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In the heart of the beautiful
North-Halton Heritage Area

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Artisan Village officially opens

An exciting new stage in the evolution of the olde Hide House began on September 29th with the official opening of the "Artisan Village". John G. Laschinger, Deputy Minister of Tourism for Ontario officiated the opening, which was the final leg of a media tour of the North-Halton Heritage Area. Radio, television, magazine and newspaper travel and excursion journalists joined Mr. Laschinger and regional dignitaries on a tour through the towns and villages of Norval, Georgetown, Glen Williams, Milton, Campbellville, Eden Mills, Rockwood and Acton. The journalists, many of whom were previously unfamiliar with the area, enjoyed the tour which included a country lunch at Chudleigh's Apple Farm, and a ride on an antique street car at the Halton County Radial Railway Museum.

The Artisan Village is an exciting addition to the olde Hide House development. Professional artisans and craftspeople work in studios which are open to public viewing. Their work is then displayed and sold in a common gallery. The concept is similar to the popular Harbourfront craft complex in downtown Toronto, but has an even broader range of studios, galleries and resident Artisans.

Complete Glassblowing and Ceramics Studios form the basis of the Village. Here, the

public can view the intricate and mesmerizing stages of both glass and ceramics production. Nearby, are the weaving and silk-painting studios where the Artisans painstakingly handcraft their work.

Across the Village, a sculptress forms figures and objects which eventually will be fired in the Ceramics kiln. In woodburning and woodcarving studios, skilled craftsmen produce a variety of unique wooden treasures. A seminoie patchwork and patchwork quilting studio is the source of beautiful and intricate fabric wall hangings and decorations.

The beauty and magic of stained glass is the medium of yet another skilled Artisan. Next to this studio, a craftsman carefully puts the finishing touches on a series of miniature wooden figurines, furniture and a doll house.

In addition to the many studios, the Village also houses the "Journeyman Gallery", where the Artisan's work is featured. Another gallery, "Excursions", is the special showings gallery. The "Leathertown General Store" and "Good Tidings", a Christmas shop are also located in the Artisan Village.

The Artisan Village is the final stage in renovation and transformation of an old brick warehouse into a major cultural, tourist and commercial attraction.



A few of the Artisans at work. Glassblowing, weaving, silk painting, leathercrafting and pottery are just a few of the interesting and exciting studios open to public viewing in the Artisan Village at the olde Hide House.

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7 Days a week

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