

HALTON HILLS ARTS COUNCIL



Mrs. Charles Holmes kept busy with her knitting while customers stopped by to admire her handwork at the annual Acton Arts and Crafts Show Saturday at St. Alban's Hall in Acton. Members of the group displayed handicrafts ranging from porcelain and knitting to macramé and basket weaving. (Herald photo)



A film night sponsored by the Credit Valley Artists will be held at Cedarvale cottage Nov. 4 beginning at 8 p.m. Short films will be featured on Japanese art, "The World of Andrew Wyeth" and "The Silversmith of Williamsburg".

Ruth Gibson is having her second solo show, "Scenes from Cottage Country" at the Mississauga Central Library, 110 Dundas Street West, in Mississauga from November 3 to 29. This show will feature oil paintings of the Muskoka area and will also include scenery from the Maritimes and Alberta. Opening night, with the artist present, is November 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The gallery is not open when the room is in use for other purposes. Enquiries may be made at the audio-visual department at 279-7002.

Burlington's East Plains United Church is holding its seventh annual Arts, Crafts and Boutique Show and Sale a week from Friday (Nov. 7) at the church hall, 375 Plains Rd. E., Burlington. Some 50 artisans will display work, including many excellent Christmas gift ideas, at the hall from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, contact Gail Lorimer at 634-7654.

The 23rd annual Caledon East Fine Arts and Crafts Show takes place this Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at three different locations in the village, which is situated north of Highway 7 on Airport Road. Dozens of artisans have contributed samples of their work, to be exhibited and sold at the town administration centre, the community hall and Caledon East Public School, all located on or near Airport Road.

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Halton's hunt is on

Specially-licensed hunters take to the fields and forests of north Halton and surrounding areas next week for the ministry of natural resources' 32,000-acre controlled deer hunt.

Widespread crop damage and hundreds of deer-vehicle highway collisions during recent years have prompted provincial and regional officials to meet the demand of a majority of Halton farmers and arrange the hunt for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Halton, Pushech and Flamborough townships.

Up to 335 hunters, most of them residents of the hunt area, have been granted special permits to use shotguns and muzzle-loaders, but not dogs, in the controlled hunt, to be policed by ministry officials guarding against trespassing. The permits are valid for only one zone and allow the hunters to kill only one deer each, with or without antlers.

"There are just too many deer," according to Gary Tuppiling of the ministry's Cambridge district fish and wildlife division. "Last year alone, almost 400 deer were killed in road accidents; it was just good luck that opponents of the vehicles were not also injured or killed."

Mr. Tuppiling explained that the controlled hunt comes in direct response to demands from farmers voiced early this year by Halton region's agricultural advisory committee, which reported extensive damage to crops, trees and orchards from grazing herds of deer.

"One landowner complained that deer have killed 200 fruit trees on his property," he said. "Deer have increased steadily in number ever since the regular hunting season closed

13 years ago. Only deer hunting with bow and arrow is allowed year to year, but little has been done during the past decade.

Farmers and ministry officials are also concerned that diseases such as leptospirosis may be spread to cattle from deer unless the deer population is thinned.

Mr. Tuppiling acknowledged that concern over the hunt has been expressed by two affected groups, landowners whose property falls within the four zones and legitimate sports hunters in the area. Evidence indicates that poachers are taking many deer, he said, while sports hunters who favor a gun season say they are being denied recreation.

Hobya Mulholland, a ministry biologist co-ordinating the controlled hunt, pointed out that ministry staff will be on hand to make sure irregularities don't occur during the hunt.

"Trespassing will not be tolerated," according to

Nancy Tilt, another ministry biologist. "Hunters are being instructed to contact landowners well beforehand for permission to hunt on their property."

Ministry and local conservation officers will work with police forces to respond to all complaints.

"Local hunters know what's

at stake here," Miss Mulholland said. "They have a golden opportunity to show what sportsmanship, ethics and good hunting are all about."

"The controlled hunt is not affecting the regular archery hunting season, the second period of which takes place Nov. 6 through Dec. 13

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