

The poppy symbolizes veterans' memories of war

This time every year, those little fuzzy flowers blossom on lapels across the country, standing out from the bleak November colour scheme with bright flashes of red. These are the days of the poppy.

There wouldn't seem to be anything special about it. It's only two pieces of shaped plastic and a bent pin that I always manage to stab myself with. An experience I had recently tells another story.

The old veteran was sitting near the food court of a mall. He watched as hundreds of shoppers rushed past, their arms loaded

with full bags, not even taking notice of his little table. I imagined the thoughts behind his downcast eyes.

There were days when the sight of a soldier in uniform commanded respect. You can spend \$90 on a pair of jeans, but gosh if you can't find a coin or two to drop in the box.

I'd been meaning to buy a poppy for a few days. I took out the quarters that were sitting in my pocket, pushed them through the cardboard slot and picked out my flower. The veteran raised his head to look me in the eyes. With a bright smile, he said to me, "Thank you very much, dear."

Was it just a small plastic flower for the old veteran? Hardly. Every time he sees one, it must bring back memories that I could never imagine. Memories of battle, or of fallen comrades.

I can't remember an autumn, when I wasn't wearing a poppy.

Yet for as long as it's been a symbol, it still appears as consistently as the falling of the leaves, seen in more places than those trendy colour-coded cause ribbons.

The reason is that we all know people who risked their lives to defend us in a war. Some of them even gave their lives for our sake. We don't forget them during the other 11 months of the year. It's just that wearing a poppy is an outward token used to demonstrate our remem-

brance, like golfers wearing patches of the Stewart tartan.

When a veteran, or others like him, sees a poppy pinned on a random coat, he must feel encouraged.

His great risk and the hardships he endured are remembered and appreciated. None of the losses were in vain.

Lest we forget, is the popular seasonal slogan.

We don't forget.

We just don the symbols to show that we remember.

'Trailblazers' author at CFUW

Judith Finlayson, author of *Trailblazers*, will be the guest speaker at Monday's Guest Night meeting of the Canadian Federation of University Women — CFUW Oakville, at Oakville Trafalgar High School, 1460 Devon Rd., at 7 p.m.

Finlayson, author of three previous books and a well-known journalist whose column *Between the Sexes* was published in the *Globe and Mail* for more than seven years, will discuss her new book *Trailblazers: Women Talk About Changing Canada*.

Finlayson tells the stories of 36 women who broke the mould, who demanded the night to be equal participants in society.

These include Monique Begin, the first woman elected a Quebec Member of Parliament, Justine Blainey who won the right to play hockey with her male peers, and Helen Lucas — a painter who overcame the restrictions of an immigrant background to create her inspirational and joyous art.



Judith Finlayson

View new originals and meet the artist Alan Kingsland

Alan Kingsland looks forward to meeting you at an exhibition of his recent original paintings, Friday November 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Glen Abbey Framing and Fine Art in the Oakville Town Centre.

A long time Oakville resident, Kingsland has developed a large following of avid collectors of his watercolours and limited edition prints.

Fourteen original paintings have been assembled for this show, representing a cross-section of this versatile artist's works.

Included will be three paintings of Canadian Steam Locomotives.

Kingsland always maintains the absolute accuracy and detail demanded by train buffs. "I seem to be spending more time on each piece and deriving enormous pleasure from it," says Kingsland.

An avid golfer, Kingsland has combined this passion with his artistic skill, to produce paintings of several southern Ontario golf courses, including St. Andrews East.

Also featured in the show will be rural Southern Ontario, and the Oakville area.

The exhibition continues to November 19th. For more information call Glen Abbey Framing and Fine Art at 338-1854.



Alan Kingsland

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SEARS CORRECTION

For Our 72 Page Shop, Wish & Win Flyer (C112F599 & C112F399) (Sale Dates: Nov. 8-14, 1999)

PAGE 24 & 25 Arnold Palmer, Deertan Slippers for men and kids Kangaroos shoes and boots are not shop by phone items.

PAGE 29 - Only 14.99/19.99 Boys & girls' cargo pants. Ad should read: "Only 14.99/19.99 Boys & girls' twill or corduroy cargo pants sizes 2-18. Excludes denim.

PAGE 33 - Men's Kodiak label socks were mistakenly photographed as part of the McGregor socks ad.

PAGE 42 - 1/2 price Circulon pro 11-pc cookware set prices are incorrect. Regular price should read: 599.99. Sale price should read: 299.99.

PAGE 52 - Sony 8MM camcorder #31834 does not include tripod.

PAGE 54 - Kenmore 1.3 cu. ft. sensor microwave oven #86910 description should read: 1.07 cu. ft. microwave oven with 700 watts. (Sensor option is not available on this item).

PAGE 11 of our 12 page Mattel toy pre-print (V112V299) due to an error in advertising, the remote control Tantrum has been incorrectly illustrated. Also, Tantrum includes a 6 volt battery with charger (9 volt battery for controller sold separately).

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OAKVILLE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Invites you to the Annual General Meeting Thursday November 25, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. Halton Regional Centre 1151 Bronte Road In the Auditorium Use north parking lot entrance

AGENDA

The year in review
Elections for vacant board positions
Guest speakers about crime in Oakville

Please R.S.V.P. by November 17th to **825-4747 ext. 2223** NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

You are cordially invited to attend an exhibition of recent paintings by **ALAN KINGSLAND** featuring new original watercolours of golf courses, trains and landscapes

Meet The Artist Friday, November 12, 1999 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. (Show continues to November 19)

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