

PROFILES

with JENNIFER BARR



Wildlife is David Grainger's first love (the animal and bird kind) even though he's known locally as a writer and artist. A love of nature is at the core of David's very existence—he paints and writes about it to keep himself eating.

A Rockwood resident for the past year, David is planning on opening up an art gallery in his townhouse home in mid-May. Nature's Gallery will feature David's own wildlife, bird, and famous whale paintings as well as consigned work from other naturalist artists.

Spurred on by the success of his book "Animals in Peril", a book about endangered species published by Pagurian Press and distributed in Canada by MacMillan, David has almost completed a sizeable work on whales. This new book features 72 paintings, 200 line drawings and a text of 1400 words. It's aimed at people who wish to understand what they read about whales—"de-latinizing" it, explains David.

Self educated Naturalist David is a fascinating 27-year-old who talks with rapt intensity about the world of nature and the damage done by man. Self educated (he's a grade 10 drop-out) he is a wealth of information on birds, whales, and small mammals. He reads voraciously, it seems, and has assimilated the best of each species with his quick brain and open heart. He's also very critical of so-called professionals—conservation authorities and the Ministry of Natural Resources in particular.

As a youngster just out of school, David did his three month stint in a factory, just long enough to realize he was going crazy.

Getting a job with a company developing marine environment systems perfecting the chemical compounds for salt-water for large aquariums, David began to become interested in the animals designed to be assisted by such developments.

"I got to meet the animals—it's just like meeting a person. That started the love affair."

As his interest grew, David found himself becoming more and more involved with animals. While working at the African Lion Safari looking after wolves he had time to read when keeping guard in his truck. Regulations stated he had to be reading about animal life so he packed more knowledge in his thirsty brain.

A three year stint running his own bird sanctuary in Bridgeport near Kitchener, gave him vast experience with all manner of wild birds. The sanctuary was designed to provide protection for injured or distressed birds. With a backup of several veterinarians and the University of Guelph, David learned how to assist at unusual operations such as successful abdominal surgery on tiny song birds.

"We had a 70 per cent success rate with injured birds," David says.

Out of this has come a position teaching a wildlife ecology course at Conestoga College this fall. "It's the people in the private sector who have the responsibility to see that things get done," David explains.

"The environmentalist has to win every year but the businessman has to win only once. Once it's (the environmentally sensitive area) paved over it's gone."

David's primary goal is undoing the damage to nature done by civilization.

Relaxes with army trucks With the gallery renovation underway, deadlines looming on the horizon for his book and a world out there to save, David often feels the need for relaxation. He tinkers with army trucks.

He says his work—painting and writing—is looked upon as play by others. So for his play he does something often thought of as work.

He drives a huge 28-year-old 'overbuilt' four wheel drive army truck and is working on the restoration of three others.

"I always get carried away," he smiles.

"It's safe and roomy and I don't have to worry about anything hitting me," he says of the tank-like vehicle.

With the help and interest of Dr. Bill Gregg of Rockwood, curator and owner of the Historical Army vehicle museum, David is finding work restoring inanimate objects can be just as absorbing as restoring winged creatures.

Now that the gallery is becoming a reality, the trucks are a village conversation piece, and the job of the nearby conservation park (when it's not full of tourists) have seduced David into planning a long stay in Rockwood. He says he's always been impressed with the village and couldn't think of a nicer place to be.

He also hopes to start another bird sanctuary within the next ten years. Whether or not it will be close to Rockwood, he doesn't say.

One thing's for sure, according to Rockwood's resident wildlife expert, he'll be painting and writing for a long time to come.



David Grainger

Busy Education Week

Education week takes place during the week of May 7 and area schools are planning a wide variety of activities.

The overall theme for the special week is "Togetherness in Education". Robert Little School is planning two concerts

produced by primary grades and junior classes. Both concerts will be presented twice, once in the afternoon starting at 1.30 and in the evening commencing at 7.00. The primary concert on May 15 will feature the music of Disney. The junior concert on May 14 involves most of the students and will feature songs from across Canada.

Speyside School will hold an open house from Monday to Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Parents are encouraged to visit and view classroom activities.

St Joseph's School is "open anytime" says principal Sean Briggs but Tuesday the 6th is set aside as a special classroom day for parents to visit. An open house will be held Thursday, May 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. offering classroom displays and an opportunity to visit teachers.

Limehouse School is presenting a special open house Tuesday, May 6 from 7 to 8.30 p.m. with a full program. Visitors will be hard pressed to choose from a series of demonstration classes, activity classes, primary painting demonstration, primary puppet plays, a pottery demonstration, disco program, gymnastics and trampolining exhibitions demonstrations of a novel discussion group and a mini studio presentation.

McKenzie-Smith Middle School is planning "nothing special" for education week according to principal John Simpson. The science fair held two weeks ago was the school's major education event.

M.Z. Bennett School has had their special education week offering—the operetta, "Hansel and Gretel" was presented last week.

Acton High School is having an exam week to celebrate.

The one major event planned for education week, a multicultural day, had to be postponed without a new date set.

M.Z. Bennett operetta a hit

M.Z. Bennett presented its highly successful operetta Hansel and Gretel to packed houses two nights running last week.

The production Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Acton High School was directed by Penny Carlos and Arysta Weedmark.

Close to 100 students were involved in the operetta and rehearsals began before Christmas.

Dave Sale and some musicians from the high school, Hilary Weedmark, Kym Lakin, Kara Rosenquist, Michael Donat and Nancy Patterson, played for the operetta and set construction was handled by Doug Magwood and Mr. Sewell. Mrs. Baker took care of painting and properties and Mrs. Tilton supervised costumes.

Lighting was handled by Bob Watson and Darren Edmundson and Laura Craig and Ed Wong were the stage managers. Mrs. D. Manes served as pianist and Miss C. Lawson served as rehearsal assistant.

Following are the members of the Wednesday and Thursday casts:

Paddy Johnston, Valerie Keki, Alice Blaser, Marjory Parker, Amanda Deforest, Pauline Stuckey, Carolyn Sewell, Shannon Johnston, Dana Richardson, Alex Tillett, Suzanne Mellon, Jennifer Knapman, Tammy Rogers, Carolyn Sewell, Teri Lyn Barclay-Smith, Christine Couture, Cheryl Genoe, Charlotte Hillier, Andrew Johnston, Greg Leatherland, Rob Murray, Cheryl Genoe, Monica Parker, Anne Auty, Amanda Deforest, Evan Hayter, Jennifer Knapman, Lori McDonald, Wendy Norton, Sonia Smith, Marjory Parker, Karie Gudgeon, Kelly Harrison, Chris Howard, Cathy O'Leary, Alice Blaser, Angela Hunter, Kelly Barefoot, Linda Bottero, Tammy Corkum, Francie Kolosvari, Tammy Rogers, Tracey Wrigglesworth, Angela Bridge, Jeff Fuller, Andrea Johnston, Valerie Keki, Sheri Lumbers, Scott White, Kandi Hannah, Andrea Andras, Jenny Crawford, Tammy Hammond, Michelle Jordann, Jennifer Koprowski, Paula Mitchell, Dana Richardson, Audrey Turtscher, Teri Lyn Barclay-Smith, Cathy Harris, Stacy Hillier, Susan Keki, Alexandra Tillett, Jenny Dner, Brenda McMillan, Dale Thornton, Lisa Bugala, Shannon Johnston, Suzanne Mellon, Pauline Stuckey.



Say cheese

The Acton YMCA's photography class practices focusing. They meet every Wednesday night at 8 p.m. Left to right, Ken Bustin, instructor, Kathy Sanford, Carol Clark and Gail McHugh.

Salvation Army appeals for funds

The Salvation Army makes a point of being available when needed. But during the Red Shield Appeal this month, the Army says they are hoping the people of Acton will return the favor.

The Red Shield is the Army's major fundraising event, held annually during May.

Lieutenant Lorne Pritchett, core officer for Halton Hills, and Dr. David Van Der Bent, this year's Appeal chairman, said the target is \$10,200. But says Lieutenant Pritchett, the Halton Hills core has already received \$13,000 for services.

"We definitely need a lot more money to do the things we'd like to do," he said. "We've already exceeded our budget, but I'm anticipating people will respond so that when they need help we may respond."

He said the Army provides many social services, including Grace Haven, a home for unwed mothers, League of Mercy for shut-ins, correctional services, homes for the aged, men's social service centre and fresh air camps for children. The services are

scattered throughout the district of Southern Ontario, but says the Lieutenant, are available to anyone from Halton Hills in need of them.

Locally the Army has provided clothes, accommodation, and groceries when needed, operates a distress centre in Georgetown and the Thrift Shop in both Acton and Georgetown.

"I want to say to the people of Halton Hills," says Lieutenant Pritchett. "If there is a genuine need, we'll help."

"The Salvation Army is where the people are, where the problems are—we want to help."

There are about 30 to 35 people in the Halton Hills core of the Salvation Army, all of them volunteering their time to the social service aspect of the church.

"They work very hard," said Pritchett. "I appreciate the way they

give of themselves." They will be part of the group of door-to-door canvassers in Acton during the two night blitz on May 14 and 15.

The rest of Halton Hills will be covered by self-addressed computer cards, asking for donations.

Last year \$761,439 was collected through the Appeal in Southern Ontario district (from Orangeville to Brantford, including Acton), while a total of more than \$5 million was spent on social services alone.

The rest of the needed money is collected through private contributions and municipal grants, as well as the Christmas appeal.

And of every penny collected, every penny is spent. Says Dr. Van Der Bent: "The Army is providing services that are not a duplication of other clubs. It's needed service."

Grossman PC speaker

The Honourable Larry Grossman, Minister of Industry and Tourism will be the keynote speaker Thursday, May 1, at the Annual Meeting of the Halton-Burlington PC Association.

A heavy turnout is expected at the North Halton Golf Club in Georgetown to elect the 1980 Executive.

BIA loans for towns up to 30,000

The same provincial government that welded Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing together to form the municipality of Halton Hills, with a population of over 30,000, has set 30,000 population as the eligibility limit for Main Street Revitalization loans.

The Acton Business Improvement Area (BIA) approached council a couple of months ago asking for municipal help to secure provincial funds for a study.

Earlier this month BIA officials from both urban areas in Halton Hills, along with town staff, met with provincial officials and Monday night Halton Hills general committee reviewed a report from Clerk-Administrator Ken Richardson.

The Main Street Revitalization program provides loans of up to \$150,000 for downtown renewal, repayable over a 10 year period, but are confined to one business area per municipality. The town must be 30,000 people or less, Acton and Georgetown can't be counted as separate municipalities. The town must also have an approved official plan, a maintenance and occupancy by-law, an active BIA and municipal and public support for downtown improvements.

Richardson noted the province has urged the town adopt a maintenance and occupancy by-law and make changes to its official plans so it will be ready to apply for a loan if the population stipulation is changed. Richardson said the provincial officials hinted the population limit

may be changed in the next few months.

Halton Hills would be eligible for a Community Planning Study Grant for Core Area Studies since the population limit is 60,000. These studies are policy-oriented as opposed to specific downtown projects, like parking lots, and there would have to be a policy commitment in both the town and region Official Plans to strengthen the core area. The town could also get grant funds to study both the Georgetown and Acton BIAs.

These grants provide for a maximum municipal contribution of \$15,000 and the province would give 50 per cent of the town's share. Richardson reported the town would have to review the budget to see

if there is money available for its share of a Community Planning Study.

He suggested planner Mario Venditti meet with both BIAs to define what the study should examine.

In the meantime he recommended council have Venditti review the Official Plans and report back on what amendments are needed for the municipality to enact a maintenance and occupancy by-law or apply for a study grant.

All of Richardson's proposals were accepted by general committee. Councillor Mike Armstrong couldn't believe the province, after creating Halton Hills and a municipality with a population over 30,000, could then turn around and

make the town ineligible for a study loan program because its population is over 20,000.

Georgetown and Acton should be treated as separate applicants for loans and grants.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND ACTON

Yard Sale, sponsored by the Administration and 2nd Acton Trinity Scout Group, May 3rd, 10-3 p.m., Trinity United Church. Items may be dropped off at the Church May 1st and 2nd, 12-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Large items picked up. 853-3637 or 853-3968.

The Rockwood Nursery School Spring Bazaar, May 10th, from 2-4 p.m. at the Rockwood Centennial Public School.

Bake Sale and Afghan draw of Golden Age Club at Dave Real Estate, Friday, May 2nd, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

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