

ASK Festival King continues

Next week, the Arts Society King (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.

July 4, bring friends to the beautiful atrium at Country Day School on Dufferin Street near King City, to enjoy a glass of wine or a refreshing beer from local retailers. Pair the drink with delicious appetizers prepared by the chefs of King from 12 local restaurants. Then take a 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 the new Family Nature Days, sponsored by ASK in partnership with King Township and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. These fun-filled Saturdays (July 6 in King northwest, July 13 in King east and July 20 in King south and West) will be packed with bog walks, boat rides and bug displays. Take a camera on a hike July 6, 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 July 6 and continuing 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.