



Northstar Cultural Community Centre

NORTHSTAR NEWS

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March Edition

**VOLUNTEERS
Needed!**

**WE NEED
YOU!!**

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for more
details!



Step, By Step, By Step . . .

The last edition of The Northstar News featured a front page headline titled **“Refocusing for the Future.”**

The intent of this title was to announce that a series of **“Community Snapshots”** which had already been developed over the past 9 years would be revisited with a renewed/refreshed view of the local **“Big Picture.”**

In November 2011, the Board of Directors determined that a Strategic Plan was necessary to move Northstar in the right direction for the future.

A Trillium Foundation grant was applied for that would be used to hire a professional consultant who would assist in creating a long term plan to enhance the capacity for NCCCentre to effectively and efficiently increase accessibility, sustainability, resource management and programming initiatives for the future.

During the month of **January 2012**, the Board of Directors took a second step forward by identifying an organizational theme to create events and activities as a catalyst for ongoing community participation.

The theme chosen for 2012 is **“Literacy Comes Alive...”**

With February having been designated as Black History Month, an approach was made to Bonita Seecharan, Manager for Children’s and Youth Services at the Windsor Public Library. Bonita agreed to form a partnership with NCCCentre by sharing information with students about the recipients of the **Canada Post 2012 Black History Month Commemorative Stamps.**

The honorees were **Viola Desmond (1914-1965)** who refused to sit in the balcony designated exclusively for blacks at the Roseland Theatre (1946) in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. She was forcibly removed, put in jail overnight, tried without counsel, convicted and fined.

John Ware (1845-1905) was born into slavery in South Carolina then traveled through Texas, Montana and Idaho finally reaching Alberta in 1882. He became skilled at handling cattle and wild horses. His success as a rancher near Calgary won him the respect of his fellow ranchers.

On February 24th, 80 grade 7/8 students from **Dougall Avenue School** assembled in the main floor presentation area at the Main Library to view a 12 minute segment from a documentary film **“John Ware: The Good Neighbour”** and watch a live performance by local actor **Leslie McCurdy** whose portrayal of **Viola Desmond** is part of her one woman show **“Things My Fore-Sisters Saw”**

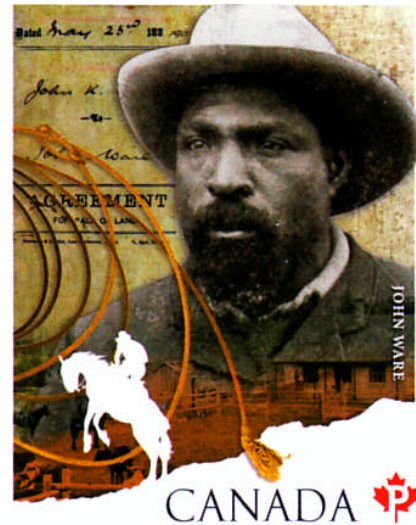
On March 1st and 2nd, **Nancy Allen** from **NCCCentre** shared the same information with 90 grade 7/8 students at **Eastwood School**. This presentation was similar to the one above with the reading aloud and sharing of the colourful pictures from a book titled **“Viola Desmond Won’t Be Budged”**

Both schools engaged in the same follow up activity which included writing down two questions about each recipient on a piece of paper. The paper was folded in half and deposited into an envelope. These students had already written their home address on the envelope and placed a **Black History Stamp** on the upper right hand corner. The letters were deposited into **Canada Post** mailboxes to be delivered to the homes of the students who would then answer their questions and bring the envelope and Q&A sheets back to their teacher at school.

A special note of **“thank you”** is extended to each and every student who remained attentive during the presentation of information about the contributions of these two honorees.

A special note of **“appreciation”** is extended to Dougall Avenue School teachers—**Bessie Pardalis, Eric Wideen, Steve Krsul, Mike Seal** and principal **Clayton Callow**, as well as, **Natasha Fahgali** and principal **James Cowper** of Eastwood School.

A+ for Effort!



Membership Matters



CALLING ALL-
Current Members
Former Members
Potential Members
Community Supporters

PEP RALLY &
MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DRAWS (5:30PM)
Special recognition to “BINGO BUDDIES”

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012

@ CHICKEN WING DINNER (see page 5)

1,2,3,4, who are we cheering for ?

Northstar! Northstar! Northstar!

5,6,7,8, who do we appreciate?

Our Members! Our Members!

Our Members!

YEAH!!!



See 2012 Membership Registration (pg8)

Charity “Bingo Buddies” Night

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Breakaway Gaming Centre
756 Crawford Ave. & Wyandotte
(behind Tim Horton's)
8pm to 10pm



Participants receive a free dabber & complimentary drink
and a \$ 10 donation to Northstar C.C.C.



McDougall Street Snapshot Project

Do you have any "snapshots" that were taken at any location along
any street in the McDougall Street neighbourhood
These snapshots will be featured as part of a special display
During the McDougall Street Reunion

Please call the NCCentre at 519-252-7143 to arrange for scanning

All pictures posted will include the address, street name and
the name of the person who submitted snapshot!



NORTHSTAR CULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Invites you to

CHICKEN WINGS

Lunch or Dinner

FRIDAY, March 30TH, 2012

11am until 6pm

Menu #1 for \$7.00

- ♦ **Chicken wings**
- ♦ **Potato salad**
- ♦ **Baked beans**
- ♦ **Beverage**



Menu#2 for \$10.00

- ♦ **Chicken wings**
- ♦ **Potato salad**
- ♦ **Baked beans**
- ♦ **Cornbread**
- ♦ **Desert**
- ♦ **Beverage**

**B.M.E. CHURCH - Fellowship Hall
685 UNIVERSITY AVE. East
(Corner of Louis & University)**

***CALL NCC Centre to RESERVE TICKETS 252-7143
(take out is available)***

Book Sale, Magazine Swap & Game Sale available all day!

Membership Registration and Early Bird Raffle Draw

Literacy Comes Alive...

Resources used for Canada Post Black History Month Stamps:

Books:

Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged –Jody Warner& Richard Rudnicki
John Ware –Ian Hundey (The Canadians)

Websites:

<http://lesliemccurdy.ca/prom.html>
www.bccns.com/news/2012/2012_viola.php
<http://blackhistorycanada.ca/profiles>
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Ware_\(cowboy\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Ware_(cowboy))
<http://www.albertacentennial.ca/history>

Documentaries:

Journey to Justice(<http://www.nfb.ca/collection/film>)
Documentary Channel:The Canadians, Episode 15:
John Ware, A Good Neighbour

DONATIONS NEEDED!!!



SPRING HOUSE CLEANING SPECIAL

Donations of
Books

Magazines

Games

Puzzles

Will be accepted at anytime prior to the Sale
on Friday March 30th.

Please call 258-1649 for pick up or drop off at
NCCentre during office hours.

Book Sale & Games Sale & Magazine Swap

Book Sale

A large variety of used books will be on sale

- ♦ Paperback
- ♦ Hard cover
- ♦ Fiction
- ♦ Non fiction
- ♦ Cookbooks
- ♦ Technical manuals

during the chicken wing lunch/ dinner

Friday March 30th

11am until 6pm

Come join us and browse through the books!

Priced to sell!

PARKING ALLOWED ON STREET FOR THIS EVENT!



Magazine Swap

Bring in a magazine or 2 or 3 and swap those magazines for new one(s) from the display table

NO COST INVOLVED!!!

Family Game Sale

Browse through our great collection of games.

Choose a game or games to purchase.

Make an offer! All offers will be considered!



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BLACK CULTURAL SHOWCASE

Thursday, March 22nd @ 7:00 Walkerville Collegiate (adult\$3,student\$2)

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Sunday, March 25th @ 3:00 Heritage Park Alliance Church
Call NABH Museum about tickets 736-5433

YOUTH CONNECTION ASSOCIATION-PASTA DINNER

Wednesday, March 28th @ 5:30to 7:30 Dirty Jersey's (\$15pp)
Call Kenny Gbadebo 254-8145

THINK SUCCESS!!!

DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

Please remember the gift of community and consider making a donation to the Northstar Cultural Community Centre or volunteering.
Your gift will be used to continue the work of the Centre in providing services and programs to your community.

Donations of \$15 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt for income.



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2012 Membership Registration

Individual: \$25.00/yr **Family:** \$50.00/yr **Seniors:** \$15.00/yr **Student:** \$15.00/yr
(60 yr.& over)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date: _____