

Contest for shutterbugs focuses on nature

Amateur photographers are invited to participate in Bronte Creek Provincial Park's annual *Amateur Photography Contest*, capturing on film moments that reflect this year's theme: *Gateway to Ontario Parks*.

Entries must be submitted no later than Sept. 1.

Pictures and completed entry forms must be dropped off at the Nature Centre in Bronte Creek Provincial Park, which is located on Burloak Drive just north of the QEW.

Participants can submit up to three photos portraying the selected theme. Each entry must include a fully completed entry form and the photographer's name and phone number on the back of each print. Colour or black-and-white prints up to 5" x 7" in size will be accepted.

Winners will be contacted by phone by Sept. 30.

First prize will be Minolta Activa 10 x 50W binoculars; second prize will be Minolta Activa 7 x 35W binoculars; and third prize will be Minolta Compact 8 x 25W binoculars.

All photos become property of Bronte Creek Provincial Park upon entry, and the park reserves the right to print the photos in future publications.

For more information visit www.OntarioParks.com.

Ontario Renaissance Festival

Take a trip to 16th century England

Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth I, invites you to join her royal court for a day of feasting, fun and frolic in Trillingham, a 16th century English village.

This English Tudor village will welcome visitors Saturdays and Sundays from July 21 to Sept. 3, as well as on the Civic Holiday and Labour Day, from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Nestled in 250 acres of wooded grove and fields, the Ontario Renaissance Festival in Milton captures the ambience of an English country village complete with winding lanes, charming shops, period amusements, mud-beggars and comely wenches.

More than 150 performers and characters will fill the village with non-stop entertainment. Performers from across the known world will dazzle and amaze on five

village stages.

Full armour combat joust, birds of prey, and a Human Chess Game will fill the fields of Trillingham, while the streets overflow with musicians, singers, jugglers and magicians as well as food concessions, taverns, and games of skill and sport.

An array of handmade crafts can also be found, including leather work, clothing, woodwork, glass blowing, stoneware, armour, and precious metal sculptures.

Browse the shops or enjoy the entertainment while sampling the feast of foods – savoury selections that include steak on a stake, smoked turkey legs, knave sandwiches and desserts as well as ales, mead, soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea and assorted wines.

Children of all ages can test their bal-

ance on Jacob's Ladder, shoot for a bull's-eye at archery, display their creativity with hand waxing or lord above the crowds atop the quintain. Free pony rides and a free children's activities area are also available.

In its inaugural season, the Renaissance Festival attracted more than 25,000 visitors over 13 days, with estimates for this year reaching the 60,000 mark.

Ticket prices, which include taxes, are \$16.95 for adults, \$15.50 for those aged 62 and over, and \$8.95 for those aged 7 to 15.

Discount coupons are available by calling the festival office at 1-800-734-3779.

The Ontario Renaissance Festival is located on Eighth Line, between Derry and Britannia Roads.


For more information visit the web at www.rennfest.com.



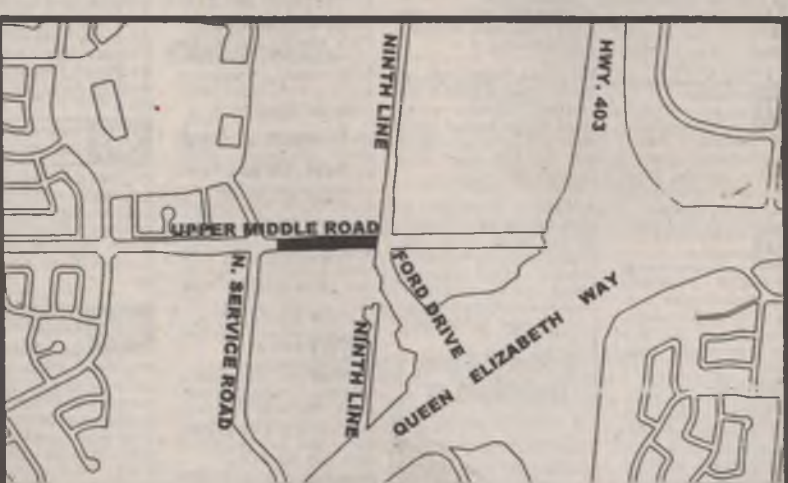
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Linked by a love of music

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ning at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

The money, the pair says, will help defray the costs of producing the CD as well as the cost of their airfare to Ireland (food and lodgings were included in the deal).

After all, the three employed musicians had to take a couple of weeks from their day jobs for the overseas gig, "though we do hope to make this our job," Bagley stresses.

Del Puerto is the only unemployed member of this twenty-something band, and he is an accountant who is returning to university in the fall to complete his degree.

He has also been a musician for years, originally playing trumpet but moving onto guitar about five years ago. And it was his love for music and composing that hooked him up with Bagley. (Florjancic and bass guitar player Jol Hess complete the group.)

"He (Bagley) showed me some lyrics he had written, and I left the room...to get my guitar. And I started putting the melody to the lyrics," del Puerto recalls, noting that that particular song is now titled *Dreams* and is the seventh track on their first CD.

For more information on Pleasing-Mary, its songs or its members, visit the web at www.pleasingmary.com.

For more details on the concert, call W.C. Fields at 416-921-3129.

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