

Gift shop Whimsy's opens downtown

There's a new depot for artwork by local artists. Located on Georgetown's Mill Street, just past Main Street, Whimsy's opened Nov. 12.

The new gift shop opens at peak season, taking advantage of the Christmas shoppers eager for something handmade and original.

Named after the old English word for prism or cut glass, Whimsy's

naturally features glittering prisms in its large store front windows.

As well, stained glass pieces by Christine Fray and Brenda Peart hang and catch the light.

"We have a lot of local artists doing work for us," Georgetown's Colleen Markus said, pointing out pottery by Geoff Stevens, wooden toys and rocking horses by Ron Stevens, painted

animals by Richard Slaven, weaving by Jette VanDerMeiden, prints and cards by Robert Law, silk banners by Lorraine Farrell, watercolors by Jo Walteson and cloth dolls by Cindy Carson.

"It's always been Colleen's dream to open up a store and we started talking about it two months ago," co-owner Sandi O'Connor said.

The two women met through an exercise class and after a lot of talking, decided to join forces and make Colleen's dream come true.

The former antique shop "What's New" has had its walls knocked down and replaced with a more spacious, airy-looking shop.

"We felt it was time Georgetowners had a place like this to come in and browse for unique gifts," Colleen said.

The shop is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays and Fridays til 8:30 p.m. Starting Dec. 12, those hours will be extended for Christmas.



Named after the old English word for prism or cut glass, Whimsy's at 110 Mill St. in Georgetown sells light reflecting prisms in its front windows. They also sell stained glass works by local artists, as owners Colleen Markus (right) and Sandi O'Connor display.



SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

The Annual Bookish Alphabet From ...

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| A Aviation, Asimov, Atwood, Audubon Guides | O Owl's Questions and Answer Books 1 & 2, Ogilvy on Advertising, Out-of-print books |
| B Beaman, Berton, Bibles, Board Books, Best of James Herriot | P Pawprints, Poortvliet, Puffin Canadian Collection I and II |
| C Callaghan (Time for Judas), Calendars and cards, Computers, Crafts, Canada in Pictures and History, Cookbooks, Crafts, Canada's National Parks, Conlanders: The Tory Quest for Power. | Q Quilting Calendar, Quality Stationery |
| D Dungeons and Dragons, Ken Dryden, Durrell, Dictionaries | R Royal Family, Records, Reference, Red is Best, Rene Levesque Buys Canada Savings Bonds |
| E Elizabeth R. (Elizabeth Longford), Everest Canada | S Mary Stewart (The Wicked Day), Selling, Scales of Justice (George Jones), Storm Signals (Charles Ritchie), A Short History of Canada (D. Morion), Sports |
| F The Friendship Book, Fishing, Children's Books in French, Finest Hour (Churchill 1939-1941). | T Time for Judas (Morley Callaghan), Templeton (Charles Templeton, an Anecdotal Memoir), Tolkien |
| G Giles, Ghost Ships, Gzowski (An Unbroken Line), Grandparents Book, Get Smart: Make Your Money Count | U An Unbroken Line (Gzowski) |
| H Harrowsmith Cookbook, Vol. 2; Harpur's Heaven & Hell, Herriot, Hockey | V Vintage Canada (Wines), Verkerke Cards, Varley (Peter Varley) |
| I Intrepid's Last Case, In Search of Excellence, Invitations | W Whales (K.G. Roberts), Wind in the Willows, Wrapping paper, Woodworking |
| J Jelly Belly (Dennis Lee), Joy of Chocolate, Joy of Photographing People | X The annual "Spot Prize", \$30.00 worth of free books for the first correct solution to this question. What is the connection between the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Olivia Newton John and the musical group E.L.O.? |
| K Karah: A Fifty-year Retrospective, Karen Kaln's Beauty & Exercise Book, Stephen King, The Klondike Quest (Berton) | Y You Can't Print That! (Lynch), Yuri Andropov (V. Solovyov) |
| L Gary Lautens (No Sex Please ... We're Married), Little Miss (and Mr.), Look Ma - No hands (Fotheringham) | Z Zoo Quest Expeditions |
| M Music, The Making of a Continent, Microwave Cookbooks, Mary Kay Guide to Beauty | ... and books on many more subjects. |
| N Nature, Newman (Illustrated Guide to the Canadian Establishment), NHL Hockey | |

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