

GOLDEN NUGGET

MAY 2024

Garden

**EXTRAVAGANZA,
BAKE SALE & BRUNCH**

SATURDAY, MAY 11

9 am - 1 pm

*PLANTS, HANGING BASKETS,
BIRDHOUSES, PERENNIALS,
ONE-OF-A-KIND AND USED
GARDEN ACCESSORIES*

**BRING MOM TO
BRUNCH & SHOP**

**MAY 3
NEW COUNTRY DANCE**

**MAY 8
SOUTH GATE CRUISE-IN**

**MAY 9
MOTHER'S DAY TEA**

**MAY 24
MURDER MYSTER DINNER
THEATRE**

Enter South Gate's 50/50 Lottery at the Centre or at www.southgate5050.com



**SOUTH GATE
CENTRE**

A PLACE TO BE ACTIVE

191 Old Wellington St. S., Woodstock, N4S 3J2
519-539-9817 www.southgatectr.ca



WHO WE ARE



Our Vision

LIVE well PLAY well BE well

Our Mission

**SOUTH GATE
CENTRE**

Engaging the 50+ Community in an open, active, social environment driven by volunteers.
To promote wellness to fill one's mind, body and soul.

Our Values

Building an inclusive community.
Fostering social engagement.
Promoting wellness of mind, body and soul.

South Gate Centre Board of Directors

Chair: Cristian Lagos	Linda Baker
Past Chair: Kathy Deweerd	Jeffery Gerber
Treasurer: Patrice Hilderley	Audrey Price *NEW
Secretary: Connie Lauder	Dianne Reeves-Denby

South Gate Centre Members Committee

Chair: Dave Clarke	Mike Houle	Heather Wilks
Secretary: Guy LaPlante	Nancy Jarrett	Jodi Ziebarth
Carol Egan	Bev Rajani	

They are always happy to answer questions and hear your suggestions or concerns.

Have an idea for programming or a suggestion? Put it in the Suggestion Box located by check-in desk.

BE IN THE KNOW...

Black Name Tag - Board Member

Gold Name Tag - Staff

Silver Name Tag - Members Committee Member

White Name Tag - Member



South Gate Centre is a registered Canadian charity. Proudly funded partner of the City of Woodstock, and the province of Ontario. South Gate Centre acknowledges support we receive from all of our funders.

CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

TH - FR	Indoor Dining - LOCAL ROOTS CAFE - 11:30 am to 1 pm
Thursdays	Lion's Club BINGO 7 pm
APRIL	
Tues Apr 23	50/50 Grand Prize Deadline 11:59 pm
Wed Apr 24	50/50 Grand Prize Draw: 10 am May Lottery starts at noon.
Thur Apr 25	Golf League Pre-Season Meeting
MAY	
Fri May 3	New Country Dance with Neon Rain p.14
Wed May 8	50/50 Early Bird Prize \$400 Deadline: 9:30 am Draw: 10 am
Wed May 8	South Gate Cruise-In Season Opener Rib Dinner Available! p.14
Thurs May 9	VON Blood Pressure Clinic
Thurs May 9	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea p.15
Sat May 11	Garden Extravaganza (9 am - 1 pm) & Brunch (9 am - 12 pm)
Sun May 12	<i>Happy Mother's Day</i>
Wed May 15	Asian American Cultural Dinner p.36
Sat May 18	Bus Trip: Blue Jays vs. Tampa Bay SOLD OUT
Mon May 20	SGC & Local Roots are Closed for Victoria Day
Mon May 20	Join us at the Victoria Day Parade
Fri May 24	Murder Mystery: The Great Gaspé p.16
Mon May 27	Trivia with Al
Tues May 28	50/50 May Draw Closes at 11:59 pm
Wed May 29	50/50 Grand Prize Draw: 10 am June Lottery Opens at 11:59 am
JUNE	
Mon Jun 3	Bus Trip: Whistling Gardens p.22
Tues Jun 4	Senior's BBQ - FREE All are welcome.
Wed Jun 5	SOUTH GATE CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 4 pm
Sat Jun 15	Woodstock's Premiere Casino Night. Charity Fundraiser for SGC. p.17

MEMBERSHIP AT SOUTH GATE CENTRE

2024 Membership Rates

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	2024 FEES	
All-Inclusive (8 months) MAY - DEC.*	\$135	MEMBERSHIPS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.
All-Inclusive (3 months)	\$60	

Pay in full at the Front Desk. Credit/Debit/Cheque/Cash.

* Can be paid in monthly installments (pre-authorized debit) - \$18/month.

Member name tags must be worn at ALL times. Those without will be assumed to be a non-member.

All-Inclusive membership includes all programs with the exception of Registered Programs.

The 3 months that are excluded in a 9-month membership, as per the member's request, must be consecutive.

MEMBERSHIP has ADVANTAGES

- All drop in programs are FREE
- Woodshop and Fitness Room – FREE for Members ONLY
- Save \$ on Registered Programs, Cultural Dinners and more...
- Save 10% on Room Rentals at SGC
- Discounts offered at select community partner businesses.

Not a member; what are you waiting for? Sign up today!

MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

Action Wellness - 10% off of everything- wigs, jewelry, hair care products, Capilia Head First treatments, services, products, and pocketed bras.

Cheesy Cow - 10% off regular priced merchandise.

Wellington Street Denture Clinic -10% off new complete dentures or new partial dentures for both new and existing patients.

Mackey Moving - 10% off for South Gate members.

PharmaSave Woodstock - 15% off regular price (excluding prescriptions) on most merchandise.

The Hallmark Shoppe/The Card Shoppe - 10% off regular priced merchandise.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring!

Participating in recreation is a key determinant of health status and quality of life. Overwhelming 93% of over 500 Ontarians surveyed, believe that recreation has a positive impact on health, well-being and quality of life. All you must do is ask any of our members that come to play, learn, volunteer or socialize here at the Centre and they'll tell you about the positive impact South Gate has had on them and the changes in their well-being.

We invite you to come see what everyone is talking about, South Gate Centre – The Place to BE...

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity. We appreciate YOU!

Hope to see you at the Centre.

Chris 😊

ANNUAL GIVING APPEAL

South Gate Centre is a registered not-for profit charity that relies on the generosity of both its volunteers and its donors to keep the doors open, the lights on and the programs rolling at the only recreation centre dedicated to active adults 50+ in Woodstock.

As the average age in Woodstock continues to climb, the demand for services from our Centre continues to increase as well. Help ensure that South Gate Centre is available to meet this ongoing need in our community by making a gift to the Centre. Your generous donation helps improve life right here, at home, in Woodstock and for that we thank you sincerely.

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TODAY.

Brock & Visser Funeral Home will match the first \$6,500 in donations.

Yes. I will support South Gate Centre

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| <input type="checkbox"/> with a monthly gift of \$10, \$20 or _____. Contact me to set up my | <input type="checkbox"/> by naming South Gate Centre in my will. Contact me about planned giving information. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> monthly donation. with this single gift of \$30, \$50, \$100 or _____. | <input type="checkbox"/> by donating my securities or mutual fund shares. Contact me about this donation. |

Please make cheques payable to: South Gate Centre.

South Gate Centre is a not-for-profit charity.

All donations are eligible for a tax receipt.

Charitable Registration # 11914 5209

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESSAGE

"Believe you can and you're halfway there." - Theodore Roosevelt

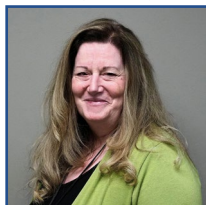
The Board of Directors truly have stayed the course by believing in the Expansion and the loyalty of all of our South Gate members and volunteers.

As times change so do some of our Board members. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Audrey Price and Jeffrey Gerber. Both of these individuals have shared their commitment to our Mission, Vision and Values.

Audrey, a new comer to Woodstock, is thrilled to bring her skills of governance, non profit, fundraising, strategic planning, finance and project planning will compliment the needs of South Gate
Jeff, the new co-owner of Brock & Visser, has certainly become a familiar face at South Gate and has graciously supported many of our fundraising events. Jeff is a "how can I help" guy. We are thrilled to have his expertise in community engagement and fundraising skills being utilized for South Gate.

A new month and a new goal? How about Celebrate You. Take stock of what makes your community a great place to grow older, as well as the integral role our members play in making Woodstock a better place to live. Discover your past. Share stories about the changes you have seen throughout the years and how they have made a positive change in your life. Embrace Change. South Gate is changing and improving well respecting our core vision of Live Well Play Well Be Well.

Kathy Deweerd
Past Chair
Board of Directors



SOUTH GATE CENTRE, INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 5 at 4 pm

Members Welcome
Strawberry Shortcake, Coffee & Tea to Follow



SOUTH GATE CENTRE
FOR ACTIVE ADULTS

191 Old Wellington St. S. Woodstock, ON N4S 3J2

MEMBERS' COMMITTEE MESSAGE

As we look forward to warmer weather and longer daylight hours we feel, as your Member's Committee, it is important to reflect on the recent successes of South Gate Centre, while outlining exciting things on the horizon. From Cultural Dinners, to booming participation in Learning Unlimited, Fitness Classes and Bus Trips; the possibilities for you to become involved are limitless!

With the Special Events Committee working very hard to fill your spring calendar, we encourage you to reach out and volunteer for an event that is particularly interesting for you, find upcoming opportunities to get involved on the Volunteer Board found at the check-in area.

We thank those members who have been volunteering, which has ensured that the programs and events that we have been enjoying are made available. Imagine the possibilities as additional volunteers step up.

We continue to welcome your ongoing feedback via the suggestion box at the check-in desk.

There are so many opportunities to be your best, healthy active self. Please continue to 'live simply and bloom wildly,' SGC family!

See you in and around the centre,
Jodi Ziebarth
Member's Committee



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Theresa Agyeman	Elaine Gyimesi	Andrea Morrison
Nancy Always	Harbhajan Hayre	Debbie Peterman
Glenna Batsford	Menender Hayre	Sabina Phillipsz
Ngalula Bidinga	Stephanie Kaitting	Robert Ricard
Jacklin Charron- Chapman	Carolyn Kenny	Maureen Ralph
Gary Cooper	Deb Lemon	Bill Shaw
Margaret Darling	John Martin	

*"My Mother: She is beautiful, softened at the edges and tempered with a spine of steel.
I want to grow old and be like her."*
— Jodi Picoult

SPECIAL EVENTS MESSAGE

Hello once again from your South Gate Centre Special Events Committee! We have a lot going on in May but want to highlight some key events.

- Friday, May 3rd – New Country Western Dance featuring the popular live band performance of "NEON RAIN". Doors open at 6:30 pm with the music beginning at 7:00 pm till 11:00 pm. There will be a delicious light buffet prepared by Local Roots at 9:00 pm. All this for only \$25.00 per person. Don't be disappointed, get your tickets now.
- Wednesday, May 8th – Season opener monthly car show "Cruise-in at South Gate Centre". Free entry begins at 4:00 pm and runs till 8:00 pm. Full rib dinner including dessert available from 5:00 – 6:00 pm for only \$20. Great food, music, prizes and more. Parking is available for all show cars, spectators welcomed (no charge), but must park elsewhere.
- Monday, May 20th – Annual Victoria Day Parade – South Gate is once again taking part in our city's Victoria Day Parade. Thanks to our amazing volunteers and float planners we came away with an award last year. We're looking for a repeat win this year. We are still looking for participants, but would love your support on the parade route too!

As always, we appreciate your feedback of past events and welcome your suggestions and participation for future events by submitting them into the SUGGESTION / COMMENTS box located near the check in desk.

Thanks,
Rick Rose,
Special Events Committee

When you see this symbol  in the Nugget or on posters, the TVs, you'll know that it is an event brought to you by the Special Event Committee.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

On the evening of Monday, April 15 we came together to celebrate the over 160 volunteers that contribute to South Gate Centre every day of the year. Local Roots staff with a little help from our friends from Wellington Denture Clinic and Chartwell Oxford Gardens prepared and served a delicious steak and shrimp dinner for all in attendance.

It was shared that, "...volunteers so often work tirelessly, preparing every detail that goes into organizing a program, activity or event, and stay long after the applause has silenced. Even when you're not in the spotlight, YOU are the backbone of each and every thing we do at South Gate. And it matters not the size of your contribution, because EVERY MOMENT MATTERS.

We are so appreciative for the time, effort and heart our volunteers put into their work. We cherish and are forever thankful for the memories we've made and will continue to make with you!



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Exciting news!

The Expansion Plans went to Tender April 5.

Twenty general contractors attended a mandatory meeting for interested applicants on April 11th. Tender closes May 2nd at which time, the City will review the applicants and choose the qualifying Contractor.

The plan is that at the May 16th Woodstock City Council meeting, the General Contractor will be approved and appointed. Once approved, we will meet with the General Contractor to discuss the Construction start date.

In June we plan to host an OPEN HOUSE - Expansion Update. This event will showcase the final architectural drawings, introduce the General Contractor, Architect and some of our community donors, share details and the projected timelines of the build with you (Date and details to be determined).

Our Capital Fundraising Campaign continues as we are now raising monies for chattels.

A Wall of Donors will recognize the names of donors donating \$1,000 or more. Room Naming opportunities are still available for donations of \$10k and up.

Tax receipts will be issued for donations of all sizes big or small, as we appreciate them ALL. 😊

Stay tuned for more exciting news and updates on the SGC Capital Expansion.

Thank you!



REGISTERED PROGRAMS

EDUCATION

SGC MINI-SPEAKER SERIES

Register by May 23

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	FEE
Wed.	10:30 am - 2:30 pm	Altadore Hall	Members: \$20+HST Non-Members: \$30+HST
May 29, June 5 & 12			

If you'd like a taste of our Learning Unlimited program or you just LOVE learning, this 3 week, 6 speaker mini-series is for you!

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
May 29		
10:30 am	Tim Westhead	Survive & Thrive with Humour
1:00 pm	Cathy Groulx	Gardening for 4 Seasons
June 5		
10:30 am	Carol Bossenberry	Oxford Genealogy Society The Route to Oxford Roots (expanded)
1:00 pm	Jim Groulx	The Age of Jazz
June 12		
10:30 am	Stephen Smith	Oxford County's Military Heritage
1:00 pm	Patty Lefkos	NEPAL - IT'S NEVER TOO LATE
Rediscovering Love, Connection and Personal Resilience on the Great Himalayan Trail.		

TECH LITERACY - TABLETS & SMARTPHONES

Instructor: Henry Bruines

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	FEE per session
Thursdays	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Boardroom	Members: FREE

Session: May 9 - June 13

Space per session is limited.

W.O.W. (Wellness Overcomes Weight)

Leads: Paulette Whiteford & Mary Aucoin

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	FEE for the year
Fridays	10:30 am – 11:30 am	Kinsmen	Members: FREE Non-Members: \$75

W.O.W. is a group that discusses overall wellness, not just weight loss. Some topics include Healthy Eating, Home Safety, Confidence Building, Fitness, Mindfulness and some of our meetings are just for fun. Each week offers group discussions, friendship, support, sharing and empowering tools.

REGISTERED PROGRAMS

FITNESS

BEGINNERS NORDIC POLE WALKING ♥

Session 1: May 17 - 31 Register by April 26 Instructor:
 Session 2: June 7 - 28 Register by May 31 Deanna Jasmins

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	FEE per session
Fridays	10 am – 11 am	Meet at SGC Cafe Doors	Members: FREE Non-Members: \$20+HST

This program consists of four weeks of one-hour sessions at Southside Park – the first Friday to the fourth Friday of each month. The original Nordic Urban Poles are used to teach the technique. Poles are provided for the program. It is recommended that participants attend from the first class of the month since each week is a progression.

CHAIR YOGA with Pam ♥

May 14 - June 18 (6 weeks) Instructor: Pam Genge

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	FEE per session
Tuesdays	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Altadore Hall	Members: \$50+HST Non-Members: \$65+HST

This class incorporates the mindfulness of a yoga practice while promoting flexibility, range of motion, strength and functional movement.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CLASSES

CARDIO DRUMMING Instructor: Gail Wijesundera

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	FEE
2nd & 4th Wednesdays	6:30 – 7:30 pm	Altadore Hall	Members: \$5 per class Non-Members: \$10 per class

Cardio drumming is a fun way to improve coordination, do some mild cardio and stretching moves while enjoying every minute of it. Chairs are available to adapt exercises for mobility. Space Limited to Number of Stability Balls Available. Come early or bring your own ball.

DROP IN PROGRAMS

FUN & GAMES - BOCCE BALL

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, May 28 & June 25	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Back Gardens

Come play Bocce Ball with us this summer! Great social time with just an edge of competitive fun! Can't wait to see you there.

OFF-SITE PROGRAMS

BICYCLE GROUP

The Bicycle Group rides every Thursday in the good weather on different trails in Woodstock and surrounding area. It is not a fast pace ride, just an enjoyable one sometimes stopping for lunch. Start time depends on where the ride begins. For further information email merk@execulink.com.

TRAILWALKERS

Fridays – Start Time – 10:15 am

Weekly walking group that utilizes the local trail systems around Woodstock. Please feel free to invite friends to join us on the trails. We have fast and slow walkers...so please join us any Friday. For further information contact Stella at sliwanpo@gmail.com.

May 3 Hickson	May 17 Beachville	May 31 Tollgate
May 10 River Trail	May 24 Pittock Park North Shore	

LEAGUE NEWS

Baseball (Lobball) League

It's Time to Sign-up and PLAY BALL!

Co-ed Fun League with some travel to Ingersoll, Tillsonburg and Stratford, once a week from the end of May to early September, with a season ending tournament and dinner. Requirements to participate are that you be a South Gate Member, be 50 years of age for the women and 55 for the men, have a baseball glove and enthusiasm for the game. Players of all skill levels are welcome.

Register by May 7 at the Front Desk.

Practice is once per week in May, once the fields are dry.

League Play Starts approx. Tuesday, May 21.

FEES: SGC Members \$25

Non-members \$85 (\$60 League membership + \$25 League Fee)

All players must be SGC members due to insurance requirements.

End of season Tournament & Banquet – Tuesday, September 10.

More info contact Scott Revell @ scott.revell@hotmail.com.



LEAGUE NEWS

Golf League - Register by May 2, 2024

Interested in joining SGC Fun Golf League? EVERYONE WELCOME. The SGC Golf League will play at Creekside Golf Club for the 2024 season. Creekside is the ideal course for challenging your short game and working on your irons.

DAY	DATES	TEE TIME FROM
Thursdays	May 9 - September 19	8 am - 10 am (8:30 for the first few weeks)

LEAGUE FEES - Register at South Gate Centre
 SGC Members \$35 (HST included)
 Non-Members \$50 (HST included)
 League Fee includes the end of the season banquet – meal and prizes.

\$22 – 9 holes or \$32 with a cart. Cash paid weekly at the golf course.
 End of Season Banquet – Thursday, September 26.

More info contact Evelyn Hetherington at play_time@rogers.com.

COMING EVENTS



NEW COUNTRY DANCE

Live Music by Neon Rain

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Friday, May 3, 7 pm

Draws, Prizes and a Light Buffet at 9 pm



TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE **ONLY \$25**

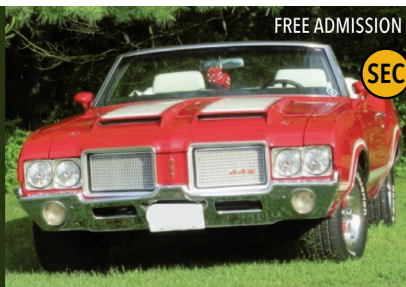
SOUTH GATE MONTHLY CRUISE-IN

Great fun, music, prizes
and much more.

Local Roots' Rib Dinner - \$20



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FREE ADMISSION

SEC

Wednesday, May 8 & June 12
5 pm - 8 pm

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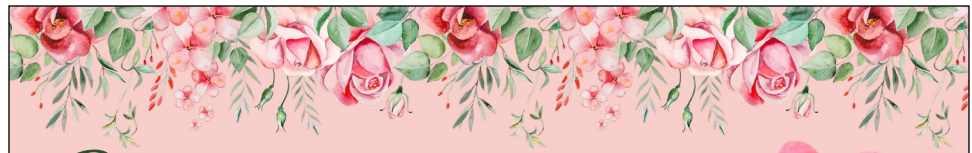
COMING EVENTS

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Tea & Refreshments

Thursday, May 9
2 pm - 4 pm

\$15



Mother's Day BRUNCH

SAT MAY 11

9 AM - 12 PM

Have your kids bring you to

SOUTH GATE'S MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

during the Garden Extravaganza.

Menu:

Eggs Benedict, Quiche, Sausage, Fruit for only \$20.

Mimosas for \$5.



SOUTH GATE
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GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE

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COMING EVENTS

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE THE GREAT GASPE MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

A story told by Mick Faraway, who is Gaspè's neighbour. It's 1922 in New York and Mick is recounting his first impressions of the friends of his neighbour. They live privileged lives, contrasting sharply with Mick's more modest and grounded lifestyle.

Flapper dresses & zoot suits welcome, or come as you are.



**SOUTH GATE
CENTRE**

**6 PM
MAY 24**

\$40

Purchase by
May 17

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**CHARITY
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WOODSTOCK'S PREMIERE

CASINO NIGHT

JUNE 15 · 7 PM - 11 PM

THOUSAND\$ IN PRIZES

TICKETS \$100

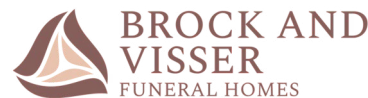
Come join us for an evening of exhilarating fun and luxury!
Bustling style Vegas games including Poker and Roulette!
Tickets are LIMITED and available at South Gate Centre.



**SOUTH GATE
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Held at 191 Old Wellington St. S. Woodstock, ON

Sponsored By



**BROCK AND
VISSER**
FUNERAL HOMES



**Wellington Street
DENTURE CLINIC**

PROGRAM SCHEDULE MAY 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY
8 am - 9 am Full Standing Fitness	8 am - 9 am Full Standing Fitness
9 am - 11 am Pickleball (Drop-In at WBC)	8:30 am - 10:30 am Bunka
9 am - 12 Noon Billiards - Snooker	9 am - 12 Noon Billiards - Snooker
9:30 am - 10:30 am Full Standing Fitness	9:30 am - 10:30 am Chair Yoga with Pam R
10 am - 11:30 am Cribbage	11 am - 12 Noon Total Body Workout
11 am - 12 Noon Seated Fitness	1 pm - 3 pm Carpet Bowling
1 pm - 4 pm Klaverjas & Euchre	1 pm - 3:30 pm Beginners Billiards - 8 Ball
1 pm - 3:30 pm Billiards - Snooker	1 pm - 3:30 pm Progressive Pepper
1 pm - 3 pm Darts	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Education - History
DAILY PROGRAMS MONDAY - FRIDAY	6:30 pm - 9 pm Billiards - Snooker
8 am - 11 am Woodshop*	6:30 pm - 9 pm Come Dancing
8:30 am - 3:30 pm Library	
FITNESS ROOM*	
9 am - 9 pm Monday - Thursday	
9 am - 3 pm Friday	
*Must have orientation first.	



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Please bring and wear indoor shoes.
Keep your car keys on your person or use a locker.
Bring your own cup/mug for use at SGC.

Week at a Glance

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9 am - 12 noon Billiards - Snooker	8 am - 8:45 am Why Weights	8 am - 9 am Full Standing Fitness
10 am - 3 pm R Learning Unlimited	9 am - 12 Noon Beginners Billiards - 8 Ball	9 am - 12 Noon Billiards - Snooker
1:30 pm - 4 pm Progressive Pepper	9:45 am - 10:45 am May 2&16 Tea & Tales Friendship Club	9:30 am - 10:30 pm Full Standing Fitness
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm May Cardio Drumming 8&22	9:45 am - 11:15 am Beginners Line Dancing	10 am - 11 am R Beginners Nordic Pole Walking
6:30 pm - 9 pm Bid Euchre	9:45 am - 10:30 am Stretch	10:15 am - 11:30 am Trail Walkers (off-site)
6:30 pm - 8 pm R Hand Built Pottery	11 am - 12 Noon Seated Fitness	10:30 am - 11:30 am R WOW - Wellness Over Weight
7 pm - 9 pm Billiards - Snooker	1 pm - 3 pm Badminton (Drop-In at WBC)	1 pm - 3:30 pm BINGO
	1 pm - 3:30 pm Euchre	1 pm - 3:30 pm Crafters Connection
	1 pm - 3:30 pm Musicares	
	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm R Tech Literacy	
	6:30 pm - 9 pm Billiards - Open	
	7 pm - 10 pm Bingo - Lions Club	

Want a chance to win thousands and support South Gate at the same time???

Get your tickets to South Gate's 50/50 Lottery TODAY.

Get 400 tickets for \$40, 100 tickets for \$20 and 10 tickets for \$10.

You have to be in it to win it!



"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope."
- Emily Brontë

PROGRAM GUIDE
For a complete description of the classes, pick up a Program Guide or visit www.southgatectr.ca/programs.

R This symbol indicates a program which requires registration. Register by calling the Centre, stopping in or online in your PerfectMind account.

No Programs on Monday, May 20. SGC & Local Roots Closed for Victoria Day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED




EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Garden Extravaganza

Available Saturday, May 11th from 8:30 am – 1pm.
Shifts available.

Victoria Day Parade

All volunteers need to go to the Fairgrounds on Nellis Street. 
Float decorators should arrive by 8:30 am and all others (walkers, riders and drivers and the band) should arrive no later than 9:00 am

Fitness Instructors

– to lead weekly drop-in fitness classes (see Nancy LaPlante)

Kitchen Prep Helpers

Available mornings to prepare ingredients, package food, and assist with a variety of tasks in a commercial kitchen atmosphere.

Catering Crew

Available to assist with serving food and clean-up of tables during meetings and events. May include service from a buffet line or table service.

Delivery Drivers

Available for 1-2 hours once a week to deliver meals within Woodstock.

JOIN US



If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please fill out a Volunteer Application at the Front Desk or email Angela Hess, angela@southgatectr.ca

YOUR GARDENING HELP AND GARDEN ITEMS WANTED

Construction will begin SOON at South Gate but we need to DIG IN first!

We are looking for a team of hardworking, knowledgeable gardeners to help us dig up, pot and label the many perennials in our front gardens which we will sell at our Garden Extravaganza!

GARDENERS INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING:

Friday, May 3 - Meet in Cafe at 1:30 pm - 2 pm
for an information/planning meeting for the DIG!

Tuesday, May 7 - Meet in Cafe at 1:30 pm
to Dig, Pot and Label Perennials.

Friday, May 10 - Meet in Cafe at 1:30 pm
Planting pots and containers for sale at Garden Extravaganza.



GARDEN ITEMS NEEDED

We are also looking for old garden tools, garden art, benches, chairs, pots, planters, house plants/perennials/annuals from your gardens.

Please drop off, between the double doors:

Garden Items - Anytime;

After May 6th potted plants (labelled).

GIFTS FOR MOM NEEDED

Gently used Purses, Jewelry and Silk Scarves.

**Thank you for your donations of time, work and items.
It is going to make this the BEST GARDEN EXTRAVAGANZA YET!**



BUS TRIPS

Whistling Gardens

Monday, June 3
9 am - 4:30 pm
\$99

Purchase by
May 17

Whistling Gardens, one of Ontario's premier and award-winning horticultural gardens. Home to North America's largest peony collection, North America's largest conifer collection and one of Canada's largest computer run fountain shows. Stroll and explore over 20 acres of gardens displaying over 4,500 different plants including the rarest tree in the world; the Baishan Fir. Also included is lunch at the gardens, a tour of Ramblin Road Brewery, and a beer sample. Learn more about the gardens at www.whistlinggardens.ca.

Starlight Casino

Point Edwards

JULY 17 9 am - 6 pm

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FASHION SHOW

Thank you to our local Giant Tiger Store, owned by Bob and Pamela Armstrong, who graciously sponsored this year's "Embarking on a New Season" Spring Fashion Show. Bob and Pamela are widely known for their community involvement. It was an excellent experience to work with them and their staff in preparation for the event.

Thank you to all the establishments that donated Door Prizes for the Fashion Show: Chloe Weir - Singing Coach, Craigowan Golf Club, Giant Tiger, Hush Beauty Bar, Jacob Masters - Massage Therapist, Nathan Picknell Investment Advisor RBC Dominion Securities, Shopper's Drug Mart East End, Suzanne Phillips Massage Therapist, and Woodstock Little Theatre.

The Fashion Show was a "Sell Out!" There were lots of compliments on the decor, which was a combination of rustic, and a splash of vibrant spring blossoms. The models glowed with class and elegance! Volunteers were involved in many capacities, and were greatly appreciated! The guests enjoyed an interactive intermission where they got to place a "positive attribute" describing themselves on a rock, and creatively design it. Laughter and wholesome conversations filled the hall. The dessert/fruit trays were quickly emptied and enjoyed by all! Winners of all the door prizes were pleasantly surprised.

Thank You to everyone for their role in making this event a success for South Gate Centre.

Sheila Picknell



WELLNESS WITH SHEILA PICKNELL

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I am overjoyed to say that as the Coordinator for the "Embarking on a New Season," Fashion Show that was held in April, was truly a blessing to be part of. Once again, I am reminded why I love to work with inter generations. The uniqueness of personalities, gifts, thoughts, ideas, and styles, inspires and encourages me. The empowerment of cohesiveness, is something that can only be achieved, if each person involved gives their ultimate best. That in my opinion, knowing that we were all dedicated volunteers trying our best, was successfully achieved at the event.

At an intermission, each guest had the opportunity to think of a "positive" word that described them. Then place that attribute on a rock, and decorate it. The interaction in the room was infectious, filled with a beautiful energy, as creativity, giggles and conversations happened. Reflecting, I thought about how one can be in a crowded room surrounded by many people, and still feel alone or lonely. I further reflected on the importance of being in a safe, and nurturing environment, where one can feel valued, and accepted. That to me needs to be a top priority!

I truly hope that each and every person whether guest, or volunteer felt the warmth that South Gate Centre so passionately works towards. Because "Every Moments Matters!"

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MARILYN'S MUSINGS

"All things seem possible in May." – Edwin Way Teale

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I love May! It's my favourite month of the year. So many wonderful events! By the time you read this, my flowers will be up, my garden box planted, and I will be on the course for my eighteenth year as a member of the South Gate Golf League - so efficiently organized and managed by Evelyn and Biff Hetherington. South Gate Cruise-Ins begin on May 8 with free admission, fun, music, prizes and a Local Roots Dinner for only \$20. On May 9, it's a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea for \$15. (Gotta dig out my fascinator for that one!) May 11 there's one of my "don't miss" events – The Garden Extravaganza and Mother's Day Brunch. The fun never stops at South Gate with a Murder Myster Dinner "The Great Gaspe" on May 24 for \$40. And to top it off, Woodstock's Victoria Day parade. Have only missed one since I've been alive.



With all the Mother's Day happenings, it brought back memories of my mother. I hate to brag, but she was an incredible woman. She raised a family of seven kids, five of them on her own after my dad died suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 44. She had a knack for making each of us feel as if we were her favourite. (I know I was because she told me so! Turns out she told the other six the same thing.) My mom taught us to love unconditionally, to deal with adversity in our lives as best we could, to work hard at what we chose to do in life and most importantly to stick together as a family even when she is gone.

I miss you so much mom. I still laugh to myself at our once-a-month trips to the old Zellers store for Seniors' Day. We'd take turns buying each other lunch at their little restaurant. When we'd get to the checkout, I'd go first so I would be able to help her with her purchases. She'd always give me that "Flo look" when I'd say, "I'm a senior." She'd say, "Whenever you do that it makes me feel old." I'd respond with, "Mom, I love being a senior and getting those discounts and perks."

To all the mothers out there, to those of you who are still blessed to have your mother in your life (I envy you!), I wish you a very Happy Mother's Day. Enjoy every minute of the love and attention you will receive. I know I will.



...until next time.

Marilyn, marilyn.watson@execulink.com

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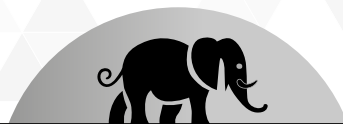
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