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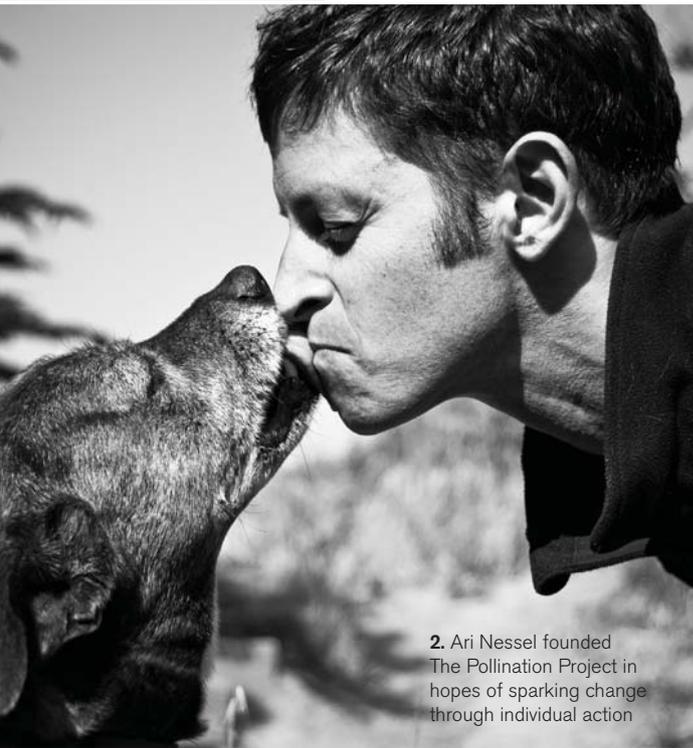
1a. A stunning selection of wedding gowns at Canada's Bridal Show

## 1. CANADA'S BRIDAL SHOW

Brides-to-be gathered at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on January 4, 5 and 6 at Canada's Bridal Show. From the latest in wedding wear to fresh décor themes and gush-worthy venues, exhibitors unveiled those perfect touches that make wedding days special. Celebrating all things bridal, the innovative show introduced a Bride Rewards Program, allowing ladies-in-love to receive points on purchases made at the exhibits. One lucky guest won a \$5,000 wedding cake designed by special guest *Cake Boss* Buddy Valastro. Mark your calendars for the next Canada's Bridal Show this upcoming September. [www.canadasbridalshow.com](http://www.canadasbridalshow.com)



1b. Cakes and dresses and jewels, oh my! Canada's Bridal Show brims with all things bridal



2. Ari Nessel founded The Pollination Project in hopes of sparking change through individual action

## 2. THE POLLINATION PROJECT

What would you do with \$1,000? Supporting individuals eager to put their social conscience in motion, The Pollination Project doles out a grand to today's change-makers — individuals with ideas that will touch the lives of others — each day of the year. Whether your idea will benefit your neighbour, the environment, animals, social justice or community health and wellness, the non-profit organization aspires to nourish your intended good deed with financial support. Calling on individuals in our community to manifest goodness in the world through individual action, founder Ari Nessel, a Dallas-based entrepreneur, explains that almost everyone has the capability of spreading hope and change, no matter the size. "The Pollination Project believes not that we need more Mahatma Gandhi's or Martin Luther King Jr.'s in the world, what we need is individuals — large amounts of people — who are making small changes in and around their community." To kick-start change in your community, apply for a grant at [ThePollinationProject.org](http://ThePollinationProject.org).



4. At Vaughan Mills Legoland Discovery Centre, kids build happiness, brick by brick

## 3. FORGET NOT

Mary Morganelli often turns to art to express her emotions. Her recent painting, *Forget Not*, is a conceptualization of a mind-blowing disease — visual and spatial confusion, a struggle with memory and time, the remnants of one's identity, a fragility of mind — that is both debilitating and permanent. The man represents her father who, along with a tidal wave of individuals diagnosed annually, has grappled with Alzheimer's disease over the last five years. "My father was always the type to always be smiling; he loved life no matter how bad it was. Now he doesn't know anyone anymore. It's awful," says Morganelli. The King City resident hopes to shed light on the devastating effects of Alzheimer's on the individual and his or her family, as well as raise support for the Alzheimer Society of York Region, which helped to arrange care for her father at Maple Health Centre. Dubbed the "Silver Tsunami," Alzheimer's is an impending crisis that is a cause of concern for leading global experts. The Alzheimer Society predicts that 1.1 million Canadians will live with dementia by 2038 — that's one person diagnosed with Alzheimer's or related dementia every two minutes. "My father's condition has made us more aware of how devastating it is for other families that struggle with Alzheimer's." [www.mariellart.com](http://www.mariellart.com)



3. Artist Mary Morganelli hopes to inspire Alzheimer's awareness through her art

## 4. LEGOLAND DISCOVERY CENTRE AT VAUGHAN MILLS

Imagine your favourite childhood pastime come to life. Opening March 1, Merlin Entertainments, the world's second-largest visitor attraction operation, invites Lego lovers to Vaughan Mills' Legoland Discovery Centre, the company's first-ever project in Canada. Complete with a 4D cinema, brick pools, Lego rides and more, the approximate 34,000 sq.ft. indoor playground will build the perfect day of fun for families. [www.legolanddiscoverycentre.ca](http://www.legolanddiscoverycentre.ca)

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5. This mod design by Bo Concept brings a minimalist touch to the Interior Design Show

## 5. IDS13

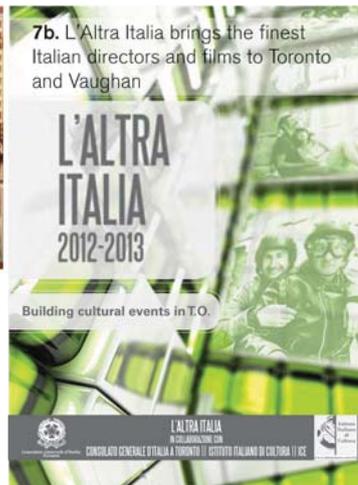
From January 24-27, designers from across the globe gathered at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre for the renowned Interior Design Show. A hub of experimentation, creativity and design synergy, IDS brings the Canadian and international design community together for a gathering of global proportions. Inspirational exhibits featured emerging and established designers, and highlighted international interior, architectural and product design trends. Canadian-made design stars, including Vancouver's Douglas Coupland and founder of Dwell Studio Christiane Lemieux, were on hand, while Toronto's Andrew Richard Designs unveiled a stunning new collection. [www.interiordesignshow.com](http://www.interiordesignshow.com)



6a. Vaughan Public Libraries hosts annual Black History Month activities that educate and inspire



7a. L'Altra Italia will screen the Italian film *Il Giorno In Più* this spring



7b. L'Altra Italia brings the finest Italian directors and films to Toronto and Vaughan

## 7. L'ALTRA ITALIA

Culture-infused films straight from the boot is what L'Altra Italia — the non-profit organization highlighting Italian arts — has been bringing to Toronto since 2002. Partnered with TIFF, L'Altra Italia screens the finest Italian projects at one of the country's most renowned locations. For a kick of culture, movie-lover members can catch the screening of *Il Giorno In Più* at the TIFF Bell Lightbox on February 8 or at the Colossus Vaughan Cinemas March 21. *La Moglie Del Sarto* screens at the Lightbox on March 1 and at Colossus on February 28. [www.laltraitalia.org](http://www.laltraitalia.org)



6b. Artist Celia Wilson shares her work as part of this year's Black History Month celebrations

## 6. BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Vaughan Public Libraries is kicking off this year's Black History Month with a series of art exhibits featuring the works of Black

History artists Celia Wilson and Samar Smith. The educational experience will continue with a visit from author Sandra Whiting, who shares legends and folktales from West Africa and the Caribbean in celebration and promotion of ethnic diversity. [www.vaughanpl.info](http://www.vaughanpl.info)



8a. Giada Zingone, 5, donated her long locks to Angel Hair for Kids last winter



8b. Angel Hair for Kids aims to provide ill and underprivileged children with hair loss solutions

## 8. ANGEL HAIR FOR KIDS

Five-year-old Giada Zingone made the decision to change a child's life. Following in her older sister Noemi's footsteps, Giada cut her hair and donated it to Angel Hair for Kids, a division of A Child's Voice Foundation. Angel Hair for Kids is dedicated to providing wigs and hair loss solutions to children suffering from medical conditions or treatments that cause hair loss. [www.acvf.ca](http://www.acvf.ca)



9. Pal Di Iulio, Karen Manarin, Nina Perfetto, Ann Andrachuk, Bruce Rodrigues, Maria Rizzo and various members of the Toronto Catholic District School Board, the Columbus Centre Board, Villa Charities Inc, along with local politicians

## 9. A RENAISSANCE BEGINS

At a signing ceremony on Dec. 19, 2012, the Toronto Catholic District School Board and Villa Charities Inc. announced a joint development project that will function as a hub for Toronto's burgeoning performing and fine arts community. Serving the educational, cultural and recreational needs of the Dufferin Street and Lawrence Avenue West neighbourhood, the \$50 million redevelopment project will house a variety of services, including a reinvisioned Columbus Centre, Carrier Art Gallery, Day Care and a new Dante Alighieri Academy that will boast space for 1,300 pupils, extended fitness and music facilities, dance studios and a shared theatre. The first phase of the project is anticipated for completion in 2016. [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)