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# WHONNOCK NEWS

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## HAPPY HALLOWEEN AND MERRY CHRISTMAS !!

... to all from the Whonnock Community Association. (Can't believe I said the C word already!) Another summer has come and gone, and after a slow start weather wise, what a glorious August and September we had. The volunteers who run the association take the summer off for the most part except for the occasional operational or book-keeping issue, we are glad to have a few months away.

Now it is fall, and the rain has started and so has the work of the Community Association. We meet on the third Thursday of the month for a couple of hours, please feel free to drop in and see what we are all about, see what is coming up and to touch base with some of the community.

We are a casual group and welcome all questions, ideas and friendly discussion.

Please check the rest of this newsletter for upcoming events and we look forward with hope, to a happy and safe winter for all.

## FUN FOR THE KIDS!

On Sunday, November 18, from 12:15 to 4:45 pm. at Whonnock Lake Centre the Whonnock Community Association will host a Family Day with lots of fun for families with children aged 2 to 12.

The afternoon will start with an exciting magic show presented by ZANY ZACK, followed by children's ventriloquist/puppeteer performer KELLIE & Co. Balloon twisters and face painters will also be on hand for entertainment, and a couple of tables will be set up for the children to try their hand at some quick crafts. Treat bags and drinks will be offered.

Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for a family of up to five. Tickets will be available from October 29 to November 2 at Whonnock Lake Centre between 9:00 am. and noon only. No tickets at the door, as a head count must be made prior to the event. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For further information please call 604.462.8212.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Join us in front of Whonnock Lake Centre on Sunday, November 11th, 11 o'clock, to commemorate the man and women who fought for Canada and in particular those who did not return from the wars.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE

- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov. 18 Family Fun Day
- Nov. 25 Whonnock Weavers & Spinners Show & Sale
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Dance

### RUSKIN HALL

- Oct. 19 - 28 Spookeville
- Nov. 2 Potluck Dinner
- Dec. 15 Breakfast with Santa
- May 4 Ruskin Hall Birthday Party

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The Whonnock Community Association meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:30 PM, at Whonnock Lake Centre

## WHONNOCK BURSARY

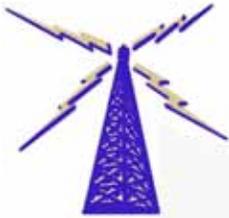
First of all we would like to congratulate Adena Penner, a Garibaldi graduate, this year's Whonnock Bursary recipient and we wish her all the best in her post high school education.

Secondly we again encourage all grade 12 students who reside or have been a resident of Whonnock to apply to the Whonnock Community Association for this \$1,000 bursary. We believe in education and we hope our bursary can help local students to achieve their educational goals whether they are in the trades, at university or other post secondary schooling.

For this bursary, we look at an applicant's marks which must show a commitment to furthering their education at college, trade school or university. We also look at a student's history of volunteering either in the community, the school or other worthy cause. Finally we assess financial need.

Please check with your school counsellor for more information and or an application form. Good luck to all applicants.

## WHONNOCK AGAINST CELL TOWER



In April of this year, residents were notified of a Telus/Alcatel-Lucent proposal to locate a 60-meter cell phone tower on a residential property in Whonnock.

Residents immediately got together and formed the local group Whonnock ACT (Against Cell Tower), which spear-

headed a protest against this proposal. Local, provincial and federal governments were sent numerous letters, along with a signed petition from many in the community.

A presentation to council was made along with supportive letters from the Whonnock Community Association asking that the District withhold their concurrence of the proposed tower and establish a policy and procedures regarding this and future antenna sitings and consultation.

The following message was received by Whonnock ACT from Telus on May 28, 2012:

Mr. Connors (Industry Canada) and I have discussed the proposed project including the notification package. This site is temporarily withdrawn and not on the 2012 plan nor currently in the 2013 plan.

As TELUS explores alternate solutions for the much needed service in the area, and eventually decides to explore a different location or pursue this one, Mr. Connors and I agreed that a new notification package would be sent to residents.

There have been no new developments as of September 2012. For more information please contact Whonnock ACT.



## RUSKIN HALL

The Ruskin Hall is situated at the corner of 284th Street and 96th Avenue in picturesque Ruskin. Community meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30. Visitors are always welcome.

The hall is available for rental at nightly or hourly rates. For rental information contact our booking agent Shannon at 604-462-7642.

HATHA FLOW YOGA classes are again being offered by Kim Rondquist Wednesday nights at 7:30. Hatha Flow Yoga uses breathing to bring fluidity and flow to stretches and poses. Everyone is welcome, drop-in rates available. For information contact Kim at 462-4284.

SPOOKEVILLE will be at the Ruskin Hall for five scary nights (October 19, 20, 26, 27, 28) from 6 to 9. Admission is \$3 or \$1 with a food bank donation. Lights will be kept on until 7 o'clock, then beware. Small children are encouraged to come early.

POTLUCK DINNER – Sunday, December 2. Doors will open at 5:00, dinner at 6:00. Come out and enjoy our Ruskin hospitality.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – Saturday, December 15 from 9 to 11. Santa has agreed to visit the hall from 9:30 to 10:30.

RUSKIN HALL BIRTHDAY PARTY – Saturday, May 4, 2013. Come out and join the fun.

## MUSIC IN ME! STUDIO



### PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS

- Classical Certification (with Royal Conservatory)
- Recreational music (chording, playing by ear)
- Worship styles (improvise, play in a band)
- Contemporary styles (Pop, Jazz & Blues)

Eleanor Tracey. Phone: 604-287-6963  
www.musicinme.musicteachershelter.com



## THORNHILL HALL & COMMUNITY

Fall is upon us and after the beautiful endless summer, we are settling into our Westcoast Autumn. Rain has been welcome.

Our Hall has had steady rentals throughout the year and continues to be booked through until the New Year. We will be putting on new gutters and downpipes on the Hall as we have suffered some vandalism. This has resulted in some water damage inside the hall. Our discussions with Parks and Rec. have resulted in them moving the frisbee stations that are too close to the building. This should help to resolve problems we have had with damaged gutters and downpipes.

Our new 455-foot well, we are told, is abundant with the most beautiful water in Maple Ridge. This allows us to rent the Hall year round without concern of water shortage for events.

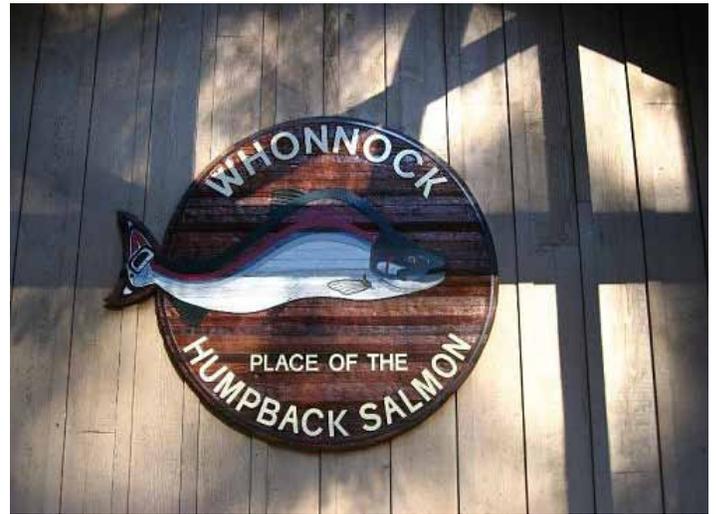
We received a grant from the Maple Ridge Foundation to purchase new folding chairs and this has made a great difference for storage and ease of usage.

The Great Pumpkin Growing event will be held at the Hall on October 28th. Members throughout Maple Ridge have been involved in this event. Heather Laity generously opened her Pumpkin Patch for a Tour on Oct. 13th. She has a beautifully, well organized and fun Agro-Tourism farm. It was a highlight for all of us that went.

Looking forward to another great year. For rentals and information contact Fran Norman @ 604-462-7869.



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## WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE

After a very busy summer season early fall felt like just more of the same due to the great weather, showing off our centre and park at its best. Inside we have had our regular yearly maintenance and new skylights look down on a completely redone and refinished floor.

After the best attended ever Whonnock Community Association Easter Egg hunt the annual Volunteers Appreciation Dinner was well attended and enjoyed by all. The Whonnock Community Association will have the new 'Family Fun Day' on November 18th followed by the Whonnock Weavers and Spinners annual Show and Sale November 25th. A New Years Eve Dance has already been organized, the band is booked, the caterer is hired, now we just need you to buy a ticket from Sue at the postoffice and come out and enjoy dinner and dancing.

As always we would like to thank our gardener, Maureen for doing such a good job of keeping everything looking beautiful all year long. Thank you as well to the Whonnock Community Association for all their behind the scenes hard work and diligence. Best wishes to all for a great Christmas and winter season.



## LAKESIDE PRESCHOOL

Located on beautiful Whonnock Lake in the Whonnock Lake Centre, this bright well-equipped preschool offers a variety of experiences for 3-to-5-year-olds.

Our aim is to provide each child with exciting and stimulating experiences in a warm and relaxed

atmosphere.

For ongoing registration phone Mrs. Kilsby at 604-462-0026 to reserve your child's space in one of our programs.



## HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

All are welcome to our services which start at 10:00 am every Sunday: come and find out what a friendly bunch we are, and stay for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards!

You can find us at 27123 River Road (take the turning for 272nd off the Lougheed Highway). For more information you can call our message centre on 604-462-7933 or visit our Web site [www.HolySpiritAnglican.ca](http://www.HolySpiritAnglican.ca).



Come in and relax. You don't need a jacket or a tie or even dress shoes. At CornerStone Neighbourhood Church (9975 -272

Street) we just want you to be you.

We hope you will find our people friendly and genuine and that you will feel at home among us. Our church family come from all walks and stages of life and each one of them is important to us. CornerStone is a place to meet new friends and ultimately a place to discover what the Christian life is really all about! We invite you to come and see for yourself. Just as you are.

Our services are held Sundays at 10:00am. We would love for you to join us! CornerStone Kids children's programs are available for children aged 3 to grade 7. Nursery care is available for babies & toddlers age 2 and under.

For more info see our website, [www.cornerstoneneighbourhood.com](http://www.cornerstoneneighbourhood.com)

## HANDY PHONE NUMBERS

Whonnock Lake Centre 604 462 8212

Whonnock Post Office 604 462 7519

Whonnock Elementary 604 462 4612



## WILDWOOD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sunday Services are held at 10:30 am (10810 272nd St.)

*What is your heart longing for?* People often come to church hoping to find answers to life, to find support in times of crisis, acceptance and love, to develop positive friendships. We define "fellowship" as "the oneness of spirit that comes when two friends are on the same side of a struggle."

*You are welcome!* People matter to God and they matter to us! We believe you will find us to be a small church with a big heart where "people know your name and people are glad you came."

If you're looking to find a place to belong where you can learn about and live out a relevant faith, then we invite you to experience the community of Wildwood Fellowship Church. We are a family-oriented, nondenominational community church.

We want to come alongside you in your faith journey, knowing that ultimately Jesus Christ is the One who can truly satisfy the inner longings of your heart.

*For more info on Kids Club, Events and Ministries or Special Services please call Pastor Arnold Tracey at 604-287-6963*

## BYRNES BURSARY

The Whonnock Foundation's Byrnes Bursary program grants amounts of up to \$2,000 per four-month period to students from east Maple Ridge enrolled in a college, university, trade school or other post-secondary establishment, with a proven record of good performance in post-secondary education.

For more about the Whonnock Foundation and the terms of reference of the Byrnes Bursary visit: <http://whonnock.ca/whonnock/Foundation.htm>

Present Byrnes Bursary recipients are: Alyssa Peletier, Megan Rogers, Michelle Vandermoor and Andrew Franklyn.

## WHONNOCK & RUSKIN HISTORY

*Charles Whetham, a Remarkable Resident of Ruskin* is the title of the latest issue of the WHONNOCK NOTES series.

The *Whonnock & Ruskin History Calendar* for 2013 will be for sale starting early November.

Ask Sue at the post office.



## WHONNOCK T.O.P.S. LOCAL # 4522

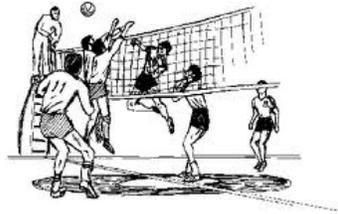
TOPS is a non-profit organization that helps children from age 7 to 18 and adults, to improve their health and well being.

We meet at the Wildwood Fellowship Church Mondays at 6:30 pm. Come and visit with us - we have fun and successful weight loss. Phone Carolyn , 604-462-1213, or Lori Button, 604-463-7355, for more info.

For information on other chapters in Maple Ridge phone Sandra at 604-462-9985.

## WHONNOCK VOLLEYBALL

This is a social drop-in volleyball evening for adults and it is sponsored by the Whonnock Community Association.



Donations are gratefully accepted and will go to the association. Depending on time, we play 3 games or more. Players of all skills are welcome.

Location: Whonnock Elementary Gym

Wednesday, 7:30 - 9:00 PM.

## WESTCOAST SHOTOKAN KARATE



We're proud to be heading into our 12th year teaching Shotokan Karate to all ages and families at Whonnock Lake Centre. We also are continuing with the successful Tiny Tigers program for children from 4yrs to 11yrs old. This program is committed to giving

children the necessary tools and confidence they need to be successful and safe in their lives . Come out and try a free class!

Tiny Tigers : 4:30 to 5:00 Mondays & Wednesdays.

Regular Classes: 5:00 to 6:00 Mondays & Wednesdays.

Contact info: Sensei Andrew Johnson 5th Dan, Chief instructor WSKA

778 255 3995 cell, 604 459 8340 office

andrewjohnson306@gmail.com , www.wska.ca



## WHONNOCK WALKERS

Contact: Maureen 604 467-5772

Meeting Location: Whonnock Lake Centre

Day/Time: Monday, Wednesday Friday at 9:15 am.

## WHONNOCK YOUTH OUTREACH

A component of Maple Ridge's Youth Outreach Initiative, Whonnock Youth Outreach hosts activities with the area residents, volunteers, parents and the Community Association to develop social and recreational opportunities.

Monday: 7:00 - 9:00 pm. For more information, contact Brian Patel at 604-467-7448 or Megan MacMillan at 604-467-7497.

## WHONNOCK DROP-IN

Age: 10-13 yrs

A FREE teen session for those wanting to hang out with their friends and be active. No session November 12, December 24 until January 6, and February 11.

Location: Whonnock Elementary

Mondays 7:00-9:00 pm

Call 604-467-7354 for more information.

## MONTESSORI CORNER

The Montessori Corner is a private educational organization dedicated to providing quality education with high academic standards in a warm loving environment. We offer preschool and kindergarten programs in two different locations, Websters Corners and Thornhill.

For more information visit <<http://montessoricorner.ca/>>, e-mail <[info@montessoricorner.ca](mailto:info@montessoricorner.ca)>, or call Ms. Debora Vieira at 604-462-1400.



## IRON MOUNTAIN MOVEMENT AT WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE

*If you don't climb the mountain, you can't see the view.*

- "Pilates By The Lake" at Whonnock Lake Centre on Monday evenings.
- Small group sessions at private Studio in Whonnock (morning and evening sessions),
- Outdoor programs.

For more information visit the Web site: [www.ironmountainmovement.com](http://www.ironmountainmovement.com). Or call Keri Cawthorne at 604 462 1059.

## RIDGE CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB



Ridge Canoe & Kayak Club's summer season came to an end on the September 29 - 30 weekend when we staged our annual Pacific Cup Regatta. More than 125 athletes from Alberta, BC and Washington competed at another very successful event.

This regatta officially marks the end of our busy Summer season and the beginning of the Winter program. For the next few months weather will reduce the number of days we will be on Whonnock Lake but that doesn't mean the athletes stop training, quite the contrary. Running, weight training and gym activities enable the athletes to maintain and improve the fitness base they have worked so hard to build in the summer months, all with an eye to the start of competition again in the Spring.

For more information and news about our club please go to our website at [www.rckc.ca](http://www.rckc.ca)

## ONE BOOK WHONNOCK

The final tally for those reading *Obasan* was 60 – thanks to everyone who participated in exploring a work of literature and its connection to own neighbourhood!

ONE BOOK WHONNOCK ended this, its first project, with a happy gathering at Whonnock Lake Centre. Twenty-one neighbours came to discuss *Obasan* and get acquainted. Participants had lived here for a few months and for many decades. They told stories of their knowledge of the Japanese-Canadians who lived in our area before World War Two, and brought memorabilia to show. We saw maps of where the confiscated properties in this area were; we saw a document passing a Japanese-Canadian farm to a local woman to tend in their absence (subsequently countermanded by a letter from the government that she had no claim because they now owned the property); we saw lesson plans developed for teaching local students about this now; we saw photos of some former residents now hauntingly nameless. One person told of their own internment in the Second World War. A fictional story brought real life stories to the fore.

ONE BOOK WHONNOCK is starting its second project. The flyer on page 8 gives details. We hope you will sign up and read *The Corpse with the Silver Tongue* by Cathy Ace. If you love sunshine, good food, history, colourful characters and/or puzzle-solving, this book will draw you in. The local connection to this book is that the author lives in Whonnock, and is willing to participate in the project with us. What an opportunity for a riveting read and an inside look at mystery-writing. Thanks, Cathy!

Please study the flyer and sign up. Talk to your neighbours about the book and plan to take in some of the suggested activities. Mark Thursday February 28 in your datebook and come along to Whonnock Lake Centre for an evening of meeting your neighbours, discussing the book and great Nicoise snacks!

## AFTER CATHY'S "WHODUNIT"

Nominations of books for a future ONE BOOK WHONNOCK project are welcome. There was some interest expressed at the last gathering to have a book on an aboriginal theme or the forest industry. Both of these would tie into the history of this area.

Please submit suggestions of good books you have read which you think would be appropriate for a ONE BOOK WHONNOCK project by December 31.

A new book will be announced in April (after the conclusion of the one being launched now). Thank you!

## READY TO DE-STRESS?

Then join us for weekly Yoga practice each and every Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 pm at Whonnock Lake Centre. Enjoy a mild practice that is sure to lengthen your muscles, quiet your mind and inspire you to connect with your body.

Drop-in, \$10 or \$8 with two (2) non-perishable food item donations

Seniors (65+), only \$5

To pre-register or for more information, please e-mail us at [jaimie@jaimiestokes.ca](mailto:jaimie@jaimiestokes.ca)



## FREE SPIRIT YOGA AND PILATES

Experience the joy of movement in our peaceful, Zen, boutique style home studios inspired by nature. Our Thornhill studio is nestled in a serene forest setting and has been freshly renovated to include a wood-burning fireplace.



Free Spirit offers Yoga, Pilates and fitness classes for students of all levels and ages.

Classical Hatha Yoga, Vinyasa

flow, Infrared Hot Yoga, Yin, Gentle Therapeutic Yoga, Yoga/Pilates fusion, family yoga, trx suspension training and Yoga teacher training.

No need to bring anything—we supply all necessary props and have loaner mats. Dress comfortably in layers.

2 locations to serve you.

Thornhill location: 26098 102 Ave. Maple Ridge.

Rockridge location: 13354 237 A. St, Maple Ridge

Please call Julia prior to dropping in 604-463-0346 or email [julia@freespirtityoga.ca](mailto:julia@freespirtityoga.ca)

Website: [www.freespirtityoga.ca](http://www.freespirtityoga.ca)

New students please mention that you read about us in *Whonnock News* and come and try a free class.



## NEW YEAR'S EVE AT WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE

Hurry! Sue has the tickets for sale right now at \$65.00 per person. Dinner, dance, bar and live music!

## THEATRE: RIGHT IN WHONNOCK



Dinner Theatre is coming to Maple Ridge! In January 2013, Theatre in the Country will launch its inaugural production of *Charley's Aunt*, the well known British Comedy by Brandon Thomas. It will run for five subsequent weekends between January 18th and February 17th with a special Valentines show on the 14th.

The reason this is of special interest to the Whonnock community is because Theatre in the Country will be mounting its productions at the North Fraser Event Center at 9975 272nd Street.

Reg Parks is the Artistic Director of this new theatrical effort. "The goal of Theatre In the Country is to provide ongoing, professional level entertainment for the Maple Ridge community and beyond. Good Food, Good Show, Good Times".

More information about this exciting artistic effort in our community will be available in coming weeks. You can check them out at [www.theatreinthecountry.com](http://www.theatreinthecountry.com).

## WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



For information about Whonnock Elementary and upcoming events please visit the school's Web site at [whonnockschool.sd42.ca](http://whonnockschool.sd42.ca).

*Handweaving, Handspinning & Handknitting*

## Whonnock Weavers & Spinners Guild

### 32nd Annual Exhibit & Sale

Sunday 25 November 2012  
11am to 4pm

**Whonnock Lake Centre**  
at Whonnock Lake Park, Maple Ridge

*Basketry, Felting & Guest Artists*

## WHONNOCK WEAVERS & SPINNERS



The Whonnock Weavers and Spinners spent a wonderful spring and summer dyeing, felting, making baskets, as well as weaving and spinning. In July we had a wonderful dye workshop during a weekend getaway in Britannia Beach.

We are now busy preparing for our 32nd annual Open House exhibit and sale at the Whonnock Lake Centre on Sunday, November 25 from 11 AM to 4 PM. We hope to see many of you there.

Our meetings are held in the pre-school room of the Whonnock Lake Centre on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. We usually try to have a short business meeting followed by a program. We frequently also meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month, but these meetings could be at the Whonnock Lake Centre or at members' homes. We would like to invite visitors and potential members to join us for a meeting. There is always lively discussion and often wonderful programs with opportunities to learn. For more information on upcoming meetings, please contact Marie at 604-462-9059.

# “One Book Whonnock”

## *A ‘Whodunnit’*

*Warm up a wet winter in Whonnock with a Whodunnit!*

*Read a book set in the sunny French Riviera*

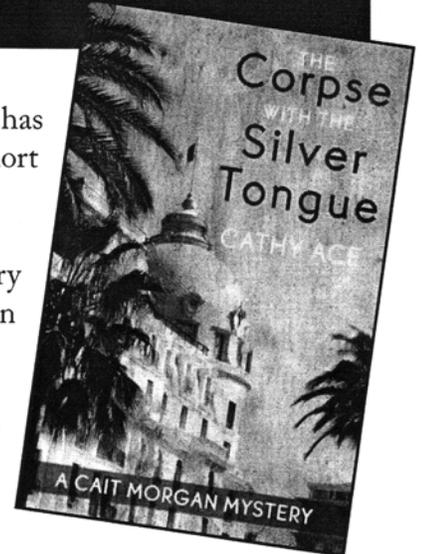
*Discuss it with your neighbours and the author*

*Participate in related outings and events*

*The book is ...*

## **The Corpse with the Silver Tongue** *by Cathy Ace*

- Cathy Ace is a local resident who writes gripping mystery stories. She has been critically acclaimed for this book and her two previous books of short stories. Check out [www.cathyace.com](http://www.cathyace.com).
- This book is widely available, either on loan from Fraser Valley Library or purchased from bookstores (10% discount from Black Bond Book in Haney Mall if you mention it's for “One Book Whonnock”).
- We want you to have a good read (sunny setting and colourful characters!) and to help build a sense of community in our area.



Thursday February 28th, 2013 • 7<sup>30</sup> PM - 9<sup>00</sup> PM

Come to Whonnock Lake Centre to discuss the book with the author and your neighbours.

### **Let us know you are participating!**

*You can either send your name and phone number to [webmaster@whonnock.ca](mailto:webmaster@whonnock.ca), or call Jean 604.462.7341, or fill out the form below, detach and drop it off at the Whonnock Lake Centre.*



- Yes! I will read 'The Corpse with the Silver Tongue' by Cathy Ace and look forward to discussing it with my neighbours during the fall and winter.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_