Visitors enjoy the sweet fragrance of lavender

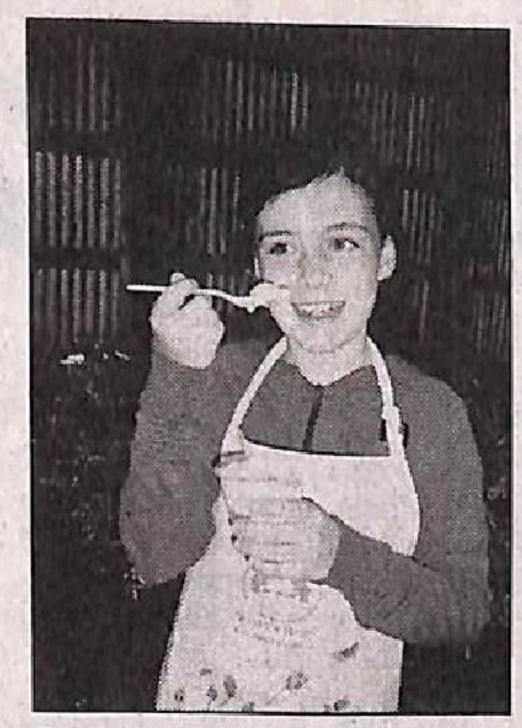
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GRAFTON - People started piling out of cars to walk among Pat Scott's lavender fields last Saturday, July 9, even before the official Lavender Festival opening.

Families with children and pairs of older women were among those who tried lavender-infused ice cream or purchased farm-dried lavender, lavender-filled tea cozies, lavender-painted porcelain and tried lavender barbecue items.

Everywhere you turned there were people smelling the sweet fragrance in its various forms and colours. The festival continued on Sunday.

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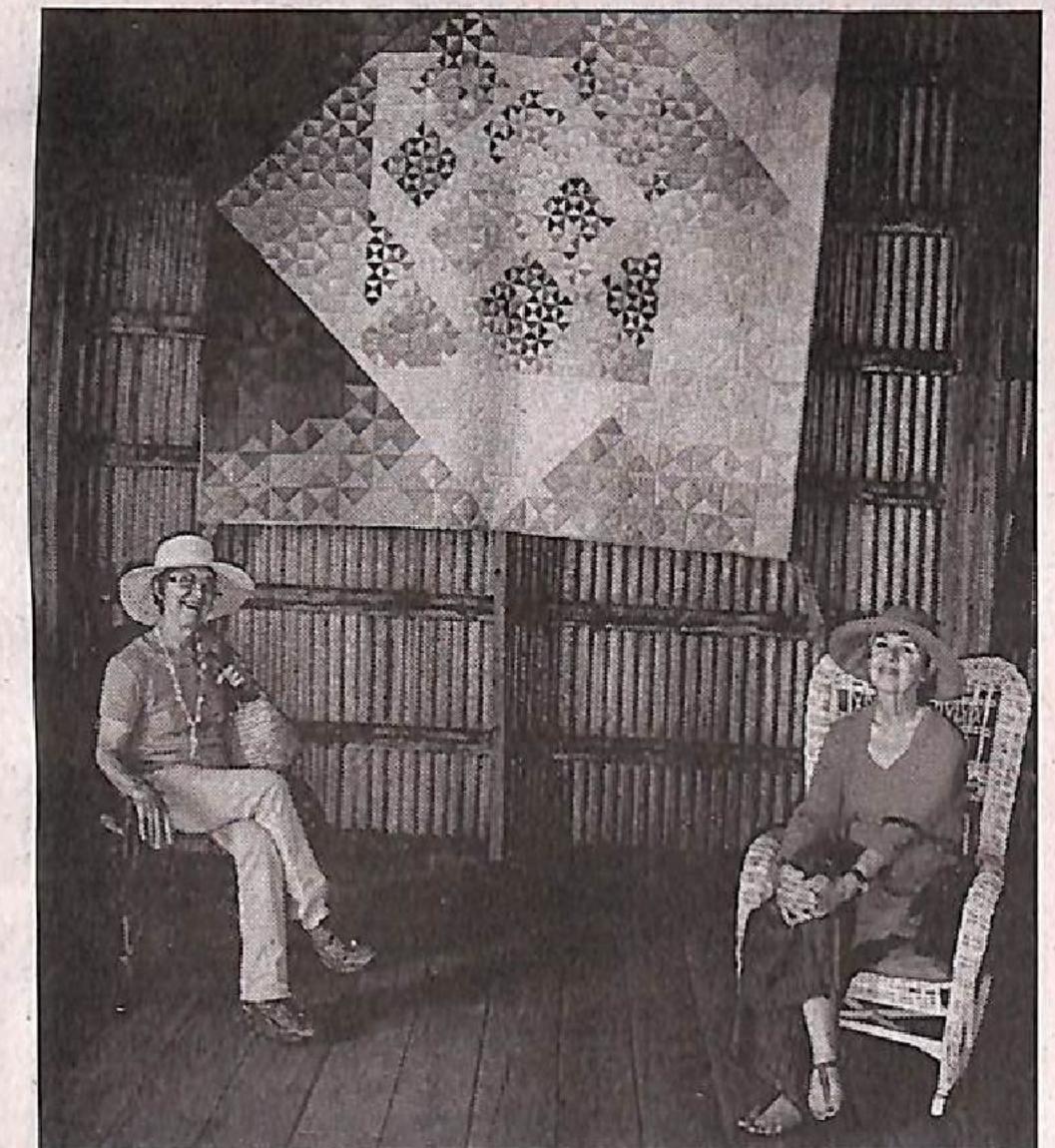
Georgia Smallbridge enjoys lavender-infused ice cream during last weekend's Lavender Festival at her grandmother, Pat Scott's farm near Grafton.



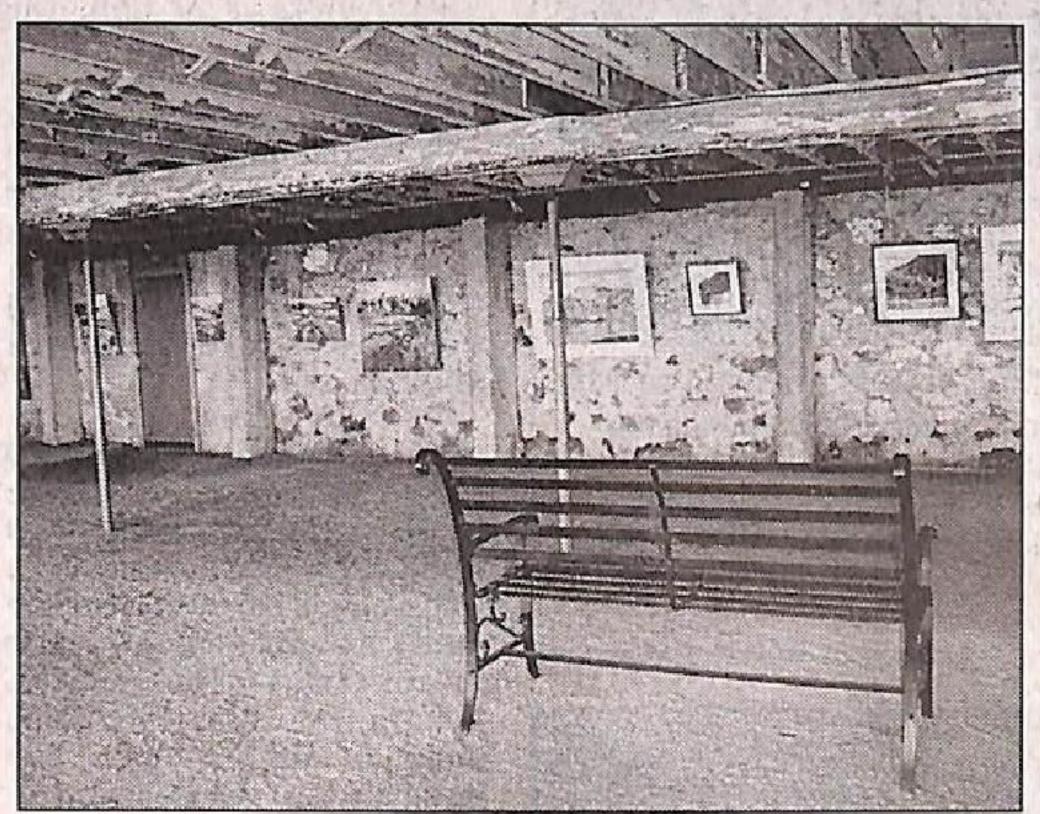
Ethelwyn Rempel is a local artist who has painted lavender plants and designs on special pieces for the annual Lavender Festival at Scott's Barn near Grafton.



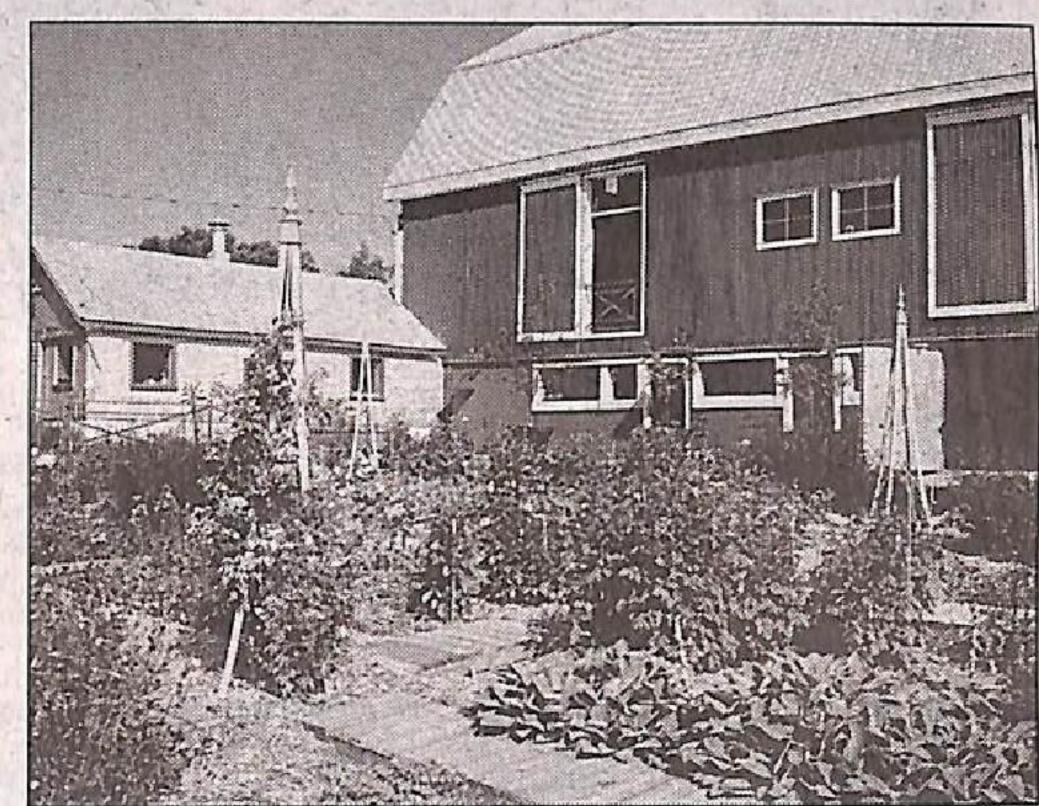
Pat Scott has a spectacular view of her lavender fields and barn yard flower garden from huge windows in the Scott's Barn Cultural Centre at 160 McLean Road near Grafton.



Deborah Mackenzie of Bermuda and Jennifer Darrell of Grafton rest for a moment in a pair of wicker rockers in front of a huge wall quilt at Scott's Barn.



The paintings of San Murata and Jana Ewart were on display on the main floor gallery of Scott's Barn Culture Centre during the annual Lavender Festival held this past weekend near Grafton.



Artists San Murata and Jana Ewart displayed their paintings in the gallery of the Scott's Barn Cultural Centre during last week's Lavender Festival near Grafton.