

Check chimneys before winter woodburning

The time of year is upon us when many local residents begin using their fireplaces and wood burning stoves again.

Doug Present, of Ace of Hearts Chimney Sweeps in Georgetown, recommends airtight stoves be cleaned once a year for safety measures and open faced fireplaces be cleaned every two or three years.

He also suggests that residents have their chimney masonry checked for cracks which may allow water to enter, freeze and erode the chimney interior. A cement chimney cap is one way to help avoid that problem, he said.

Metal chimneys should be checked for holes and made sure they are fastened correctly and secure.

Mr. Present recommends the burning of good, dry, well seasoned wood. He said if the wood is two years old it will produce less smoke and therefore less of a deposit of

creosote in the chimney. Creosote, which is like a tar, is less evident in hardwoods while in softwoods such as pine and spruce a large build-up may occur.

Some of the more popular hardwoods to burn are beech and maple.

"Birch may be pretty to burn but it will foul up your chimney with deposits of creosote," Mr. Present said.

One tip Mr. Present said will help dissipate the build-up of creosote is to let the fire really roar for about an hour every day. "It's not an alternative to having your chimney cleaned but it will get the chimney an awful lot cleaner," he said.

He said a quick check

of the chimney to make sure no birds or animals have crawled or flown into it is a good idea. Lighting a roll of newspaper to check if the chimney has good suction is one of the best ways to do this.

Halton Hills Arts Council

By PAT HRETCHKA
Herald Columnist

It's not too late. You still have a chance to get tickets for the remaining performances of "Blithe Spirit", the Georgetown Little Theatre production now on view at the John Elliott Theatre. But don't waste any time doing it.

You don't want to be disappointed. Performances will be taking place tonight until Saturday, Oct. 27.

"Blithe Spirit" is one of Noel Coward's best and funniest plays. He truly was the master at what is fast becoming a lost art, the writing of witty and sophisticated comedy. Do yourself a favor and see this example of his fine work.

Here are some more favors you can do for yourself. Drop into The Gallery House Sol on Charles Street and see the works of botanical artist E.J. Revell and glassblower Tim Maycock.

This joint exhibition continues until November 8. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Thursday 2-8 p.m. and Friday - Sunday 2-6 p.m.

Another art exhibition of interest is in the Gallery of the Cultural Centre. Come and see the work of Arts Council President Wendy Buyles on display until Nov. 3. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday 2-4 p.m. also Tuesday and Thursday 6-8 p.m.

Perhaps you have already taken advantage of the "Information To Go" series, sponsored by the Georgetown Public Library. The next session takes place Saturday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. until noon. The subject is Psychic Response and the guest expert is well-known psychic Carole Matthews.

Future topics will be Appraising Antique Jewellery, November 10; Cosmetic Artistry, November 24 and Books For Kids, December 8. There is no charge for attending any of these sessions and no advance registration is required. Just drop in and chat with an expert.

Acton Arts and Crafts Exhibition and Sale will be taking place this Saturday, October 27 at St. Alban's Parish Hall, Acton from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is free. It's a great chance to get an early start on your Christmas shopping.



EMERGENCY MEN

Gus Inuzio from Canadian National Railways and Fire Prevention Officer John Murray (left to right) Shannon Pafriquin, Laura Appleby and Michele Wilkinson tour through the CN emergency response trailer that was on display at the Georgetown fire station last Tuesday night. The trio are from the 2nd Norval Brownies.

(Herald photo)

Psychic advice for work

Herald Staff
Although psychic consultant Carole Matthews sees more women clients than men, more businessmen are now searching out for her skills than ever before.

The Herald columnist will be coming to the Georgetown Public Library Oct. 27 to talk to the public about psychic abilities.

She says many business people are coming to her in increasing numbers because they are confused about what decisions to make.

The mother of three starts a session by telling her business client their problem rather than the other way around. Often a topic will pivot around an employee who is having trouble at work. Other times customers will want to know about land ventures and mortgages, Carole says.

What generally happens is that clients receive confirmation from what they knew already, although the information they receive

is from a total stranger, she says.

She asks that her business clients bring a newspaper from work, their calling card, jewellery, or picture of the person they would like to talk about.

Carole is making a name for herself by



doing radio and television shows periodically. Recently she and former Herald columnist Eugenia Whitham (Astro Advice) who is now working for the Toronto Sun, did a talk show together in Brampton.

Carole was born in Keswick, Ontario and her father and grandmother were both psychic. She began readings

at the age of 10, but didn't enter the profession full time until about 12 years ago.

She has worked for both an accounting firm and in a personnel department. Carole said her abilities helped in her duties as a personnel officer because she knew ahead of time who would get the job.

Abstracts in oil

Seaside artist Vallery Mokrytzki is opening an exhibition of abstracts in oil Sunday at the Gallery Brand in Oakville.

Among the works will be paintings of her trips to Jamaica and Japan. The exhibition is titled "Mokrytzki: Recent Work".

The Sunday opening is from 2 to 5 p.m. and the exhibition continues until Nov. 16. Gallery Brand is at 83 Reynolds St. For more information, call 844-9534 or 845-4697.



WEDDING BELLS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Poloz are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Angela to James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Flynn, all of Georgetown. The ceremony will take place on Oct. 27 at Holy Cross Church.

(Photo by The 'Leighton' Image)

Autumn bazaar

Blair Presbyterian Women's Autumn Bazaar will be held in St. David's Church, Main Street, Campbellville Saturday Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

There will be a soup 'n sandwich luncheon and draw for an appliqued "Poppy" quilt.

IODE meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of Strathmore Chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Pauline Stern.

The Regent Freddie Burton presiding, Chris MacEwan, a resident of Georgetown and active member of Citizens Against Violent Pornography, gave a presentation.

Each I.O.D.E. member was made aware of this growing problem, especially what was available in Georgetown.

Members were encouraged to write to the new justice minister, the Hon. John Crosbie, House of Commons, Ottawa, to ask for immediate action on child pornography.

Lights approved for walkway

Two 275 watt mercury vapor lights are going to be put up in the public walkway connecting Penlington Crescent and Duncan Drive in Georgetown, at a cost of \$670.

Residents complained over the number of acts of vandalism in the walkway which currently is unlit, creating an alleyway like setting at night.

Over 125 residents of the area signed a petition presented Monday night to town council, complaining about the lack of lighting.

"These incidents which began as mischievous pranks have now matured into outright vandalism causing injury to property and carrying the very real possibility of blossoming into serious personal injury if left unchecked," the petition stated.

Bordered by tall, heavy hedges and

shrubbery, the walkway has a small but steep hill at its centre and turns into the setting for wild drinking parties at night.

In the summer, the petition stated many small fires were deliberately lit.

Town engineer Bob Austin said a light was to be set midpoint in the walkway and at one end of the walkway this fall.

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