



Sergeant Bill Gall finds it a refreshing change going from reactive policing to proactive policing.

(Photo submitted)

## Officers work with community

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Sergeant Bill Gall calls his police community relations work a totally different world from his background with the identification bureau.

"It puts your perspective back in order and you realize not everyone are thieves or bandits," he said.

Sgt. Gall spent five years with the 'ident' bureau before becoming a public relations officer and joining the community relations bureau of the Halton regional police when the bureau began in July, 1984.

"In ident your contacts with the public are 100 per cent victims. This job is completely different with a whole new set of rules.

"You're away from reactive and into proactive policing which is a refreshing change," he said.

The community relations bureau was formed as a result of the amalgamation of the safety, crime prevention and public relations units.

Although the safety and crime prevention units still exist in each municipality, Sgt. Gall and Sgt. Dave Atkinson oversee operations from headquarters in Oakville.

They, in turn, report to the bureau commander Rick Kivell.

The community relations bureau keeps the media and community informed, plus coordinating all public speaking engagements, coordinating public police displays and making the public more aware of any aspect involving crime.

Sgt. Atkinson said the Halton regional police gave 294 talks in an effort to improve the interaction between the community and police and provide a better understanding of what the police do.

Talks are presented to elementary, high school and college students, community groups, service clubs and businesses. Topics range from bicycle safety for children to vandalism and anything to do with policing.

Stationed at headquarters since January Sgt. Atkinson started his police work in Port Elgin on a small town force.

"I felt restricted in a small force and felt there was more opportunity in a larger force. I thought Halton was one of the most progressive forces," Sgt. Atkinson said on his decision to join them in 1976.

He has been a uniformed officer, coroner's constable and was in the criminal investigations department in Burlington before his present position.

## Hornby's Lynn Frederick is a versatile artist

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Lynne Frederick says she is scared silly but looking forward to her upcoming one-man art show in Minden starting May 18.

It will be the first display, in a gallery art show, for the Hornby resident. The show will run for four weeks at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden.

"I was trying to evaluate my work myself by comparing my work to some in galleries," said Mrs. Frederick. "Now I will let the public and critics decide how good I am," she said.

Mrs. Frederick's art is very diverse. Her favorite activity right now is producing watercolor and acrylic landscapes of the flora of the Halton, Victoria and Haliburton areas. She is also currently developing a series of watercolors depicting women in industry.

Mrs. Frederick uses watercolors, oils, acrylics, pastels as well as charcoal and pen and ink. "I'm more of an impressionist than a realist," she said.

Mrs. Frederick is employed as an artist-illustrator for Northern Telecom. She has worked there for 19 years.

Art must run in Mrs. Frederick's family, her sister is an artist in England and her daughter is also an artist.

Art has been an interest of Mrs. Frederick's for as long as she can remember. As a child in England she would enter art contests in newspapers with her sister to earn extra pocket money.

"We would expect that one or the other of us, if not both would win," she said. "We always did win some money, even if it was just a little bit.

Mrs. Frederick has painted for years, selling the paintings to friends. For the last year she has not sold any of her paintings, instead keeping them for her show. She will be showing between 40 and 45 paintings.

Mrs. Frederick has learned about art from her years as a technical illustrator, by taking various night and correspondence courses and by trial and error.

While her children were small, Mrs. Frederick did free-lance work for many different clients including automotive manuals,



Hornby artist Lynn Frederick displays a few of her paintings. The versatile artist will be showing 40 to 45 of her paintings at her first gallery show in Minden, starting May 18.

drawings of Trinity College School for calendars, special awards and Christmas cards.

Three years ago Mrs. Frederick designed a set of her own notecards depicting flowers. The cards are for sale at the Art Gallery of Ontario, and Paper and Things in Toronto as well as some other places.

Mrs. Frederick calls her home studio where she works the House of Rons. In the studio, she experiments with abstract, realistic, and impressionist styles for landscapes and seascapes and does portraits.

Mrs. Frederick is a member of the Art Gallery of Ontario, a member of the Royal Ontario Museum and a voting member of the Oakville Art Society.

## NORMA FERGUSON

### She taught 9 years in a rural school

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Norma Ferguson is a retired school teacher with thirty years of teaching experience.

She has lived in Georgetown since 1963, but started her teaching career at a place called Stormont County in Eastern Ontario at a rural school where grades one to eight were all in the same class room.

After nine years at the rural school Norma then taught in that town for four years, only in a more normal class situation.

She then moved on to teach at the late Chapel Street school which has since been torn down. She taught at Chapel School for ten years and from there Norma went to the more modern Joseph Gibbons for seven years and retired from there four years ago.

Favorite Magazine: National Geographic.

Favorite Movie: The Sound of Music and Gone With The Wind.

Favorite T.V. Show: "I really like the special series like Shogun and Winds of War."

Favorite Vacation Place: "Anywhere in British Columbia because I have relatives living there but I especially like the Butchard Gardens in Victoria, B.C."

Favorite Restaurant: "The Jade Gardens in Cornwall, I love their Egg Rolls."

Favorite Music: "I don't like the loud stuff, I like country, especially Anne Murray"

Hobbies: Knitting, rughooking and tending to her plants and flowers.

Favorite Year: "Right after W.W.I. with all of our friends coming back from overseas. It was a very happy time."

What do you hope to be doing ten years from now? "I'd still like to be able to get up and travel when I want to, I hope nothing will prevent my husband or I from doing that."