

ASK Festival King continues

Next week the ASK Festival King presents three highlights: an evening of cocktails and classical music, the first of three Family Nature Days, and the rebuilding of an old cedar strip family boat.

On Thursday, July 4 bring your friends to the beautiful atrium at Country Day School where you can enjoy a glass of wine or a refreshing beer from our local retailers. Pair your drink with delicious appetizers prepared by the chefs of King from 12 local restaurants. Then take your seat in the comfy chairs of the CDS auditorium and listen to the sounds of York Region's own Kindred Spirits Orchestra as they perform works from Fauré, Brahms and Mendelssohn.

For the kids and grandchildren, try something different. Come to one of our new Family Nature Days, sponsored by ASK in partnership with King Township and Toronto and Region Conservation. These fun-filled Saturdays on July 6 in King northwest, July 13 in King east, and July 20 in King south and West, are packed with bog walks, boat rides, and bug displays. On July 6 you can take your camera on a hike, visit a reptile show, go for a barge ride on the canal, and make a bat house. Most events are free, but some require registration.

For boating enthusiasts, a trip to the King Township Museum during the festival is a must. The 'Golden Age of Boat-Building' exhibit features photos of private luxury yachts from the 1930s and 40s. Watch a replica of Grandpapa's cedar strip boat from the 1940s being built, piece by piece, beginning on Saturday, July 6 and continuing on the following two Saturdays.

For further information on these and other ASK Festival King events, go to the website at ArtsSocietyKing.ca or call Jane at 905-939-9357.

Discover The Creative You Workshops. There is still room left in the following:

Week Two ? July 2 to 5: Folk Art Pyramid, Is Your Pet a Real Character? Fused Glass, Floorcloths, and Fairy Houses (great for parents and children or grandparents and grandchildren).

Week Three ? July 8 to 12: Watercolour on Rock Paper, Negative Painting, Textured Abstracts, Encaustic & Mixed Media, and Fused Glass Intermediate. Note: Sculpture for Everyone and Ceramics for Your Table are both full but they are taking waiting lists for a new workshop (TBD).

Week Four ? July 15 to 19: Intuitive Painting - Mixed Media, Have a Gourd Day! Silver Plated Jewellery and Oil Painting for Beginners.

There are two special photographic workshops during Family Nature Days. July 6, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Thornton Bales CA with Tom Wray and July 13 from 5 to 8 a.m., Adult Sunrise Hike & Click with Garry Conway.