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Author Ron Base's novel, *Main Street Milton*, is set in a familiar locale. Base divides his time between Milton and Sanibel Island, Fla., where another series of his novels are based.

## MILTON THE BACKDROP OF NEW MURDER MYSTERY NOVEL

### 'MAIN STREET, MILTON' THIRD INSTALMENT OF BASE'S SERIES

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A disgraced RCMP officer returns home to Milton but quickly finds murder, mystery and mayhem follow her wherever she goes.

*Main Street, Milton* is the third instalment of local author Ron Base's *Milton Mystery* series.

The first novel, *The Escarpment*, Base said, was experimental, in the sense that he wanted to see if local readers would respond to Milton the way they'd responded to his other series, set near Sanibel Island, Fla., where Base winters.

With the trio of novels available, it's safe to assume the novels have fared well enough for the series to continue.

"The Sanibel novels are a little lighter," Base said. "The *Milton Mysteries* have a lit-

tle more edge, as befits our edgier Canadian readers."

Though, Base said, it's not crucial for readers to be familiar with the setting.

"The books live and die on the characters and the plot twists," he said.

A longtime journalist for publications including the *Toronto Star*, *Miami Herald*, and *Los Angeles Times*.

Base also wrote a number of scripts for films ultimately attached to Rob Lowe and Andie MacDowell.

In 2011, he completed his first novel in the *Sanibel Sunset Detective* series, and has continued to produce about two novels annually.

*Main Street, Milton*, along with Base's other novels, are available online on Amazon and Indigo, but Base also sells books in person at the Acton Farmers' Market on Thursday nights, and the Georgetown Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings.

More information about Base is available at [RonBase.com](http://RonBase.com).

## RENEWED INSPIRATION BEHIND RENAMING OF KIDS ARTS PROGRAM

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The Every Milton Child Every Year Arts program is now known as ArtSparks.

Developed to give local students the chance to experience the arts in various forms for free, on an annual basis, the new moniker was inspired by the "electrifying energy" it has had for students.

"Arts, recreation and culture are vital components to our community — to our communities — and we know these kinds of experience ignite passion and energy into everyone who gets involved. ArtSparks is a reflection of that," said Lloyd Smith, CEO of FirstOntario Credit Union, a leading donor to the program.

"Supporting the arts and great programs like ArtSparks provide social and academic benefits that create a lasting impact — something that is important to us as a credit union," Smith said.

The news release said that over 1,100 students and educators from Milton schools have visited the FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton for an interactive performance by award-winning hip-hop artist Shaun Boothe back in May.

Among the planned activities for next year is the guided dance workshops and performances by the Canadian Contemporary Dance Theatre.

To support ArtSparks, the FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton is going to host the Fall Ball Fundraising Gala on Saturday, Sept. 21, featuring performance by the Dreamboats. Gala tickets cost \$125. For more information about the '50s-themed event and how to donate, visit [firstontarioartscentremilton.ca](http://firstontarioartscentremilton.ca).

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