

# PROFILES

with

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Shirley Deaville's paintings are refreshingly realistic, honest and peaceful—so is Shirley Deaville.

The Limehouse artist who is becoming known all over the country paints rural scenes that are "pure nostalgia" according to Shirley.

"As the world is getting more cruel, people like to think back to something they can connect with," she comments.

Shirley has recently gone into painting full-time, retiring from teaching art. Husband Dave has retired from his automotive job to manage Shirley's career and run their own Al Marah Studios full-time.

Re-prints are big business. Ever since the Beaux Arts gallery in Toronto handled the first printing of Shirley's original painting "Gathering Thoughts", business has been booming.

After the success of the first print, Dave decided to handle re-prints himself and has found an excellent printer. Any of Shirley's originals that go into print are done so under limited editions of 250 prints, authenticated, stamped as collectors items with the plates destroyed after printing.

Galleries all over Ontario are snapping up the prints that are selling very well, according to Dave.

The prints are selling for \$60 to \$80 unframed from Al Marah Studios, more from other galleries. Originals are going for \$1000 and up and are climbing rapidly in value as more and more Canadians discover the delight of Shirley's subjects and technique.

### Farm heritage

Shirley started painting when she was 13 and has always been fascinated by country subjects. Her grandfather was a farmer and even living in Willowdale until seven years ago didn't change her interests in rural styles.

As a wife and mother—the Deavilles have two daughters, Heidi, 18, and Heather 14—Shirley painted as a hobby. However, the purchase of an Arabian horse some years ago pushed Shirley into teaching art in order to pay for the horse's keep. The resulting studio is named after that horse.

Three years studying under Rudy Reichardt in her teens gave Shirley her teaching knowledge. "I never thought I'd be doing it full-time" she

grins and adds, "I truly love what I do—not many people are that fortunate—I'd explode if I didn't paint".

Dave says Shirley feels everything she paints which accounts for the depth of emotion in her work that attracts so many buyers.

"I love nature and animals," she says.

Some of Shirley's most popular paintings feature her daughter Heather as a little girl. Others are centred around farm horses, some are scenes of old farm houses.

She paints from photographs she or Dave take. Each large work takes her from 150 to 200 hours.

"I'm not very prolific—it's a labour of love not a production line."

Does she ever run out of ideas?  
"Look where I live!" she gasps indicating the picturesque farm setting of their Fifth Line Esqueusing home.

### Business or pleasure

As for the future of the gallery business and Al Marah Studios, Dave would like to see the business become self supporting. He's travelling all over Ontario and soon will be reaching out west to establish Shirley's prints. He takes care of the sales, marketing and bookwork, Shirley takes care of the painting.

She didn't intend to see herself in business when she started painting years ago, but the demand for her work has made the business necessary.

Shirley prefers to look upon her work as inspired by God and her effort to reach other people with the love of God.

A born-again Christian, Shirley is very devout and says "nature was my springboard to express the love of God."

She adds she would like to see her endeavor have some impact towards spreading the word of the Glory of God in order to thank Him for giving her the talent.

Whatever the reason for her painting, I hope she keeps doing it. Looking at one of Shirley Deaville's paintings is a warm experience.



Shirley Deaville

### Thieves hit Viman's twice

Halton Regional Police are investigating theft of cash from Viman's Arts and Crafts in Acton reported December 22. Police say the cash was reported missing Monday morning and believed stolen over the weekend. After closing time the same day police were called again after thieves struck once more.

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### Baines predicts

## Riding redistribution in the next few years

The population of the Halton-Burlington provincial riding is growing so fast that voters can expect redistribution again sometime in the next few years. Progressive Conservative nomination candidate Fran Baines predicted Monday.

In brief remarks to the annual meeting of the Acton Provincial Progressive Conservative Association Baines, the only declared candidate for the Tory nomination in Halton-Burlington so far, stayed away from the issues and policy statements.

She said she expects there will be many more voters in the riding in the next provincial election, whenever it comes, than in 1977 and certainly a lot more than in 1975 when the riding was created.

Redistribution comes usually every eight years so there is a good chance the face of the riding will change again after the next election, Baines said, pointing to the tremendous growth in the Burlington part of the seat as well as Milton.

She recalled how the seat was Halton in the early 60s and held by George Kerr. Then by the 1967 election it was split into Halton East and Hal-

ton West. Kerr and rookie Jim Snow representing Halton. By 1975 Burlington and Oakville each were separate seats and Kerr and Snow were sent back to Queen's Park while the rest of the county went into Halton-Burlington and the seat went Liberal.

Whenever there is redistribution there is a certain amount of upset for people, but Baines noted, it wouldn't be that bad for Halton-Burlington since it is still difficult for people in the north end of the seat to relate with those in Burlington.

Baines said she is seeking the nomination after many years of party work at both the federal and provincial levels because she thinks she can do a better job for people from inside the government. Her family is at an age now where she can turn her hobby, politics, into a full-time job.

Halton-Burlington can be won back by the Tories, despite the fact the sitting Liberal is "very popular" and has done a "reasonable job". Baines added an MPP on the government side can do a better job for constituents than someone

sitting on the opposition benches. Even as a candidate for the Tory nomination she said she can help people, pointing to assisting a Milton resident get answers from a minister that very day.

Baines said she is eager to work for people and help them solve their problems. She said as a candidate and as an MPP she wouldn't be afraid to speak out when she doesn't agree with a government policy. Recalling discussing her candidacy with Premier William Davis last year she said the top man at Queen's Park remembered her complaining in the past and expected if she is elected he'll be hearing from her a lot more.

In this first phase of her battle to become elected, Baines said she isn't discussing issues in the press, but speaking to Tories individually or in small groups, hearing their views and letting them know her stands on issues.

She said for now she doesn't want to discuss issues and give the opposition a chance to frame their defences. However, later she'll be

only too happy to discuss the issues.

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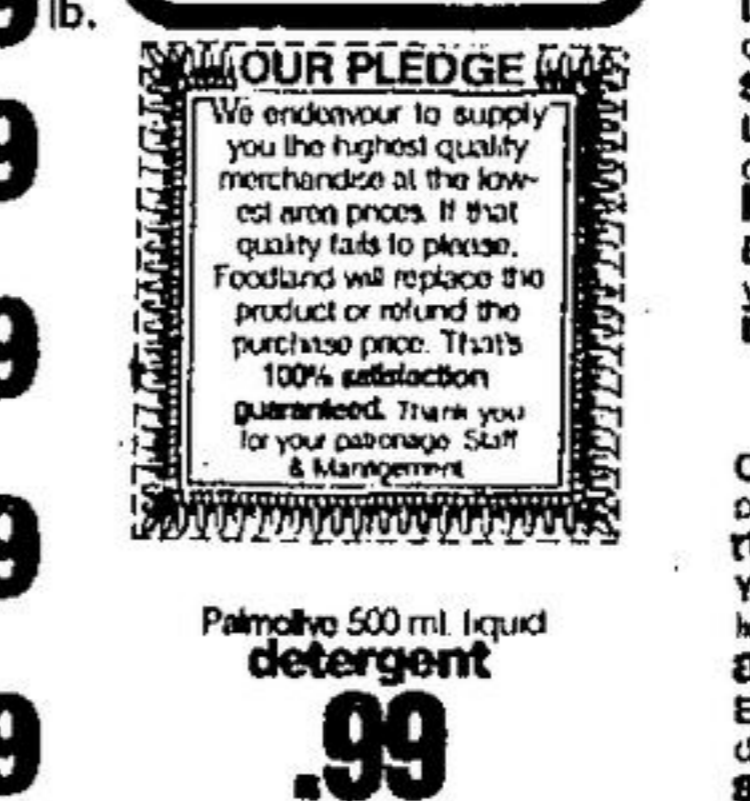


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### Courses begin at "Y"

by Eileen Dix  
The Acton YMCA will be buzzing with activity as it offers eleven courses this season compared to five in the fall.

Existing judo, karate, weightlifting, ballet and kindergym classes will continue. In addition women's keep fit, kick boxing, baton, recreational gymnastics and Scottish country dancing will be offered.

The following is a description of the classes, beginning dates and costs:

Basketball—Wednesday and Friday 4-5 p.m. This will be an hour of casual "shooting baskets" for the 10-13 year olds with instruction and games. 50 cents admission beginning Jan. 14.

Ballet—instruction for the pre-primary to adult,

Thursday or Friday, fee \$25 and \$30.

Baton—basic instruction in baton twirling that can be used for further development; aimed at 3-12 year olds. Fee \$25 beginning Jan. 21 (9 weeks).

Judo—for the 7 years to adult group. Emphasis is put on fitness and self discipline. Tuesdays, fee \$23, beginning Jan. 13 (10 weeks).

Karate—instruction is given by the Brampton School of Karate, stressing self-confidence through self defence. Ages 7 years to adult, fee \$25 and \$30, beginning Monday, Jan. 12 (10 weeks).

Kick boxing—boxing and kicking skills are combined for full contact fighting in the ring. Equipment is worn. Ages 15 years to adult, both male and female, fee \$27,

beginning Thursday Jan. 22 (9 weeks).

Kindergym—Fitness starts early for the 3-5 year olds. First class is Jan. 30, cost \$14.

Recreational Gymnastics—stress will be put on recreation, no try-outs. Boys and girls 5-12 yrs. Beginning Thursday, Jan. 22, fee \$20 (9 weeks).

Scottish country dancing—the pipers are calling, Tuesday evening \$23, beginning Jan. 20 (9 weeks).

Weightlifting—improved equipment will be available for this session, held Monday and Wednesday, fee \$15, beginning Jan. 12, (10 weeks).

Womens Keep fit—an old favourite is returning to the "Y", keep fit in a relaxed atmosphere. Tuesday and Thursday. Fee \$20, starting Jan. 20 (9 weeks).

The "Y" will be open each Wednesday and Friday from 9-5, for registration and information. Call the YMCA, 853-1070, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for information.

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