

HALTON HILLS ARTS COUNCIL

Santa's here: must be Christmas

You may not have noticed, but the Christmas season is sneaking up on us. Santa barely gave the witch and goblins a chance to clear out of Toronto before he arrived the day after Halloween. In Halton Hills, he made more timely arrivals, visiting Georgetown Nov. 21 and Acton last Saturday. His coming has been the signal for Christmas activities to swing into high gear.

Perhaps the most ambitious Christmas offering of this or any other year is the Georgetown Choral Society's presentation of the complete Handel's Messiah. There will be only one Georgetown performance, this Sunday (Dec. 6) at 8 p.m. at Holy Cross Church. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.

The Choral Society has another seasonal program for us. "Christmas Memories" will be presented twice this Saturday at 4 and 7 p.m. in the John Elliott Theatre at the Cultural Centre. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for

students and seniors. For further information, call Vickie Fawcett after 5 p.m. at 877-1237. The program will consist of carols and light Christmas music. Get your vocal chords loosened up to join in the sing-along.



Other Christmas activities to watch for: Today: Christmas Card Workshops for ages six and up are taking place at the Acton and Georgetown Libraries at 4 p.m. Registration is required.

Dec. 5: Christmas Exhibition and Sale at Elm Tree Farm presented by Martha Hoey-Weston and Elizabeth Hoey. Exhibits include feather jewellery, woven shawls, muffs, sheepskins, woolen goods, pottery, ceramic tiles, watercolors and more. Sounds like a great place to pick up a gift for that special someone. For directions, call (519) 824-2582.

Dec. 5-20: Gallery House Sol presents its Christmas Exhibition and Sale. Artists featured include: John Hanspant - painting; Sharon Merkur - woodengravings; Suzanne Gauthier - paper reliefs; Robert Paterson - lithographs; Oz Parsons - pottery.

Come and browse through the work of these and many other talented people. Bring your Christmas list, you may be able to manage one stop Christmas shopping right here.

Teachers on the move

Music teacher Claire Balch has resigned from her position with McKenzie-Smith Middle School in Acton. He will be replaced by Heidi Lang Dec. 9.

Linda Skoropad of Stewarttown Senior Public School, Carol Elson of Park Public School, and Jane Campbell of Joseph Gibbons Public School have all been granted permanent teaching contracts with

the Halton Board of Education, effective Jan. 1.

Gloria Roberts has been hired by both Robert Little Public School and Centennial Public School to teach French to Grades 4 and 6 students. She has been working at the two schools since October.

St. George's quilt winner

Winner of the St. George's Anglican Church women's quilt draw Nov. 21 was Barbara Lorusso of Georgetown. G. Driver of Toronto won an afghan as second prize.

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Win a chance at popcorn heaven, kids

By MARG EGGLETON
GLT publicist

Georgetown Little Theatre's Christmas production, *Once Upon A Time*, will be presented at the John Elliott Theatre Dec. 11, 12 and 13.

Last-minute adjustments to costumes and sets are being made to ensure that all is ready for opening night when the theatre will be full of eager, wide-eyed children all anxious to see how a magic popcorn machine works.

This year, the cover of the programme will be a clear, line drawing which the children will be asked to take home and color, then enter in

the coloring contest. There will be two categories: up to 7 years, and 8 to 12 years, and the grand prize in each category will be - you guessed it - a bushel of popcorn from the magic popcorn machine. Runners-up will receive gift certificates from McDonald's and Baskin-Robbins.

Please note that the Sunday matinee is sold out, but tickets are still available for the Friday (7:30 p.m.) and Saturday (2:30 and 7:30 p.m.) performances.

Georgetown Little Theatre box office will be open Monday through Friday at the John Elliott Theatre from 10 to noon, 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Chances are little Melanie Sutton of Georgetown has never seen as much popcorn as some lucky youngster is going to win in a special contest being sponsored by the Georgetown Little Theatre. Children up to 12 years old can enter by coloring the front of the program from the GLT's "Once Upon A Time", which debuts Dec. 11 at the John Elliott Theatre. The coloring contest features two categories, and the winner in each will receive a bag of popcorn just like this one, while runners-up get gift certificates from McDonald's and Baskin-Robbins.

(Photo by Gerry Eggleton)

Southgate to internal affairs

Staff Sergeant Ron Southgate has been appointed Internal Affairs officer for the Halton regional police. Head of the Criminal Investigations Bureau in Georgetown, Staff Sgt. Southgate will now be working out of Oakville dealing with problems within the force. He said the position is a newly established one. Staff Sergeant Les Graham, who's been working out of the Georgetown station for 18 months, is taking over as head of the bureau.

House Sol's annual buyers' show

With an eye toward helping out the Christmas gift hunters in town, Gallery House Sol is again devoting its exhibition space to some of the finest arts and crafts starting this weekend.

"Twelve Days of Christmas Shopping", which starts Saturday and continues through Dec. 18, is the Charles Street gallery's yearly exhibition and sale. Proprietor John Sommer promises a little bit of everything for the distinctive gift seeker, including oil paintings, watercolors, drawings, original graphics and miniature handprinted editions.

There'll be a collection of carved animals, fine photographs, handpainted and hand-dyed fabrics, stoles and scarves, handwoven garments, handmade felt bags and, of course, jewelry. As well, local artisan Robert Lyons has supplied some of his beautiful fireplace brooms, and there'll be pottery, glass, leatherwork, wooden bowls and all kinds of decorations, toys and seasonal surprises.

There are also books by and about artists connected with House Sol: Claudette Boulanger's children's books "Sunflakes and Snowshine" and "Hooray for Today"; Gerard Brander a Branda's "Wood, Ink and Paper"; Barker Fairley's "Portraits"; John Revell's "And Some Brought Flowers" and "The Craftsman's Way"; the spectacular University of Toronto Press book about Canadian craftsmen, a must for anyone interested in crafts.

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