

"I don't like people to know that I volunteer (and knit) for a lot of things," she said.

Well, said a visitor, the cat will be out of the bag when an article and picture appear in The Intelligencer. She was cajoled into continuing with her story.

Looking around her home, her talent is certainly visible. In all, 72 examples of needle work, from the dining room table cover to paintings on the walls and doilies on the end tables and pillow covers are testaments to Alice's skills.

Perhaps her talent is hereditary.

"My father used to sew all our clothes and our mother used to knit all our clothes," Alice said. The family consisted of nine, so mom and dad had lots of practice.

Alice also makes all her own clothes and sketches in charcoal.

She is a member of the Dutch club. She and Pieter used to dress up in traditional clothing right down to the wooden shoes and participate in traditional Old World folk dancing.

She also enjoys spending time with her two grandchildren who live with their mother in Kingston. Russ is 19 and Jesse is 16.

Alice also has been a member of an informal stitch group of 11 women for the past 25 years. As well, she loves to read, almost everything.

But despite all her knitting, tole painting and volunteering, Alice said she sometimes feels lonely in the house where Pieter and Chris used to live. Fortunately, she just calls a pal, Anna Doornbos.

"If I get like that I know a friend and off we go," Alice said.

As she said, "Some people are worse off than I am."

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