

# Afroculture performer coming to Gibson Centre

On Feb. 1 at 11 a.m., The Gibson Centre for Community, Arts and Culture invites families to a performance of Once Upon

an African Village, featuring exciting performer Adwoa Badoe of Afroculture.

Being a PD Day for local students, an entertaining day

has been planned.

This high energy, entertaining show features storytelling, dance and hand drumming.

The audience is encouraged to participate through simple call-and-response songs, percussion and dances. The music and danc-

ing celebrates life. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased by calling The Gibson Centre at 435-2828.

Badoe is a published

author and seasoned storyteller who brings her love of traditional dance from her native Ghana and knowledge of other regions of Africa.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

A directory of what is happening in your community

The community event calendar is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce upcoming events. Deadlines are no later than Monday for that week's issue to

COMMUNITY EVENTS,  
P.O. Box 310, Beeton, Ontario  
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Submissions by mail, fax or e-mail and will not be received by telephone.

### ISSUES & INTERESTS

**The York-Simcoe Naturalists** is a young club looking for new members. Contact: Cathryn Rees at 905-775-7021, e-mail: wilcor@sympatico.ca.

**South Simcoe Community Information Centre "CONTACT"** at 146 Victoria St. W. Alliston. Call (705) 435-4900, Fax 705-435-1106. Website: www.csolve.net/-contact, or Email: contact@focussed.on.ca.

**Be a face in the fight against cancer** The Innisfil Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society needs volunteers. Their involvement enables the Canadian Cancer Society to fund cancer research, provide information, services and to support people living with cancer. Call: 436-1060 or 726-8032.

**The Canadian Mental Health Association of Barrie-Simcoe** supports the development and continuance of self-help groups as a viable community resource for individuals experiencing difficulties. Self-Help groups can provide; support and understanding through difficult times; an opportunity to meet with others who have experienced similar difficulties; information and education; a safe and comfortable environment; suggestions regarding coping strategies that help to get through difficult times.

For further information contact the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Branch at 705-726-5033 or 1-800-461-4319.

**Donations** are needed for Music Fun Night at the Gilford United Church. If you have any old or unused music instruments like tambourines, shakers, chimes, drums or other fun instruments, call Dawn at (705) 456-2555.

### MONDAYS

**Friends of the Innisfil Library**, Stroud Branch, meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

**Gilford and District Horticultural Society** meets second Monday of the month from March to November at

Churchill Community Centre at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome. Call Mona Rea at 456-0132 or Eveline Teras at 436-4776 for more info. **Al-Anon meetings** take place every Monday at Innisfil Community Church at 8:00 p.m. If you have a problem with someone else's drink, come and join the discussion group.

**Innisfil Pipes & Drums** meet for practice at the Legion in Bell Ewart, 1017 Robinson St. at 7 p.m. Always looking for new members. Phone Ken at (705) 456-3717.

### TUESDAYS

**Job Search Assistance**, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance at the Thornton Library 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and the Alcona Library from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team call Marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897 for more information. This initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

**Cookstown Computer Club** drop-in program for elementary students, 4 to 5 p.m. at the library.

**T.O.P.S.** (Take off Pounds Sensibly) from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Library, Robert St., Thornton. For information call (705) 424-9433 or (705) 458-0937.

**Stroud Seniors invite persons 55 +** to join them for an afternoon of bid and progressive euchre, refreshments and companionship. 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Painswick. Call 436-1628.

**St Paul's Anglican Church**, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm will be informal musical jamming sessions for anyone with a voice or instrument. If you are learning to play an instrument or like to sing and would enjoy having some fun and social time with similar minded people, come and join us. For more information, please call (705) 722-7755

**St. Paul's Church**, Innisfil (corner of Mapleview and Young Street), Playgroup for tots, moms, dads, caregivers, and grandparents from 9:30-11:30 am. Come for a social time, friendship, play and snacks. For information, call (705) 431-1694.

**The Beta Classes** will be held at the Innisfil Community Church starting January 9th at 1pm. Beta is a life changing program and

the twelve week course will enable you to live free from fear, stress anxiety and the pain of past hurts and traumas. This program is offered at the Church from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. For more information, call Sherri McLaughlin at (705) 436-1611.

**The Grange Hall** in Lefroy hosts euchre beginning at 12 p.m. Every third Tuesday includes a pot luck lunch. The cost is \$2, and there is a 50/50 draw as well. Both regular and bid euchre are played. A charge of 25 cents goes towards prizes. The event is open to everyone. For more information, call the Lefroy United Church at 456-2098.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Friends of the Innisfil Library**, Lakeshore Branch, meet the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. New members are most welcome.

**Euchre, bid euchre**, Scrabble and cribbage is played at Alcona Seniors club every Wednesday at 11:30 to 3 p.m. at the ABC Hall on the 25th Sideroad below Innisfil Beach Rd. Refreshments and fun days. Bring a bag lunch. **Euchre every 3rd** Wednesday of the month at 7:30, Newton Robinson United Church in aid of Gwen Taylor Library. Refreshments.

**Weight Loss Group**. The Alcona Chapter of TOPS meets at 7:15 at Goodfellow Public School. Call Joan Davies at 436-3197 after 6 and on weekends.

**Job Search Assistance**, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance. On Wednesdays, the mornings are alternated between the Churchill and the Cookstown Libraries from 10:00 a.m. to noon., and every Wednesday afternoon at the Stroud Branch from 1:30 - 3:30. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team. Please call marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897. This initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

**The Cookstown Co-Operative Playgroup** is at St. John's Anglican Church in Cookstown located on Hwy 89, east of Hwy 27. All pre-school children and their care-givers are welcome, as well as new members. The hours will be 9:30 to 12:00 every Wednesday & Thursday. Come out with your pre-school aged children (senior kindergarten and younger), have a snack, make a craft and meet some new friends.

For more information please call Brian Haas at (705) 458-8468.

See you there!!

### THURSDAYS

**Euchre - Progressive and Bid**, every Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion - 1017 Robinson, Bell Ewart 705-436-1144, Betty.

**Register for Book** Book a six week afterschool program for ages 6 and up from 5-6 p.m. Call Innisfil Public Library, Cookstown Branch at 458-1273.

**Job Search Assistance**, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance at the Alcona Library from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Please call Marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team 728-3757, this initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

**Barrie Chapter of Schizophrenia** Society of Ontario family support group meets the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Building, 39 High St., Barrie. For info contact 726-5033.

**Painswick Horticultural Society** meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. New members welcome. For info call Linda Lewer at 436-3908.

**The Parish of Churchill and Cookstown** youth group meets every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Youth between the ages of 9-12 years are welcome to attend regardless of denomination. Please call Pam Gervais for information at (705) 735-3484.

**St Paul's Anglican Church**, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm we are beginning a study comparing the gospels and learning how and why they developed. For more information, call (705) 722-7755.

**The Painswick Horticultural Society** meets on the third Thursday of each month from March to November. Meetings take place at the St. Paul's Anglican Church hall.

### SATURDAYS

**Barrie Farmers' Market**, outside and inside Barrie City Hall. From 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fresh produce and fruit in season. For info please call 739-4204.

### SUNDAYS

**Overeaters Anonymoyus** meets at the Mapleview Community Church at 7pm. Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you

live your life? It's not what you eat, it's what's eating you! For more information, call Anne at (705) 436-7921.

**The Teen Youth Group** of the Parish of Churchill and Cookstown meet at St. John's Anglican Church every other Sunday in the parish hall from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. All teens aged between 13-18 years are welcome to join regardless of denomination. Please call Pam at (705) 735-3484 for information.

**Innisfil Leo Club** meeting on the second and fourth Sunday of every month. Come meet new friends, help your community, get your community hours and have fun. The club meets at the Lions Hall at 982 Innisfil Beach Road. New members are welcome. For information call Lynda at 431-6231 or Sharon at 431-6168.

### THURSDAY JANUARY 24

**The Simcoe County Quilters' Guild** will meet at 1 p.m. at the ANAF Hall on George Street in Barrie. This month's meeting will be a silent auction. A win/win for everyone, you have the opportunity to decrease the clutter in your home, or to strike up some real bargains, all while supporting the guild in raising funds for their community cuddle quilt program. Come join us for a time and meet fellow quilters in a fun environment.

### FRIDAY JANUARY 25

**Stroud Presbyterian Church** will be hosting an afternoon of euchre starting at 1 p.m. For more details please call 436-7939.

### SATURDAY JANUARY 26

**Beat the cold** with a homemade spaghetti dinner, including dessert and a beverage, at Stroud Presbyterian Church. Serving will take place between 5 and 7 p.m. Adult admission is \$8, while children can dine for \$4. Please call 436-7939 or 436-3107 for more information.

### SUNDAY JANUARY 27

**The Irish Claddagh Club** is hosting its second annual Talent Extravaganza in aid of the RVH Diysis Clinic at the Army, Navy and Air Force Club, located at 7 George Street in Barrie, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Come out and be entertained all afternoon by some great acts, including championship

Elvis impersonator Terry Chisholm, Celtic harpist and voice Anneliese Cameron, Harry the Cap, Double Toe Cloggers, Terme Middle Eastern Dance troupe, and Kempenfelt Pipes and Drums. Admission is \$15 for adults and, \$2 for children under 12. For tickets, call Call Reg Bettam at 722-3644, Renee Hall at 431-1087, or Angie Chisholm at 456-1595.

**The Essa Historical Society** meets at the Thornton Library starting at 1:30 p.m. for the presentation of annual reports. Roll call is show and tell. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 458-9971.

### TUESDAY JANUARY 29

**Barrie Toastmasters** will host Finding Your Voice. Talk too little or too much? They can help. Toastmasters have been serving the Innisfil and Barrie area for over 40 years. The session will be held at 24 Maple Avenue in Barrie. For more information, call Annette at 458-2631.

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2

**Stroud Presbyterian Church** will be hosting a Pampered Chef party at 2 p.m. Proceeds go to the church. Please call 739-5147 for more information.

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5

**Pancake supper** at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Church at 6254 Yonge Street at 5 p.m. Donation only. Come and enjoy some great food and fellowship. For information call 458-1801.

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9

**Valentine's Dance** at the Thornton Arena starting at 8 p.m. Door prizes, late lunch and entertainment by DJ Keep Them Dancing. Tickets are \$12.50 per person. For more information or tickets call Terry at 458-9054.

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20

**A roast beef dinner** will be held at Gilford United Church. Two sittings will take place, at 5 and 6:30 p.m. respectively.

Homemade pies will be available. Admission is \$13 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. For tickets, call 458-2006.