



Linda Roe works on a mural at home.

From theatre sets to room murals

Ever thought of having a mural on your own living room wall, or an old wooden table hand-painted with designs, or even kitchen cupboards with an individual artistic touch? Linda Roe has been thinking about it for some time, and with her background of award-winning set design and visual effects for Georgetown Little Theatre and Globe Productions has decided to switch from volunteer work to a commercial enterprise. She says the idea first came to her when adjudicator Mira Friedlander, praised her work in *Lion In Winter* and said it was at professional level. "She then added 'you should be paid for your work.'"

Linda then started assembling a portfolio showing her work, and with the help of the Little Theatre and Globe managed to round up photographs of her work. At first she intended to try to break into professional theatre, but later reconsidered—deciding it would take her away from home too much. Why not see if murals for private homes, office buildings, hotel lobbies, and maybe government buildings could be a successful enterprise, she thought, and the business was born.

She feels a mural using colors complementing the room colors can create a much more attractive and dramatic effect than wallpaper, and the theme can be individually designed for each homeowner. She understands people may be hesitant since it is a new idea, but is confident once a few homes display a mural others will be convinced.

Linda emphasizes the homeowner can suggest a theme and she will come up with ideas from which they can choose.

Eleven years ago, Linda joined Georgetown Little Theatre and began looking after props. She then took on the humble duty of painting sets for *Snow White* and the *Seven Dwarfs*. From there she graduated to doing the whole set for *Letter from a General*, then a big cloth, backdrop to the uninitiated, for *Arms and the Man*.

Feeling musicals might give her a wider scope for sets and decor, Linda joined Globe Productions and looked after the sets and visual effects for *Oklahoma*, *Anything Goes* and *New Girl in Town*.

The budding business woman has won

three Thea Awards, which are the amateur theatre's equivalent of an Oscar, for set decor in *Oklahoma*, visual effects in *Lion In Winter* and excellence for set design and decor in *Murder Mistaken*. She also was recognized by a Town of Halton Hills Award for contribution to the arts.

Plans house

Nelson Shaw plans to build two houses on a 100 acre farm he intends to buy at the Fourth Line and Ten Sideroad. One of the homes would be for the owner and the other for farm help.

Shaw now owns 50 acres next to the land he wants to buy, and operates a beef cattle farm. He wants to sell that farm and buy the bigger one, so he can expand his cattle operation.

According to the Halton Hills Official Plan a second residence for farm help is allowed. This house must be located as close to the cluster of farm buildings as possible.

Halton Hills council will hold a public meeting October 15 on the rezoning application.

Bridge Winners

At Georgetown Duplicate Bridge Club this week, Glad Yeates and Kay Campbell were the winners in the north-south section. Jack Kaarsemaker and Harry Arbie were second and Denise Janen and Blayne Hillock third.

In the east-west section Roy Turton and Brian Ayer were the winners with Art Kwei and Bill Dinan second and Fred Allen and Gus Flesch third.

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