Living room tour of architecture

By ENID WILLIAMS JANE BEECROFT, an art historian from Port Hope, has been enthralling a group of arts enthusiasts in Georgetown for several weeks. In and around Halton Hills, small groups of residents gather in private homes to enjoy her

factual information, arts news releases, personal stories and acquired knowledge.

Ms. Beecroft studied commercial art followed by fine art studies at the University of Toronto. In the field of education, she has taught art and academie subjects in separate

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schools in Hamilton and Toronto, as well as at Toronto YMCA, Peel Museum in Brampton, at Centennial College in Toronto and privately, to assorted youth and adult

groups. As a commercial artist, Ms. Beecroft worked for Associated Advertising as a freelance illustrator. In the field of theatre, she has worked on sets and costumes for professional and semi-professional groups. Touching on yet another facet of her talent, she has scriptwritten for CBC and worked on series design and lyrics and libreth for several Canadian composers. Ms. Beecroft has written and directed a multimedia production on Canada for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. which was presented at Ontario Place

Ms. Receroft has contributed several years with Dayspring Festival of the Arts in Toronto, as well as working as arts and editorial consultant for the Fort William Archaeological Project in Thunder Bay Her work to establish the first collection of indigenous art by a national church group was accomplished for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Ottawa, By way of introducing the arts and culture of French Canada to Toronto, Ms. Beecrott promoted the project "Dialogue with French Canadians".

REGIONAL MUSEUM Currently, Jame Beecroft is writing articles on the art and culture of the Ganaraska region, as well as establishing a regional museum and art gallery in Port Hope. In and around her many interests. Ms. Beecroft is looking for a suitable location in which to establish a rock farm

The Art Appreciation Class met at the home of Vivian Hunter in Terra Cotta recently at which time Jane Beecroft spoke to a group of 15 women on the subject, "Architecture in Western Canada"

To begun the afternoon sojourn across Canada, Ms. Beecroft informed the group of many interesting art events in and around Toronto. One showing mentioned was Art Mappusg of Canada, now on show at the McMichael Gallery in Kleinberg until March 2.

Attention was drawn to the Leah Poslun Theatre School in

within its watershed,



JANE BEECROFT

Toronto, which has brought a recent production to such high standard and will be going on tour Ms Beecroft stated this theatre school was part of the Jewish Cultural Centre.

Radio listeners were alerted to the CBC continuing series entitled Symphony H. all which is broadcast on AM and FM. The subject of guitar music together with remarks on the excellence of "Indigo". a history of jazz music now showing at Basin Street in Toronto was mentioned. BUILDING SLIDES

Many slides were shown of Cambridge, where we viewed buildings of character and interesting dimension. Along Highway 24, a factory building was shown depicting architectme similar to that in Quebec. We noted some interesting masonry in Ontario buildings. A 1914 brick structure erected as an armory, showed post-Victorian style, A Post Office dating to 1890 is being restored as a historical site

The symmetry and squareness of Ontario's solid architecture was drawn to our affention, as well as two churches in Cambridge; First Baptist built in 1836 which is an example of patterned brick work and another facing the Town Hall, built in 1863, boastong great beauty.

Manutoba was the next stop where "Golden Boy", a famous example of classical their own self worth was discussed

While visiting Winnipeg, we

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were aware of the architect trying to alleviate straight line design in the Civic Centre there and also his use of light standards with globes: The French Canadian flavor in this province is evident when visiting St Boniface Here we noticed bow administ our French Canadian brothers are in maintaining their beautiful culture. The rums of an old cathedral still stands and behind this location sits a new church

Several forts were viewed on slides such as Fort Gary, Fort Carlton, Fort Walsh, Fort Battleford and an extremely interesting R C.M P, chapel at Regina, Saskatchewan. The para-military was exemplified in stain glass windows depicting the RCMP.

LOG HOUSES The prattic log houses were very different to those in eastern Canada as the western style was influenced by Scandinavian settlers. The boxbood home of the late John Diefenbaker was shown with straight, definite lines sloping on extreme angles. The architecture in the prairies "is symbolized by a fall shape that falls off to a lower shoulder", explained Ms Beeeroft which is seen in many forms across the prairie sky line, In Regina's Centre for the Arts we noted "a modified shape of

A modest design, the Civic Centre at Moose Jaw showed as a building of great cement divisions, slanted roof, bud colored doors and windows allowing excellent light

a grain elevator" in the design

used for the theatre fly lower.

The local people of Saskafoun are very proud of St. John's Aughean Church, with its red sandstone brick exterior

"The influence of the New England states together with building attitudes from England, creates a mixture of gothic and Norman architectore in this church," Ms. Recroft explained, drawing our attention to the beautiful carving around the church enfrance

For many years Canada has led the world in building dams and several were shown on slides. A few bridges were shown and discussed as well as lighthouses along Canada's coastline, many to be retained as historical sites.

When 4.6 reached Vancouver, which is a luxurious part of Canada, we were intrigued with the modern design of buildings coupled with the character of old Gastown. In Gastown, we old-town Quebee and across the pond to choice parts of old Paris Truly a charming, wellproportioned, lived-in part of

As we reached Frohisher Bay, we were awestruck by a church constructed totally in lount desagn shaped as an igloo complete with ceiling smoke dome. The ministers of this church are fully-ordained Anglean numsters of Innit origin. All art work and fine carpentry has been created by fount artists and craftsmen.

"the scenery in the Yukon is the most beautiful in all of Canada. While in the North, Jane Beerroft was "overwhelmed with the warmth of hospitality"

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the coast, an earlier rendezyous in Ontario and Quebec as well as a visit in the Yukon, gave all of us a taste to travel, to experience other people, art and culture in our great country together with stimulating awareness of the beauty in Canada. Jane Beeeroft aroused our sensitivity towards culture among native people of this country along with arousing appreciation for the contribution pioneer settlers made; all mall elevating our pride in being

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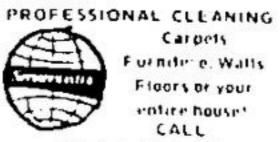
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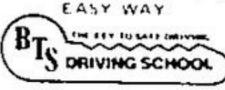
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could relate to old Montreal,

YUKON SCENERY Ms. Receroft went on to say,

shall bear more interesting talks by Ms. Beecroft. A talented, stimulating speaker, Jane Record is sure to be invited to speak in this community at a future time.

