

## **Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

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### **BACD Biz Lunch**

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 28 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: Kelseys Original Roadhouse 419 King Street West, Oshawa

Our networking lunch is for BACD clients and business owners in Durham Region who'd like to have an opportunity to network and get to know each other in a casual and fun setting. This is a great time to learn to network effectively and to share ideas, opportunities and challenges.

## **Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

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### **Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation Board Meeting**

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 1 8:30 am - 9:00 am

### **Java Jolt (Whitby Chamber of Commerce)**

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 1 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Address: The Goodberry 55 Baldwin Street, Brooklin

Java Jolts are a great way to connect! Come join us!

Twice a month, join members and non-members for a coffee to discuss business-focused topics which will be posted in advance in the Facebook group. For members, by members, this long-standing program continues its primary objective to support the business community and give them an opportunity to network and refer.

### **Regional Council Meeting**

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 1 9:30 am

## **Thursday, March 2, 2023**

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### **Connect Women: MARCOM (Whitby Chamber of Commerce)**

Date and Time: Thursday, March 2 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Address: Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility, 2700 Audley Road, Ajax

Welcome to the 12th annual Connect Women conference: Modernize with Marcom

Business leaders understand that marketing has to modernize to drive their objectives, but they are less sure what specifically that means. Too often, they focus on a handful of initiatives or capabilities and then grow frustrated when the promised value doesn't appear.

## Friday, March 3, 2023

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### An evening with Farzana Doctor

Date and Time: Friday, March 3 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Address: Central - 405 Dundas Street W. Meeting Room 1

# An Evening with Farzana Doctor!

Farzana Doctor is a writer, activist, and psychotherapist. Her ancestry is Indian, and she was born in Zambia while her family was based there for five years, before immigrating to Canada in 1971. Farzana grew up and went to school right here in Whitby, ON, she attended the Quest Public school for a couple years before moving for her high school years. Her work reflects her time growing up in smalltown Canada and has a unique perspective of our beautiful town.

### Seven by Farzana Doctor (2020)

A rich, soulfully written novel about inheritance and resistance that tests the balance between modern and traditional customs.

When Sharifa accompanies her husband on a marriage-saving trip to India, she thinks that she's going to research her great-great-grandfather, a wealthy business leader and philanthropist. What captures her imagination is not his rags-to-riches story, but the mystery of his four wives, missing from the family lore. She ends up excavating much more than she had imagined.

### You Still Look The Same by Farzana Doctor (May 2022)

This debut poetry collection from acclaimed novelist Farzana Doctor (*Seven*) is both an intimate deep dive and a humorous glance at the tumultuous decade of her forties. Through crisp and vivid language, Doctor explores mid-life breakups and dating, female genital cutting, imprints of racism and misogyny, and the oddness of sex and love, and urges us to take a second look at the ways in which human relationships are never what we expect them to be.

Books will be available for purchase from [Blue Heron Books](#) at this event. Both authors will be signing at the end of the event.

This is a registered event, to register visit the program event page [here](#).

This program will be offered in-person at our Central Library.

**Black Lit Durham and Desarae Dee**

Date and Time: Friday, March 3 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Address: The Robert McLaughlin Gallery 72 Queen St. Civic Centre Oshawa, ON

Join us for an evening with Black Lit Durham and Desarae Dee!

The night will also include 2 short films presented by Durham Region International Film Festival!

Headlining the event is Desarae Dee, a Canadian Instrumental Fusion Artist, Multi-Instrumentalist and Producer who has made significant waves in the Canadian music industry with her unique and unconventional playing style since 2014. Known as "Toronto's Queen of Vibes," her passionate and meaningful sound combines a unique mixture of faith, soul, vulnerability and divine balance.

Featured artists for the evening include:

Greg Frankson, also known as Ritallin, is an award-winning literary artist, writer, and speaker. He edited and contributed to the critically acclaimed *AfriCANthology: Perspectives of Black Canadian Poets*, appears in five literary anthologies, and published four poetry collections.

Judith Shaw is a poet and a member of the [Durham Storytellers](#). Born in Kingston, Jamaica and raised by her Grandmother Wawa, she is the author of the children's book "My Grandmother Said Art Is Everywhere".

[Asante Haughton](#) is a national award-winning mental health advocate, peer worker, poet, thinker, and two-time TEDx speaker. His belief in people, global inter-connectivity, and positive personal change led him to being recognized by CAMH as one of the top 150 Difference Makers in mental health in Canada.

Shakkoi aka [Need Some Koi](#) is a multi talented creative excelling in dance instruction and spoken word poetry. Floetry Fitness, her business that creates spaces for movement and poetry, has been seen on Breakfast Television's "Movin in the Mornings", Nia Centre, Black Women in Motion and the City of Pickering.

Learn more about Black Lit Durham: [Black Canadian Literature - BlackLit Durham](#)

## **Aao Gidha Payie presents Holi Festival and Mutiaran on dance floor**

Date and Time: Friday, March 3 7:45 pm - 11:30 pm

Address: 95 Magill Dr Ajax, ON Canada L1T 3K7

It is punjabi women cultural festival and event. close group, They will play with colors and perform their cultural dance gidha, bhangra and jhoomar, and dinner afterwards

## **Saturday, March 4, 2023**

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### **Snow Castles in Newcastle**

Date and Time: Saturday, March 4 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Address: 187 King Ave, Newcastle, ON L1B 1H4

A Gift of Art is please to announce the Snowcastles of Newcastle contest! Taking place on Saturday March 4th at the Clarington Public Library (Newcastle branch) individuals and teams will create an original snowcastle sculpture in a designated space. Sculptures will be judged on design, process, structural soundness, and overall creativity. Fantastic prizes to be won! So gather your team, shovels and snow gear for this cool competition! Whether you are a professional snowcastle artist, or a family looking for a fun filled day, we would love to see your creations! No snow? No problem! In the event Mother Nature does not decide to join us, we will create castles out of mixed recyclables!

Warming Centres will be provided both in the Library and A Gift of Art.

## Details and Contest Rules

### Categories include:

- Professionals
- Family (team may consist of adults and children)
- Adults, including seniors whether formed in teams or as individuals
- Children and Youth (team only consists of children under 18)

To Register go to: <https://agiftof-art.com/classes/snowcastles-of-newcastle/>

Prizes to be won in each category!

## Saturday Studio at the RMG

Date and Time: Saturday, March 4 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

Address: 72 Queen St.

This class is filled with art making that inspires creativity and imagination! Each week will be a new adventure with sculptures, paintings, drawings, printmaking, and more using artist quality materials!

**Saturdays, January 21 to March 4**

No class February 18

\$100 Members/ \$110 Non-members

**Ages 5-8            10:30am-12pm**

**Ages 9-12        1-3pm**

<https://calendar.durham.ca>