

She's taken classroom to the great outdoors

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As an end-of-semester project, Mrs. Pearl White,

ceramic instructor at Loyalist College, Belleville, has opened the walls of her classroom to embrace the Outlet Park, East Lake.

Mrs. White and her students have dug a pit, gathered cedar logs for fuel and have begun to make pottery the way primitive Indians did in open fires.

They have no potter's wheel or other modern equipment but use stones to round and hollow out the inside of the pottery bowls.

Through their studies, the class has the knowledge to do it the way the Iroquis Indians produced pottery.

"We use low fire clays and after the clay is moulded it is then put into the fire pit. It takes about 2½ hours to fire a ceramic dish. Damp leaves and sawdust is used to cover the fired pots and this lowers the temperature and contains the smoke. A process like this leaves the clay burnish covering on the pot," says Mrs. White.

"Our class is fortunate to have an Indian clay pot that is an estimated 900 years old to model from. The pot was found last year by Jim Ives, Outlet park employee, and was restored by Dr. Walter Kenyon of the Royal Canadian Museum."

Through their experimenting the students hope for a successful replica of this seven pointed pot. The original will be placed in a museum.



Mrs. Pearl White, ceramic instructor at Loyalist College, holds an Indian clay pot that is believed to be 900-years-old. She and her students plan to make a replica of this pot.

(Photo by Pam Buchanan).

Memories of an old Milfordite

Ok you old guys - it's Spring!!

So get off you ah - Butts and do something.

This old snapshot is 49 years old.

It is Carson Scott and I up at the old Scott Mills Homestead farm, pitching you know what and hollering whoa, whoa.

Remember guys when this was the way we all had to do it?

Is the water still running over the Falls?

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