

PROFILES

with Jennifer Barr



From the outside the house looks like any other one in a subdivision but once inside you realize an artist lives here.

Eudo Jansen is an extraordinary artist - expressing his talents in wood, glass, paint and design. Professionally, Eudo calls himself a 'sign painter' and does indeed work in that capacity. But he also works with glass, plastic and paints to such an extent it gave him the impetus to start working with stained glass making his own lamps and shades.

He also started carving wood six years ago with no more training than you or me and rapidly turned out incredible dining room sets, chests, and sideboards.

The house in Acton where he lives with wife Erika and daughter Tatjana is an amazing combination of wood, antiques, textures, modern plastic cubes, graphics, and glass. It works very well. Carving and gold-leaf

Eudo started wood working and carving with a stool and a wall plaque. From there he bounced to a full-fledged dining set in cedar. The table is finished with a shine the television ladies would die for. The square solid chairs have pioneer theme pictures carved into their backs and are covered with some fine petit-point done by Erika. The whole set is set off by a conventional wrought-iron chandelier made by 'Jansen' by a restored barn hay pulley and chain.

A sideboard accompanies the dining set, also Eudo-made. Its style differs from the heavy table and chairs but it blends interestingly. It combines modern lines with carving and glass doors picked out with delightful pictures painted in black acrylic and gold leaf.

The house is full of carved chests - "I like to make chests," Eudo comments. Erika explains he often made a chest for re-sale then liked it so well it was never sold.

There are other evidences of Eudo's unusual talent - a horrible old garbage can, cleaned, restored and painted with intricate Austrian design - a wall panel in Tatjana's room painted in painstaking detail - a painted rosebud chest in the master bedroom - pictures all over framed in clear plastic lending light and design to bland walls.

And through it all, pointing out favourite antiques and pieces is the blond bearded German-born creator of this splendor.

Eudo tries hard to shrug off his talent as the result of minor effort but his enthusiasm keeps breaking through. He'd rather show you his brass and copper antiques, finds from prowling through dusty out-of-the-way stores. He loves them. He's even done res-



Eudo Jansen's handcrafted sideboard

oration work on antiques for several dealers. It's Erika, bright and tiny, who reminds him of the many hours spent on this lamp or that table, or the intricacy demanded for a piece of work. Tiffany re-born

The stained glass that sets the house apart as much as the wood-working, beautiful Tiffany-style lamps that make the current store-bought reproductions look like kindergarten efforts.

The bedroom features a rosebud hanging lamp which Eudo designed. Each coloured piece of glass is carefully cut and set into the whole with copper foil and soldered. Leading is used for stained glass windows.

The hanging lamp is set off by two matching bedside lamps, a framed mirror with lighting behind the stained glass frame, and the painted rosebud chest.

But the piece de resistance is in the rec room - a gorgeous Tiffany reproduction in the poppy pattern with raised leaf work and an abundance of fillgree. This was made from a kit, which only means the pattern and mold are purchased, the glass still has to be cut and fitted. The kit and glass alone cost over \$200 before Eudo even laid a hand on it. Mind you the original Tiffany poppy lamp is now worth \$44,000!

Eudo designed two matching wall bracket lamps to cover a pair of unsightly outlets and to use up left-over glass.

Leaving the Jansen home you have a tendency to want to come home and kick all your own furniture to the dump while you replace it with clever pieces you just happened to whip up out of scraps. It takes the special sense of design, colour and sheer talent of a man like Eudo Jansen to create beautiful and lasting treasures for his family and home.

Scandinavian Scouts stay in local homes

The Scouting motto, "Be Prepared" was alive for 21 families in Halton Hills over the weekend. Scouting homes in this area took part in the hospitality program by welcoming into their homes 35 of the 72 Scandinavian Scouts visiting for two days. The group was made up of 60 Dames and 12 Norwegians, both male and female.

They came to Halton Hills after spending time at the Haliburton Scout reserve. The 18-day trip included two days in this area before leaving by bus for Detroit, Buffalo, Pennsylvania and New York. Local families took their guests to the tour bus, Monday morning.

One of the fundamental differences of the Scouting organization in both Norway and Denmark is that boys and girls are not in separate groups, but work together as one troop.

May-Britt Bastiansen, International secretary for Scouting in Norway, explained combining the boys and girls together is a relatively new program. "We have been working towards each other for a very long time. We have just merged as one group as of April 1978," she said. In both countries they have the YMCA Girl



Hans Christensen, left and Jesper Hartmann enjoy a Canadian breakfast at the home of the Edmundsons in Acton. The boys are members of visiting scouts from Denmark and Norway. They camped in Haliburton for the week, and spent the weekend in Halton Hills. The remainder of the holiday will be a bus trip to the United States.

Toronto during their brief stay for a tour of local sights.

Some went to Ontario Place, Science Centre, Toronto Island and CN Tower. A campfire for all the visiting Scouts was held Saturday evening by Acton Scouters Andrea and John Sharples.

May-Britt Bastiansen, guest of Mary Peters, said she enjoyed a visit to the Crook and Block restaurant for dinner. She said the steak was

D.S.T. in April?

Halton Hills council thinks the daylight saving time period should be extended to cover April, according to a resolution passed Monday night.

Without comment, council endorsed a resolution

passed by the Town of Hawkesbury calling for the April daylight saving in order to conserve energy.

The motion will be forwarded to the Minister of Energy.

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Council Approve Cheese Fest

Halton Hills council has no objections to a wine and cheese party to be held in the arena following the Friday night variety show at the Acton Fall Fair, September 14.

The party will be for the parents of the contestants in the Miss Acton Fall Fair contest, judges and a few invited guests.

Approval was also given to hold a "Spot in the Park" for the duration of the fair where alcoholic beverages will be sold. Sunday, according to a letter to council from the Acton Agricultural Society meals will be served.

The approval is subject to approval from the Liquor License Board of Ontario.

St. Alban's has a new rector

Rev. Arthur J. Tribe has been named to replace the retiring Rev. Len Ewing at St. Alban's the Martyr Anglican church, as of September 1.

Rev. Ewing is retiring after six years in Acton. He will be moving to Milton, but will remain preaching in Acton until the end of July.

Rev. Tribe is a graduate of Trinity College, Toronto with LTH, in 1965. In 1971, he earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto, and in 1977 received his Master of Divinity from McMaster University, Hamilton.

First serving as Deacon Assistant at St. Paul's Rexdale, he soon became assistant priest at St. Leonard's, Toronto.

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