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Santa's float gets a colourful boost from FASM

Mural a depiction of a snowy night in Milton

14 Main Street and end at the Milton GO Station.

Last year was the debut of Milton's brand new Santa float and this year, it promises to be even more spectacular — definitely a sight that families will not want to miss.

The murals are the work of four members of FASM: Jenny Panda, Margaret Ann Fehr, Beatrix Benner and Ursula McDermid.

President of FASM, McDermid said that it was a lot of fun working on the murals and the final creation took many months to accomplish.

"It was nice though, it got us all in the Christmas spirit," said McDermid, adding last year 80 FASM members created a composite mural for the Pan Am Games, which now hangs at the Mattamy National Cycling Centre.

"The nostalgic winter scene will welcome Old St. Nick to Milton now and for years to come as he flies above the newly redecorated Santa Claus float," said McDermid, who added that in the coming months, a larger contingency of FASM members will be creating a mammoth mural for the Milton District Hospital expansion.

With a well-established reputation for community participation, it was no surprise when the Milton Santa Claus Parade Committee's representative Bill Manuel approached FASM that the visual arts group agreed to create the mural to improve the float appearance.

"Bill is just over the moon about it," laughed McDermid.

She said the artists created a scene depicting the rural area of Milton with a bit of a village to represent Milton the town, a snowman, a farm and some kids on a skating rink.

"From the escarpment, to the Mill Pond, everything we do has an escarpment in it...it's Milton," she added. Meanwhile, there's plenty of other floats set to join in the parade again this year, along with bands, pipers, dancers and more.

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