



PROFILES

with Jennifer Barr

Gunnar Lindvik sits sketching in old coveralls, his dog at his side, looking like a Norwegian Gnome (he'll kill me when he reads this). From his pencil come easy flowing lines rapidly shaping into a design flower.

Gunnar is at it again. This Acton resident has been drawing all his life, although he's very modest about his ability, and now he is creating handpainted Norwegian style woodcrafts full time.

Adventurous life

As a youngster in Norway, Gunnar had very little art training, merely some graphic design work in school. But there was "always somebody (in Gunnar's family) involved in the arts." Norwegian color, design, and rich fairy tale heritage have left their mark on Gunnar's work.

His early life reads like a school-boy adventure story.

He escaped Norway to Sweden during German Occupation in WW2. From there he managed to get to England where he joined up with the Royal Air Force. He was sent to Canada with the Empire Training Scheme and worked at Toronto Island airport—"Little Norway."

Back to England in 1943, where he became a flying instructor till war ended. Then he returned to Norway and worked with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Association for a year.

But Canada was in his blood and it wasn't long before he was back this side studying at Trinity College where his travelling shoes were taken away from him by a pretty lass named Joy.

Settling into life as a solid businessman,



Gunnar, with Joy's help, raised three delightful daughters, Beth, Kris and Katie. But Gunnar didn't settle completely. The whimsical Norwegian story teller kept coming out.

He taught the girls how to paint and write by initiating group story-writing sessions. The resulting books should be seen by the rest of the world, and may, if Gunnar ever gets around to having them published.

Illustrated by father, each page tells a poetic part of a fanciful story created by the girls. The finished article is reminiscent of A. A. Milne.

Example:
"This is the finest Parade you have ever seen..."

Beth is the King and I am the Queen." Kris is the horse—you can tell by the tack As she stands there snorting—with Beth on her back!"

"Stop it Krissy!—get off my gown! And do not dump the King on the ground!" A Royal Horse is supposed—you see—To be nice and gentle as he can be!" Remember I'm Queen!—and this is my candy."

(For bribing horses and Kings it's handy!" "Get on with it Girls!—and play your parts!" Thus spoke Katie—the Queen of the Hearts. Gunnar Lindvik

Mad farm life

Six years ago the Lindvik family bought a farm north of Acton with hills that reminded Gunnar of Norway. In those six years the house has grown and the yard has sprouted many little buildings housing an odd assortment of fancy birds, pheasants, peacocks, sheep, pigs, sometimes goats, and a large stable of horses to keep Joy off the streets and in the barn, where she says she belongs.

Gunnar continued to travel to business but the oddest things started happening. Wee nooks and crannies in barns, over doors, round corners, started to sprout handcarved plaques decorated with beautiful Scandinavian flowers. The Norwegian Gnome!

So when Gunnar got tired of "flying a desk" in Toronto last summer, and retired home to drive Joy crazy, one of the first ways he found to get out of the housework was to start carving and painting "full-time" (when the spirit moves him).

So far, he has a bedroom full of handpainted fireside bellows carved out of little bits and pieces, painted with "anything lying around" and decorated with original flower designs. The creator is far too modest about the result which invariably is a lively flowing design in rich color speaking of hills, Scandinavian farmhouses and broad-breasted blonde girls.

What he's going to do with the artifacts now cluttering an entire bedroom, Gunnar doesn't know, but supposes he should get down to the boring business of peddling them.

I certainly hope he comes out of the bedroom long enough to get his creations on the market. They are so cheerful they should sell like hotcakes (Do hotcakes sell well?). As soon as I saw the bellows, I placed my own order—I just couldn't resist them.

And I'm anxiously awaiting the publication of the Lindvik family's charming fairy tales. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that Gunnar lets them out of the drawer long enough for the world to see.

That's Gunnar Lindvik, Norwegian craftsman and story teller with a gnomish flair.



Chris Lobsinger and Martha Armstrong were all smiles as they received their silverware following the Optimist Club public speaking contest at McKenzie-Smith Middle School last week. The topic of the speeches was to be In my Youth I see... Chris and Martha will represent the Acton Optimist's at the regional finals this Friday. The regional final will also be at McKenzie-Smith.

Oratorical champs crown by Optimists

The Optimist Club of Acton joined several other Ontario clubs in the search for an oratorical champion.

The local club held its own competition at McKenzie-Smith Middle School last Friday with several of the area public school champions in attendance.

Chris Lobsinger of McKenzie-Smith wound out the competition taking top honors for the boys while Martha Armstrong of Speyside captured the girls' title. Topics of all speeches in the competition were to have been entitled "In my youth I see..."

Each contestant received a plaque signifying their participation in the event.

With the top three placings in each of the boys and girls categories receiving medals.

Miss Armstrong captured the gold in the girls' category with Kim Muspratt of St. Joseph's taking the silver and Victoria Rodriguez the Bronze. The boys' gold went to Lobsinger with Frank Pacheco of St. Joseph's finishing second and Michael Vranic third.

Judges for the competition included rector Gord Dawe, Pastor John Cooper of the Christian Reform Church and Joan Waldie of Mapleview Lodge.

Both winners, Chris Lobsinger and Martha

Traffic accidents keep police active

A van driven by Thomas Powell, RRI, Acton, was in collision with three parked vehicles, March 25, police said.

Estimated damages were \$3,000 to Powell's van and his passengers. Kathy Newman of Mississauga and James O'Rourke, Holmesway Place, suffered minor injuries in the mishap on Mill Street East, 15.4 metres west of Frederick Street.

Damages were \$2,000 to a parked truck owned by Ford Motor Credit Company of Hamilton, \$1,500 to a vehicle owned by James Ellerby, Acton Blvd. and \$300 to a station wagon owned by Ken Timbers, Mill St.

Queen St. and Young St. was the scene of an accident March 26 when a car driven by K. Vandermeer, Churchhill

Rd. was in collision with a van driven by Gerald Donovan of RR4, Rockwood, police said.

Police said a car driven by Dean Johnston, Cobblehill Rd., was in collision March 28 with a tractor trailer driven by John Davis of Cambridge. Estimated damages were \$3,500 to Johnston's vehicle, nil to the tractor trailer.

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Canada, which includes
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Acton, Limehouse,
Georgetown, Norval and
Glen Williams are once
again holding their annual
"Trees for Canada"
project. The 430 boys in
these groups will be
planting 10,000 trees
April 28.

their country. Three million trees will be planted this year.

"Trees for Canada" is a fundraising project. Most of the funds raised through this project stay in the community to help further Scouting at all levels from Beavers right up to Rovers. Some of the money goes to the International Brotherhood program "Operation Amigo"—a program designed to help five South American countries adapt Scouting to their needs.

This year the planting will take place with the co-operation of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority on their Silver-

creek Conservation site on the Eighth Line north of Georgetown. This needed reforestation will provide wild-life inhabitants with food and shelter. The Scouts involved will see the results of their work in reforestation.

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