



HELEN BURNHAM applies to a new painting technique which she recently studied at a seminar at the Guelph Creative Arts. Operating her shop, Helen's Art Nook on the Main Street in Rockwood, she frequently works on her paintings in her studio shop combining her abilities in art with that of expert picture framing.

Open House Saturday at Helen's Art Nook

Last Saturday was special for a Rockwood artist who, on the same approximate date last year, opened a unique shop which has expanded considerably since the initial opening day.

Helen's Art Nook on the Main Street of the village was a premeditated venture which had originally been considered for a bread truck studio art shop. However, the empty store presented itself before the bread truck and the ambitious Helen Burnham investigated the possibilities of getting into business immediately.

Other artists' exquisite decoupages by a clever artist, water color sketches, oil paintings, ceramics and pottery, and the little shop contains numerous articles of appeal to suit many fancies. Along with hand crafted sale items there the desire to learn more. "It's the little tricks and techniques I want to get on to," she said and today, she is taking specialized art

seminars at the Guelph Creative Arts as well as at other variations of picture frames available for elegant tastes in fine framing.

The Burnham family are new in the Rockwood area, having lived on Pine Street for only 4 1/2 years. Originally a Toronto girl, Helen was raised in Simcoe, Ontario, and feels that her talents in art are inherent ones having had a Dutch grandfather Martinus Van der Mout who was an accomplished painter.

Water colors and oils, she enjoyed drawing as child but her ability to paint was a latent one developed as she worked in Toronto with the well known "paint by mouth" physically handicapped artist, Myron Angus. While in his employ she became an expert in picture framing and, today, along with her art, she incorporates her extra talent which, in the Rockwood district is considered "tops".

Self-taught A natural artist who feels

that sometimes one can be more creative without technical knowledge Helen Burnham is now recognizing tending night school classes under John Strobl of John F. Ross Collegiate. Her previous self-taught abilities had thrived under night courses at the Ontario College of Art in Toronto and, with her enthusiasm, she is anxious to learn all mediums of her field.

Much of Helen's work is scenic and completed in her shop studio. Along with the attentive assistance of her husband Don, Helen is continually encouraged by her family who take over household tasks to keep her mother at her art.

She has two sons Derek 19, and Adrian 17, and an 11-year-old daughter Carina who attends school at Rockwood Centennial School and exudes her mother's interest in drawing. The business is operated on weekly afternoons from Wednesday to, and including, Saturdays.

Gaining fame Much of the Art Nook's inventory is comprised of Helen's own talents but, as her first year in the shop progressed, more and more budding artists have requested placement of their pieces and other interesting art techniques and sales items are being added to the walls and shelves.

Do the Burnhams like living in Rockwood away from the excitement of the city? They really do and, although there are periodic city jaunts to pick up supplies they are happy to return to their village home. Helen has previously commuted to Toronto from Rockwood when employed as a frame fitting forelady with the Multi Frame Company in Richmond Hill. Today she continues her adept practice of her former employment and gradually the Helen's Art Nook, besides being considered for its art and supplies, is gaining fame for its skilled picture framing.

Last weekend's Open House drew many visitors from the districts of Toronto and Burlington as well as those from the Eramosa areas who enjoyed a casual coffee time while looking about the shop.

New company forms sells roof trusses

The building which has for the past two years stood as a shell without a roof on No. 7 Highway near the Guelph Eramosa Town Line has graduated into a flourishing enterprise within the last four months as Peter Dudnick has moved into partnership with Frank Mark, formerly associated with Hydro-Air Engineering of Toronto, in a thriving business called Roof Trusses and Components Limited. General Building Components of Guelph were the original company in the area engaged in the manufacture of roof trusses and, with their moving to Fergus, the need of a local company showed itself to Peter. With the building on his property half completed, he contacted Mr. Mark as a consultant and, together with Frank's knowhow and connection with a development company C.E.C., they

established the new company. "Engineer designed roof structure for residential, commercial and farm buildings with the latest techniques of computer design are used to best determine the lumber and characteristics for a roof structure to provide architectural beauty and personal safety for the occupants" is the way Frank Mark puts it. In explaining the techniques involved in using the structure he says: "The individual home builders simply put up the walls, lift the truss structure, and the roof is on."

Sounds easy, and the partners of the local firm are convinced that their enterprise is a worthwhile one both from a business standpoint and for the community as well. "We will provide jobs for local help as well as produce a quality product

required in the district" said Peter Dudnick who has long been involved in the business of construction and building. Mr. Dudnick feels that his location on No. 7 Highway is another asset for his type of operation. "Trucks taking on a full load must be centrally located but in a city, they impede traffic and present difficulties. Planners must recognize the necessity of companies locating on the outskirts of communities and on main service lines," he said and felt that his new operation is meeting the needs of a great many people both inside and out of the Eramosa district.

From the drawing board to the manufacturing and on to the load-up for distribution, and the business of roof truss preparation seems to be a busy one. To date, in the few months it has been operating, the company has been filling orders from

contractors to be shipped from Toronto to Stratford. With the use of the specially designed machinery, Roof Trusses and Components Limited will be able to handle in the neighborhood of 130 trusses per day to satisfy the growing need of contractors and builders in Southern Ontario.

At the present time they are keeping up their quota of 100 per day. "And, said Frank Mark "With every available supplier taxed to maximum last year, we can expect to at least double that next year as housing is always in demand".

Peter Dudnick added that the new company is not creating a need but, instead, supplying one and his present staff enrollment shows a count of two senior employees and three younger men as well as parttime after school student help, plus the two co-owners.



A NEWLY FORMED COMPANY in Eramosa, Roof Trusses and Components Limited, is operating from a building owned by Peter Dudnick of R.R.5, in Eramosa, as a thriving enterprise where engineer-designed roof trusses will feasibly

supply the needs of contractors and builders inside and out of the district of Eramosa. Mr. Dudnick is seen talking with two lathe operators, Danny Marshall of Eden Mills and Nick Gould of R.R. Rockwood.

Rockwood bowling

Junior Farmers versus Alley Cats and the farm boys made a 7 point lead last Tuesday as they came up with higher scores. Brian Garner came through with 364 with 181, 235, and 194; and Bruce Miller made a 306 with 194, 178, and 134, and for the Cats it was Betty Brydges with the highest score with 152, 211, and 190, to triple 262. No. 7 Gardiner 2 Yarrowell made a 537 with 177, 158, and 212. For the Country Men it was 3 points to 2 for the Rockets and Country men Peter Bosch made a 577 triple with 282, 152 and 143; Ted Klaver showed a 201, 170, 182 and 153. Rockets' Edna Davis brought in a 189, 210, 207 to 616 triple and Ruth Kingsbury bowled 175, 197 and 184, to triple 568. Unruhals took a 5 point lead against the Trotters 2 and John Thatcher came through with a 570 triple with 207, 230 and 133 and Alex Duffield brought in a 517 triple with 170, 213 and 183. The Trotters Allan McPhedran tripled in a 71 score with singles of 170, 183 and 215; Doug Cross made the headlines with his 175, 198, 191 to triple 556.

Gooyers made a 5 to 2 against the Rockets and bowling for the victors was Ross Gordon bowling 854, with single scores, 243, 220 and 192; Bill Scott made a 598 triple with 257, 170 and 159. The Ramblers Allan Burnett bowled 553 triple with 129, 263 and 161 and Betty Burnett bowled 519 with 154, 181 and 182. Barry Sandwiche ate up the Pacer's with a 7 to 0 take as Norm Swackhamer bowled a 511 triple with 211, 154 and 246; Mike Kelly a 588 triple with 194, 182 and 165, and Mike Martin a 612 triple with 254, 223 and 135. Wiedell paced in a 577 triple and Bob Van Wyck a 507.

It was the Gooyers vs Nortons with a final score of 5 to 2 with the Gooyers team the victors. Sam Nyholt made 680 for the Gooyers' team with scores running at 157, 213 and 190; Don Hills brought in a 618 triple with 242, 184 and 182. John Gooyers tripled in at 568 with scores of 170, 238 and 160. The Nortons' Fred Nightingale showed a 584 triple with 231, 227 and 228; Irene Lovell bowled a 612 triple

with 238, 182 and 232, and Ivy Ritchie made a 584 triple with 203, 189 and 192. Carnays went under the age to the Four Corners group with 6 to 2 for the victorious Carnays as Tom McCutcheon slinged in a 683, with 182, 176 and 203, and Don McKeown made a 258, 181 and 158, triple out to 578. Carnays' Bob Lilley bowled a 172, 228 and 187, with a 583 triple, and Nancy Gordon bowled a 611 triple with 181, 150 and 280, single points. With the Neighbours against the Optimists it was 5 to 3 for the Neighbours as Ellen Garner brought in a 611 triple with 198, 240 and 202; Doug Buttenham bowled a 208, 174 and 206, triple 591, and for the Optimists, Gerry Berkholts made a 641 triple with 180, 188 and 173. Gerda Birkhals bowled 462, with 133, 168 and 159.

Gooyers 44, Neighbours 43, Rockets 41, Goslings 40, Nortons 37, Barry Sandwiche 37, Alley Cats 35, J. Farmers 35, Trotters 33, Country Men 23, Ramblers 23, Pacer's 23, Unruhals 23, Carnays 23, Four Corners 23, Optimists 27, Men over 500: Fred Nightingale 684, Sam Nyholt 680, Ross Gordon 654, Don Hills 618, Mike Martin 612, Norm Beattie 611, Glen Gray 604. Women over 500: Edna Davis 614, Irene Lovell 612, Nancy Gordon 611, Ellen Garner 611, Ivy Ritchie 584, Ruth Kingsbury 586, Betty Brydges 583, Nellie Blackman 561, Muriel Buttenham 560, Anne Parkinson 550, Linda Garner 535, Vivian Nightingale 533, Lois Jettin 530, Winnie Hills 528, May Swackhamer 526, Nancy Ferguson 525, Betty Burnett 519.

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News and views

by Lorraine

It happened recently and it's an incident to which, I believe, most of us can relate. I visited an elderly neighbor to compliment him on his amazing years and vitality and said I would like to do a short story on his accomplishments. He was quick to suggest that he hoped he wasn't going to sound like an obituary rather than a birthday celebrator.

In other words, sentiment, compliments tributes, were, in his mind, for the gone and departed, and I felt sorry. Sorry for him that he had learned to feel that way; sorry for my part in a world in which people only convey the great things they know about others after they have gone; sorry that we confine the knowledge of accomplishments of associates to an obituary rather than as a vocalized everyday occurrence. I looked into some of the obits I had read on people who had been highlighters in our community, "revered, highly esteemed, colorful, respected, delightful," and so on and I wondered if the people about whom such complimentary words had been written ever knew how deeply they had been regarded when they were living. I concluded that obituaries were rather like sending flowers after someone is gone or shutting the proverbial barn door after the horse is stolen.

But it's true, isn't it? Most of us are either too shy to tell others how we feel about them or too inhibited to praise vocally. Sometimes because it might be setting precedence or perhaps, we're intimidated in case someone might think we're slightly mad.

Well, if it's the difference between "making someone's day" and spreading a little happiness, to heck with the small minded people who dare to judge and query motivations as opposed to recognizing the intents of those who care.

Too often the person who presents a gloomy exterior can, with minimal vocal assistance, blossom into a pleasant and willing individual but we allow ourselves to become backward in coming forward to give praise when deserved or to share enthusiasms in areas where encouragement is the key requirement.

We see, we think, we feel, but, unfortunately, sometimes we don't relate, until it is too late. Some well deserving, marvelous person is gone so we send flowers and give him mental acclaim and bouquets but all in vain, they aren't around any longer to enjoy them.

But let's put aside our hangups. Let's get on with the living and giving praises whenever we can. Tell your friends if they're wonderful and extend courtesies when they're deserved. No one requires continual commendation but, for enthusiasms to be maintained and inspirations to grow, they must be fed on the satisfaction that accomplishments are worthwhile enough to be encouraged now, not later.

Three breakins in three years

Incidents of thievery on the Guelph Line near Eden Mills seem to be concentrated in one particular household, according to Shirley Lasby who reports that her home has been broken into three times within the last three years. The latest incidents took place within the span of one month. "The first robbery was definitely one for money" said Mrs. Lasby, and proceeded to explain how the thieves seem to be aware of family customs. Monday evening, October 8, they struck again, entering via the front door, between the hours of 5:15 and 8:50 p.m. at a time when the family was away from the house attending a birthday celebration. "They pulled all the blinds and proceeded to rummage

through the drawers and closets, taking with them all my husband's best suits plus sport shirts, socks, and ties, along with other items including my daughter's watch," she said and, reportedly, the culprits left only one suit behind. The Milton OPP were called in and the case continues under investigation. The third robbery which took place two weeks ago was one involving 18 to 20 capons "just ripe for eating" and Mrs. Lasby said that the thieves must have moved in from the back of the barn, through the drive shed to where the chickens were kept. Imprints of the cage on the ground indicated that the birds were taken according to requirements and, when the count was completed, a truck was driven in.

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