



Artists participating are back row (from left) Donna Funnell, Doeteke Hanzelka, Heather Van Riesen and Linda Kittmer and in front (from left) Leah Hughes, Ann Totten, Judy Makinson and Kit Lang.

Thread binds the local Group of Eight artists

Fibre art takes us on a visual trip around the world from the bright cottons of Peru, the geometric patterns of Mexico, to the silks of the Orient and the dense wools of Ireland...

And, then back home to Georgetown, where a guild of multi-disciplined fibre artists called the Group of Eight Fibre Artists (GOE) are displaying and selling their works at Main Street Inn.

These fibre artists work with diverse materials from around the world and locally found materials, including, fabric, wood, metal, paper, felt, wax and beads. They incorporate various techniques, such as machine and hand-stitching, encaustic work, and other techniques into their multi-media works of art.

Friends Heather Van Riesen and Linda Kittmer, both former traditional quilt guild members, began to approach others equally interested in a fibre art venture. Formed in 2006, the initial group of eight like-minded individuals, has already outgrown their name and now number 10 artists. Links to their blogs can be found by looking up GOE at <http://goegeorgetown.blogspot.com>.

You are invited to enjoy their display of fibre art, at Main Street Inn, located at 126 Main St. S. in historic downtown Georgetown till the end of November. The Show boasts 79 different pieces of reasonably-priced fiber art. Main Street Inn is open for lunch, brunch and dinner, Wednesday to Sunday (905-702-5411).

Haunted Halloween Happenings around Halton Hills

Explore the world of real-life paranormal activity in some of Ontario's heritage buildings on Saturday, October 19, at Devereaux House in Georgetown.

The Searcher Group, Canada's oldest paranormal investigations and research team, will share their experiences, findings and communications with the spirits from historic Toronto Exhibition buildings to others within Halton Hills.

"We're not 'ghostbusters'," said investigator and local resident Peter Roe. "We do not claim to rid a building of its ghosts or spirits. Rather, we investigate and research to find out if spirits are present and who they are. Quite often, they have a story to tell and we listen. If the hauntings are severe, we look for resolutions between the living and the spirits so they may co-exist."

The thought-provoking and sometimes spine-tingling presentation is presented by Searcher Group founder Richard Palmisano. Audience members can ask questions. Tickets are \$10 in advance only, for the 6:30 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. presentations. Call 905-877-1861, or email ann@devereauxhouse.ca to reserve. Seating is limited.



Halloween Party for children: on Saturday, Oct. 19, 4-6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church. Come for crafts, food, costume contest and games. All ages are welcome! The admission will be free but a donation of food for the Georgetown Bread Basket would be appreciated. Info: 905-877-4482 or www.standrewsuc.ca

Halloween dance and karaoke night: on Friday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Acton Legion. Get out your costume as there will be a prize for the best dressed male and female. Also carve your pumpkin and bring it to the dance, enter it in the contest (\$5) and the winner will get half the pot. Everyone welcome and costumes are optional.

Haunted Forest at 'Terror Cotta': Friday, Oct. 25, and Saturday, Oct. 26, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Enjoy an

evening of spooky fun for children, 12 and under. Interactive Halloween performance by To Be Determined Theatre Co. of Acton. Discover haunted wagon

rides, a creepy maze, storytelling by a bonfire, nature activities, barbecue, and many new characters. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Info/tickets (\$13/adult, \$10/child ages 4-12 and senior, 60+) visit www.creditvalleyca.ca/hauntedforest, email recreation@creditvalleyca.ca or call 1-800-367-0890. Tickets must be purchased in advance and must be used for the date they are purchased for. This event will run rain or shine. Don't forget to wear a costume and bring a flashlight!

Mayor's Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball: on Saturday, Oct. 26,

sponsored by Dufferin Aggregates, is a fundraiser in support of the Georgetown Hospital Foundation & The Stay At Home and Play Arena Campaign, 7 p.m. at the Acton Town Hall Centre. Tickets \$75. Info: Nancy Surette, 905-873-2601 x2340, nancys@haltonhills.ca

Trick-or-Treat on Mill & Main Street: on Saturday, Oct. 26. Lots of fun for kids, ages 1-12. Come to the Mill and Main St. parkette in Downtown Acton, 12-3 p.m. and follow the map to get your treats from merchants. Info: 519-853-9555, www.downtownacton.ca

Masquerade on Main St: on Saturday, Oct. 26. Hundreds of children, accompanied by their parents, enjoy Downtown Georgetown for a trick-or-treat event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children are entertained by street entertainers, while visiting each business to ask for treats!

Halloween Dance: on Saturday, Oct. 26, open to all, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Georgetown Legion. Entertainment by Rock N Ray Michaels of CKOC Oldies 1150 AM Radio. Costumes optional. Prizes. Tickets, \$15, at the branch.

Pumpkin Day/Fall Harvest: on Sunday, Oct. 27, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Willow Park Ecology Centre. For just \$5 each, you can carve your own scary or friendly pumpkin with help from volunteers. Details at www.willowparkecolgy.ca

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