Woodbine TTC station).

The purpose of the workshop is to develop a dynamic future for Accent on Ability, a non-profit, charitable organization set up in 1998.

Lunch will be served and TTC tickets provided for those who require them.

RSVP Jim Ward, Secretary/Treasurer of Accent on Ability at 416-465-4198 before Thursday, November 18, 2010.



**Touched by Fire** art show and sale at the [Royal Ontario Museum](#) on Thursday, November 25, 2010. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. See the art chosen by our esteemed judges from the online gallery of more than 550 amazing submissions. Meet the artists. Touched By Fire celebrates the creativity of artists living with depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety and psychosis.

Attendance is free. However, be sure to [RSVP in advance](#) to guarantee you get in, Fill out our [online form](#), or call 416-486-8046 ext. 222 by Thursday, November 18, 2010.

This year we're throwing an after party - The Flamin' After Party - to celebrate all of the wonderful artists who share their talents with us. Tickets are \$15.

# 1% Increase

## Effective November / December 2010

The table below shows the benefit rate amounts for both Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) for the periods before and after November / December 2010, to reflect a 1% in Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter rates. The increases will appear on ODSP cheques received in November and OW cheques received in December 2010.

The Ontario Child Benefit (OCB) is also payable to families with dependent children. OCB amounts are included here to provide a sense of total maximum monthly income from these provincial sources. More information about the OCB and the restructuring of social assistance rates is available at on the ISAC website at [www.incomesecurity.org](http://www.incomesecurity.org).

The 1% increase also applies to the Double Disabled rate, Board and Lodging amounts, Northern Allowances, the Guide Dog Benefit, the Dependents of Dependents amount, benefits to Residents of Interval and Transition Homes, the Advanced Age Amount, the Special Boarder Allowance, the Personal Needs Allowance, Emergency Hostel Per Diems, and the Temporary Care Assistance amount. As well, the Assistance for Children with Severe Disability (ACSD) amount will increase to \$445.

Case Type	Before Nov / Dec 2010							After Nov / Dec 2010
OW	Basic Needs	Max Shelter	Max OCB	Current Total	Basic Needs	Max Shelter	Max OCB	New Total
Single	\$221	\$364	\$0	\$585	\$224	\$368	\$0	<b>\$592</b>
Couple	\$438	\$572	\$0	\$1,010	\$443	\$578	\$0	<b>\$1,021</b>
Single Parent + 1 child <sup>1</sup>	\$341	\$572	\$92	\$1,005	\$344	\$578	\$92	<b>\$1,014</b>
Single Parent + 2 children <sup>1</sup>	\$341	\$620	\$184	\$1,145	\$344	\$627	\$184	<b>\$1,155</b>
Couple + 1 child <sup>1</sup>	\$438	\$620	\$92	\$1,150	\$443	\$627	\$92	<b>\$1,162</b>
<b>ODSP</b>								
Single	\$578	\$464	\$0	\$1,042	\$584	\$469	\$0	<b>\$1,053</b>
Couple	\$855	\$729	\$0	\$1,584	\$864	\$737	\$0	<b>\$1,601</b>
Single Parent + 1 child <sup>2</sup>	\$721	\$729	\$92	\$1,542	\$727	\$737	\$92	<b>\$1,556</b>
Single Parent + 2 children <sup>3</sup>	\$739	\$791	\$184	\$1,714	\$745	\$799	\$184	<b>\$1,728</b>
Couple + 1 child <sup>2</sup>	\$855	\$791	\$92	\$1,738	\$864	\$799	\$92	<b>\$1,755</b>

<sup>1</sup> Child/children under 18 years of age

<sup>2</sup> Child under 13 years of age. <sup>3</sup> One child under 13 years of age, one child 13 years of age or older.

**Our thanks to the Income Security Advocacy Centre (1-866-245-4072) for this information.**

## Rally to Put FOOD in the Budget!

No one can survive on \$585 per month. Join us for the rally.

**Monday November 15, 2010**

7 till 9 pm  
Wychood Barns, 601 Christie Street,  
Barn # 2, Toronto

Music by Bill King and Stacey Bulmer

For More Information:  
[www.putfoodinthebudget.ca](http://www.putfoodinthebudget.ca)

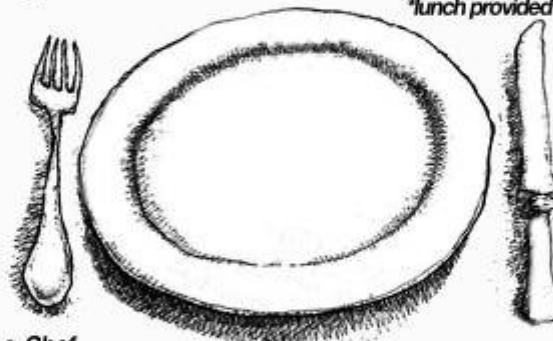
The campaign is advocating a \$100 raise to social assistance as a first step towards ensuring adequate rates.

🌳 Save a tree, if you get the *Bulletin* by mail and you are able to convert to email, please contact the centre and let us know your email address.  
[csinfo@camh.net](mailto:csinfo@camh.net) or 416-595-2882.

Hunger: It's the Recession's untold story.  
We can't afford to be silent any longer.

## HUNGER INQUIRY

Tues. November 23  
9am - 4pm  
The Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto  
(behind the Eaton Centre)  
*\*lunch provided*



With panelists:

Joshna Maharaj • *Chef*  
Jim Stanford • *C.A.W. Economist*  
Dr. Gary Bloch • *Medical Doctor*  
Linda Chamberlain • *Community Advocate*  
Toni Panzuto • *FoodShare Program Facilitator*  
Bruce McLeod • *Former Moderator, United Church of Canada*

*Governments are beginning to "tighten their belts." We must make sure the story is told NOW, before they make the problem much worse.*

How has hunger been affecting you?  
Your organization? Your work?  
**Share your story!**

RECESSION RELIEF COALITION  
info@recessionreliefcoalition.org  
(416) 824-4172 or (416) 921-8668 x238  
[www.recessionreliefcoalition.org](http://www.recessionreliefcoalition.org)

Tuesday, November 23 from 9 am – 4 pm at  
The Church of the Holy Trinity

## EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

### St. Christopher House, Employment Preparation Program's November Workshops:

Nov. 16 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm

Nov. 24 from 9:45 to 4:00.

Nov. 30 from 1:30 – 4:30 pm

**Food Safety and Handling:** FREE

**Smart Serve:** Registration starts November 10. Earn a certificate permitting you to serve alcoholic beverages in Ontario. \$25.

**Customer Service & Cashier Training:** Registration starts November 16.

Registration is on a first come first served basis. Call to register 416-848-7980.

Located at 1033 King Street West.

## Access Alliance is hiring an Arabic-speaking Peer Intervention Worker

This is a Training/Employment Opportunity. No post-secondary education is required.

**Application deadline: 2010/11/24** Internal and External 1-year contract, full-time with possibility of extension. They are seeking a motivated woman eager to develop new skills and knowledge to provide outreach to isolated newcomer families with young children from 0-6 years old.

Visit <http://accessalliance.ca/jobs/current> to view job posting.

## PLACES TO GO... PEOPLE TO SEE...

Free and Low-Cost Events for **November 16 – November 30, 2010**

For TTC information call 416-393-4636 (INFO) or visit the TTC website.

### AGM

**Sat 20 from 12:30 – 3:30 pm. ERDCO** (Ethno-Racial People with Disabilities Coalition of Ontario) Annual General Meeting. Ryerson University, Jorgenson Hall, POD 250, 350 Victoria St. Lunch (halal, vegetarian), Attendant Services and ASL interpretation will be provided. Please RSVP to [coordinator@erdco.ca](mailto:coordinator@erdco.ca) or at 416-657-2211. FREE

### ART

For November. **VanDuzer Art Studio open workshops.** Eden Community Homes, VanDuzer Art Studio, 196 Beverley St. 647-280-4931 FREE

- **Mondays from 1 – 4 pm.** Sketching workshops with Josh
- **Tuesdays from 1 – 4 pm.** Beading Workshop with Tamara (jewelery, mandalas, belts and more)
- **Wednesdays from 1 – 4 pm.** Papier Mache with Tamara & Magnolia (bowls, sculptures, trays and more)
- **Wednesdays from 2 – 5 pm.** Sketching and Painting with Dan
- **Thursdays from 12:30 – 2 pm.** Express Yourself Writers' Workshop with Katharine
- **Fridays from 1 – 4 pm.** Art Drop-in with Brenda
- **Mon 22 from 1 – 4 pm. Creative Christmas Decoration Workshop.** Using salt dough to make Christmas decorations. This process will consist of two classes, as the moulds will need to dry for 24 hrs before painting. Come join us!

### CELEBRATION

**Sat 27 from 6:30 pm – 1 am. The Ontario Coalition Against Poverty - 20 Years of Fighting to Win.** Community Dinner, Re-enactments, Music, the OCAP Awards, Toasts and Roasts. We invite you to join us in this momentous celebration! Cecil Street Community Centre, 58 Cecil Street. 415-925-6939 [www.ocap.ca](http://www.ocap.ca) Sliding scale - \$0 to \$100



**Sat 20 from 5 – 9 pm. DIY – Punk Matinee** (All Ages). WOMB RAIDER (Feminist hardcore from Montreal), INDICTABLE MISCHIEF (Anti-police anthems from Peterborough), LOATHSOME (Vegan powerviolence from Toronto). Beit Zatoun, 612 Markham Street <http://noapathytoronto.blogspot.com/> \$5 suggested donation (no one will be turned away).

### FILM

**Sat 27 from 7 - 9 pm. Instructional Tapes: video screening and book launch.** Watch a curated selection of videos from the 1970s and 1980s featuring instructional approaches or content. Book entitled *Funkaesthetics* discusses the influence of these tapes in contemporary culture. Hart House, 7 Hart House Circle. 416-978-8463 [www.jmbgallery.ca](http://www.jmbgallery.ca) FREE

## HOLIDAY

**Sat 20 - Sun 21. All day. Annual Swedish Christmas Fair.** Families gather at Toronto's Harbourfront Centre for its annual Swedish Christmas Fair. Craftmaking, baking gingerbread cookies, and lots of dancing around the Christmas tree are on the agenda. Swedish textiles, food and traditional gifts are on sale. Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queens Quay West. 416-973-4000 info@harbourfront.com FREE

**Sat 20 from 10:30 am to 1 pm. Singsation Saturday.** Sing Handel's *Messiah*. Anyone who loves to sing is invited to sing selections from Handel's *Messiah* at this Toronto Mendelssohn Choir choral workshop. Singers will be led by Baroque music expert Ivars Taurins, founder and director of the Tafelmusik Chamber Choir. Register at the event. \$10 includes refreshments. Workshop takes place in Cameron Hall in the Yorkminster Park Centre. Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Cameron Hall, 1585 Yonge St. 416-598-0422 x 24 admin@tmchoir.org www.tmchoir.org/engage/singsationSaturdays.cfm \$10 is more than our usual \$5 limit but this is a great opportunity to experience Handel's *Messiah*.

**Sun 21 at 12:30 pm. Santa Clause Parade Toronto 2010.** Starts at Bloor and Christie Street, runs east to University, turns south until Dundas Street, turns east until Yonge Street, proceeds south until Front Street, then east to Church Street. Families should arrive early to get a good spot along the route. FREE



**Sat 27 at 7 pm. Toronto's 44th Annual Cavalcade of Lights** returns to Nathan Phillips Square with the lighting of Toronto's official Christmas tree, live musical performances and a spectacular fireworks display. Skating party to follow. For 2010, the Cavalcade of Lights will be one night only. Nathan Phillips Square, 100 Queen St. West FREE

**Fri 26 from 7 to 9:30 pm. 2nd Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony.** Presented by Shops at Don Mills. Kick off the spirit of the season with exciting activities and attractions for the whole family. A special concert by the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir will take place with an evening performance of holiday hymns in both Welsh and English. Santa Claus himself will also be dropping by with treats and a few of his reindeer. Shops at Don Mills, 1090 Don Mills Road (Don Mills Road and Lawrence Avenue East). 416-447-0618 FREE

**Sat 27 at 11 am. Main Street Markham 38th Annual Santa Claus Parade.** Carollers, fiddlers, strolling musicians, a street barbeque, and opportunities for children to get their picture taken with. Parade starts at Markham Village Community Centre and travels north on Main Street, ending south of 16th Avenue. FREE

## Winter Magic

- **Every Fri, Sat and Sun from November 12 to December 19 from noon – 2 pm. Winter Magic 2010 Buskertainment.** Walk throughout Downtown Yonge and stumble upon buskers of all kinds. From caricature artists, to mimes, to stilt walkers, to illusionists - anything you can think of will be there. All proceeds raised will go to Raising the Roof. Click here for a map of busker locations! FREE
- **Month of November.** 24 hour/day. Winter Magic takes over the city with **festive window displays** in the Yonge Street district, created by Ryerson Retail Management students on a budget of \$100. This event is featured as part of Winter Wonderland, a series of outdoor seasonal celebrations in different Toronto locations. FREE
- **Sat 20 at 6 pm. Illuminite.** Ring in the season with fire and ice. Enjoy warm lights against a cold winter sky at a free holiday lighting ceremony. The evening includes a fire and pyrotechnics show put on by stunt artists Circus Orange and an aerial and martial arts performance by Larchaud Dance Project. The end of the show is marked by the lighting of the tree. Yonge-Dundas Square FREE
- **Sat 27 to Sun 28 from 11 am – 5 pm both days. Winter Magic 2010 Kidzfest.** Kids of all ages have the chance to meet their cartoons idols, go on rides and get their faces painted at this free day-long event. Making appearances will be Nintendo's popular Pikachu, Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs and actress Cindy Cook of the Polka Dot Door. Yonge-Dundas Square. FREE



**Mon – Sat, November 17 to December 24 at various times. The Santa Experience.** Quality time with Santa. Children aged two to six get face to face time with Santa for half an hour, including visiting with his elves, storytelling, dancing and singing. Registration is required in advance at the holiday information booth at Sherway Square (in the mall). Sherway Square, 25 The West Mall (HWY 427 & the QEW). All proceeds to the charity Sleeping Children Around the World www.scaw.org. 416-621-1070 <http://www.sherwaygardens.ca/en/Pages/default.aspx> \$5

**Sun 21 from 9 am – 11 am. Santa Claus Parade Breakfast.** The most important meal of the day plus magicians, jugglers, face painting, music and contests. Yonge-Dundas Square. 416-249-7833  
[www.thesantaclausparade.com](http://www.thesantaclausparade.com) FREE

**Fri 29 from 11:30 am – 3 pm. The Santa Claus Parade Red Nose Day BBQ.** Kick-off the Santa Claus Parade weekend with a free BBQ. CTV Parking Lot, 299 Queen Street West (Queen Street West & John Street). 416-249-7833 FREE

## LAUNCH

**Fri 26 from 6 – 8 pm. Official Launch of BREAKTHROUGH** - an LGBTQ newcomer volunteer network. The network has been created by a group of newcomers who wish to spur anti-oppression education and build community by creating safer spaces for the LGBT population. The 519 Community Centre. Email [breakthrough@the519.org](mailto:breakthrough@the519.org) for details or to sign-up for the mailing list.

## LEARNING

**CAMH Client Learning Funds.** If you are currently a client at CAMH you may be eligible for financial support to provide funding towards tuition or course materials. Contact Sarah Manson at 416-535-8501 x 4407. The application deadline is **Friday, December 20, 2010.**

**Wed 17 from noon – 1:30 pm. Islamic Finance.** Social Economy Centre's Lunchbox Speakers' Series (& Webcast) event. Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, 252 Bloor St. West, Room 12-199. 416-978-0022 [secspeaker@oise.utoronto.ca](mailto:secspeaker@oise.utoronto.ca) FREE (no registration required)

**Sat 20 from 10 am – 5:30 pm.** Join **Buddhist leader Dzogchen Ponlop** and others for a day of discovery around spiritual life, religion and culture. Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street. 416-395-5577 [rebelbuddha.com](http://rebelbuddha.com) FREE

**Wed 24 from 4 – 6 pm. Carbon Capture and Storage:** An Important Part of Canada's Environment and Energy Strategy. Learn about how carbon capture and storage works. Room WW 121, Woodsworth College, University of Toronto, 119 St. George Street. 416-978-3475 [www.environment.utoronto.ca](http://www.environment.utoronto.ca) FREE

## MUSIC

**Tues 16 to Sat 20 from 10 pm – 1 am. 416 Toronto Creative Improviser's Festival.** Listen to completely free-form spontaneous compositions, created on the spot, plus a workshop. Tranzac Club, 292 Brunswick Avenue. 416-645-0295 [www.416festival.com](http://www.416festival.com) PAY WHAT YOU CAN

**Wed 17 at 7 pm. Jarana Workshop.** Learn to play traditional Mexican music on the Jarana 8-string guitar. Naco Gallery, 1665 Dundas Street West. 647-347-6499 [www.nacogallery.com](http://www.nacogallery.com) PAY WHAT YOU CAN

**Wed 17 at 10:30 am. Music through the Centuries.** CBC Radio's *Sound Advice* host Rick Phillips discusses classical music. Runnymede Library, 2178 Bloor Street West. 416-393-7697 [www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca) FREE

**Sun 21 from 3 – 4 pm. Sundays @ 3 "Made in Canada" Quartet.** Sharon Wei (viola); Judy Kang (Stradivarius violin); Rachel Mercer (Stradivarius cello); Angela Park (piano). Awarding winning musicians play great music on famous instruments. Featured music by Faure; Brahms; Mozart and Ravel. Royal York Road United Church, 851 Royal York Road. 416-231-9401 [ryrchurch@rogers.com](mailto:ryrchurch@rogers.com) Admission by donation

**Tues 23 at 7 pm. Tape Some Noise Workshop** with video creators Colin Medley, David Oppenheim and Iris Fraser. Lillian H. Smith Library, 239 College Street. 416-393-7746 [www.torontopubliclibrary.com](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.com) FREE

**Sun 28 at 1 pm. TorQ.** Torontonians drumming quartet takes families on a musical journey with over 75 instruments, including bells, drums, shakers, cymbals, marimbas and even garbage cans. Brigantine Room, Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queens Quay West. 416-973-4000 [www.harbourfrontcentre.com](http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com) FREE

**Tues 30 at 9 pm. Indie Music Showcase.** Showcasing Dane Hartsell, Leh-Lo, Dan Gagnon & the Dead Ringers. Show will be broadcast live on IndieLove Radio. 416-925-8898 [www.breadandcircus.ca](http://www.breadandcircus.ca) PAY WHAT YOU CAN

## FITNESS & RECREATION

**Ongoing. Toronto Parks & Recreation Welcome Policy.** The City of Toronto's Welcome Policy is a fee subsidy program which provides access to City-operated recreation programs for individuals and families living below the



Low Income Cut-Off (LICO). As a Welcome Policy member, you and your family can register to Toronto's recreation programs free of cost and enjoy the benefits of a wide variety of recreation programs and services including swimming, skating, and more. Register for Winter programs now. Call 3-1-1 to apply or download the Application form and mail it to: City of Toronto, Welcome Policy Application, 55 John Street, MAILROOM, Toronto, Ontario M5V 3C6. Or fax the application and supporting documents to 416-338-5046. Parks, Forestry and Recreation Info: 416-338-4286

#### Low Income Cut-Off:

1 Person \$22,229	3 Persons \$34,022	5 Persons \$46,850	7 Persons + \$58,827
2 Persons \$27,674	4 Persons \$41,307	6 Persons \$52,838	

## SHOW



**Sun 28 from 10 am – 4 pm. Antique Show.** Evaluations \$5. Bring your antiques! Swansea Town Hall. 95 Lavinia Ave. 416-392-1954 <http://www.swanseatownhall.ca/> FREE Admission

## Transgender Day Of Remembrance Vigil

*'to honour in death those who have been so dishonoured in life'*

**Fri 19 from 7 to 9 pm.** The **Transgender Day of Remembrance** was created to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. The event is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder on November 28th, 1998 kicked off the Remembering Our Dead™ web project and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999. Rita Hester's murder — like most anti-transgender murder cases — has yet to be solved. The 519 Church Street Community Centre. <http://www.the519.org/events/transdayofremembrance>

**Sat 20 at 7:00 pm.** Trans and queer folks, and their allies are welcome to mark **Transgender Day of Remembrance** in Mississauga on November 20, 2010. Speakers, Candlelight Vigil, Silence and Remembrance. Hot drinks afterwards. Kariya Park, Mississauga (on Kariya Drive, near Burnhamthorpe & Hurontario, across from Sussex Centre). 905-608-4082 x2 or 4 [qxposure.emchc@gmail.com](mailto:qxposure.emchc@gmail.com)

## WRITERS

**Wed 17 and each Wednesday from 8 – 9:30 pm. In(Side) The Veins.** Poetry workshop and readings from the audience. Culturshoc, 1205 Queen West. 416-588-7462 [gallery.culturshoc.com](http://gallery.culturshoc.com) FREE

**Wed 17 at 7 pm.** Author Kate Taylor talks about her book **A Man in Uniform**. Runnymede Library, 2178 Bloor West. 393-7696 [www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca) FREE

**Wed 17 at 6:30 pm.** Maureen Jennings talks about her **Murdoch Mystery series**. Yorkville Library, 22 Yorkville Avenue 416-393-7660 [www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca) FREE

**Wed 17 at 8 pm. Best Canadian Essays 2010.** A reading and launch of a new book edited by Alex Boyd and Kamal Al-Solaylee. Dora Keogh, 141 Danforth Avenue. 416-778-1804 [www.tightropebooks.com](http://www.tightropebooks.com) FREE

**Mon 22 at 7 pm.** Simon Winchester talks about his new book **Atlantic: A Biography of the Ocean** with CBC's Bob McDonald. Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street. 416-395-5577 [www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca) FREE

**Mon 22 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.** Tarek Fatah talks about his book **The Jew Is Not My Enemy: Unveiling the Myths that Fuel Muslim Anti-Semitism**. Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Road. 416-395-5440 [www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca) FREE

**Tues 23 at 7 pm.** Quebecois author **Nicole Brossard** reads from her new works. York University, Building ACW 206, 4700 Keele Street. 416-736-5158 [www.yorku.ca/laps/canwrite](http://www.yorku.ca/laps/canwrite) FREE

**Wed 24 from 7 - 8:30 pm.** Award-winning author Salman Rushdie launches his new book **Luka and the Fire of Life**, and is interviewed by Randy Boyagoda. Bram & Bluma Appel Salon, Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street. 416-395-5577 [www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca) FREE





## YULETIDE AND OTHER YUMMIES

Christmas and holiday bazaars are always good fun and great places to shop for the holidays. Quilt raffles, silent auctions, gifts, white elephant sales, decorations, home-made crafts, jewelry, knitted hats and scarves, home-made cookies and cakes, jams & jellies, a tea room, and some of the nicest people you'll ever meet. FREE Admission

### Saturday, November 20:

10 am - 2:30 pm. **School Craft Sale.** Crafts by 50 local artisans, a bake sale and silent auction. Lucy McCormick School, 2717 Dundas West. 416-397-2713

9 am – 2 pm. **Holly Berry Bazaar.** St. Dunstan of Canterbury Anglican Church, 56 Lawson Rd. 416-283-1844

9 am. **Annual Bazaar.** Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 131 Birchmount Rd.

9 am – 2 pm. **Christmas Bazaar.** West Hill United Church, 62 Orchard Park. 416-282-8566 FREE

9:30 am. **St. Paul's Christmas Bazaar.** St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Centre, 3333 Finch Ave. East 416-493-3333

9:30 am – 1:30 pm. **Islington Seniors' Centre Annual Christmas Bazaar.** 4968 Dundas St. West. 416-231-3431

10 am - 2 pm. **Holly Berry Fair.** Rosedale United Church, 159 Roxborough Drive. 416-924-0725

### Saturday, November 27:

9 am to 1 pm. **The Ladies Auxiliary's Christmas Bazaar.** Mount Dennis Legion, 1050 Weston Rd. legionbr31@yahoo.com

9:30 am – 2:30 pm. **Holly Berry Fair at St Luke's Church.** 904 Coxwell Avenue. 416-421-6878 x 21 st.luke@ca.inter.net

10 am – 2 pm. **Christmas Bazaar.** St. Margaret's in the Pines Anglican Church, 4130 Lawrence Ave. 416-284-4121

10 am – 4 pm. **Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Festival and Knox Bake Sale.** Knox Presbyterian Church, 4156 Sheppard Ave. East.

10 am – 3 pm. **16th Annual Swansea Craft & Bake Sale.** www.swanseacraftsale.com \$2

10 am – 2 pm. **November Noel Bazaar.** St. John's Rehab Hospital, 285 Cummer Ave. vassociation@stjohnsrehab.com

10 am – 2 pm. **St. Clair O'Connor Community Peppermint Fair.** 2701 St. Clair Avenue East. 416-752-1814

10 am – 1 pm. **Victoria Park United Church Annual Fall Bazaar.** 1 Stamford Square. 416-425-2899

10 am – 3 pm. **The Westbury's Annual Christmas Gift & Bake Sale.** The Westbury LTC Residence, 495 The West Mall. 416-622-7094 x1528

11 am – 3 pm. **Candy Cane Magic.** Cosburn United Church, 1108 Greenwood Avenue. 416-467-1166

10 am – 2 pm. **Kipling Acres Christmas Bazaar.** 2233 Kipling Avenue. Etobicoke. 416-392-2321

10 am – 1 pm. **St James Church Craft Bazaar.** 728 Annette St. 416 767-6451

10 am – 2 pm. **Christmas Marketplace.** Northminster United Church, 255 Finch Avenue West, North York 416-225-7941

10:30 am to 1:30 pm. **Christmas Fair.** Christ Church Deer Park, 1570 Yonge Street 416-920-5211

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