

# Nature as the artist

By GRETCHEN DAY  
Herald Columnist

Time to tally up your score from last week's Artistic Quiz.

If you were able to answer 75-100 per cent of the questions, you are either younger than 6 years old or young at heart. If you answered 50 per cent of the questions, you are "not bad, but...". But if you answered less than 50 per cent or none at all, hurry up, get busy, start to use your senses before the summer is over!

At birth, with luck, we all have the natural ability to use our five senses of seeing, hearing, touching, tasting and smelling to their fullest capacity.

A child can take delight in the smallest piece of dirt, or wonder at the colours in a raindrop on a window, or laugh at the wind that blows their hair while running through a field.

Some artists have the ability to retain these spontaneous thrills of childhood; for others, it

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must be relearned. It is called the appreciation of Nature, and Nature is truly the finest artist. Corny? Perhaps a bit. But, those of us who believe it is corny have succumbed to the civilising process, that begins at a very early age, of keeping within the lines, forgetting about imagination, never stopping long enough to smell the roses, always having things so well planned that spontaneity is abandoned.

Learning or relearning to appreciate beauty, no matter what the art form, is better than any drug, drink, nap or football game. It doesn't cost you a cent; you don't need a dome stadium to enjoy it; you don't need to drive anywhere, and you don't need absolute quiet.

Nature's beauty can excite you or soothe you, fascinate you or irritate you, stimulate you or calm you, but it is never, never dull.

In my drawing and design course at Sheridan, I give the students a project in which very small areas (1/4" square) of an interesting vegetable or fruit are studied, then enlarged to 3" square drawings done in minute detail and precise shading.

The students are forced to look beyond the obvious, and discover the unique, abstract yet

real shapes of nature.

As a result of this project, a student came in one day ecstatic at a new discovery. She and her husband had been attending a baseball game. The Blue Jays were losing. In utter and complete boredom and frustration, she started to rip apart, bit by bit, a dried fig that she had been eating. Suddenly, she started to notice the intricate line patterns inside the fig, the elaborate formation of the different segments, the variety of colours blending and repeating.

The look on her face of complete delight at the new discovery made up for all the hours of marking that awaited me!

Next Week -- New artistic discoveries through the senses.

Remember -- A challenge! Who will be the first contributor of the Arts Column? This is your chance, arts enthusiasts! Don't be timid! Get rid of your nagging artistic annoyances. Let's clean the air and start fresh.

A must to see is the Honore Daumier exhibit at the Art Gallery of Ontario on Dundas St. in Toronto, running until Sept. 8. His caricatures are delightfully drawn and humorous. Despite the fact that most of his works date back to the 1830s and 40s, they are amazingly up-to-date in their representation and opinion of lawyers, politicians, the art elite and everyday life in general. You will leave laughing!



### FEELING OKAY?

Horrors. Is that really me? Summer students in the recreation department's drama club wrote and produced their own version of Medusa last week. Starring in the production were (left to right) Dana Ewert, 8, as the sister, Sheryl Bradburn, 7, as the mother, Andrea Herner, 8, as the maid and Tanya Galway, 10, as Medusa.

## Meet the artist Roberta finds her true challenge

By SANDY CAMPBELL

The Forge has an artist with a challenge she's waited a long time for.

Roberta Burrows is the latest addition to the three artists working and selling work at the Forge in Terra Cotta. She also manages the Forge's gallery.

Mrs. Burrows works with stained glass. "I've worked with paint, clay and I've sculpted. When I worked with glass I felt right. You must be strong. You have to be master of the glass," she said.

Roberta Burrows raised four children, the oldest now 30, and she always set aside some time to refine her art work through art classes and practice.

She joined the Forge last September and shortly after that she experienced a turning point in her artistic life.

"I made a large tiffany lamp featured in the Toronto Star. That was the beginning," she said.

"The art I do balances my life. If something about you isn't being expressed then you get out of balance and depressed," she said. Working at the Forge is Roberta Burrows' outlet for an outward expression and her inner happiness, she said.

"The happiness I have in my life comes out in my work. None of it is stark or dark. It is to give pleasure," she said. Mrs. Burrows describes her art as "realistic but beautiful".

Most of her work is commissions, and shows a variety of tastes. Her work ranges from snow geese taking flight to an oriental woman disrobing. "As long as I can be creative about it, I'll



continue doing commissions," she said.

Mrs. Burrows has travelled throughout the world which has enhanced the message of her work, she said. The glass through which light pores carries her message of beauty. "We're all scurrying around the world. I try to touch as many people as I can."

Roberta Burrows has replaced artist Agnes

Olive at the Forge who is living in Pakistan for two years. Agnes and artist Jo Walterson of the Forge is also away for a period of two years. She is in Nairobi, Kenya.

The three artists occupying the studios of the Forge are Roberta Burrows, Gretchen Day who works in water colors and Beverly De Jong who makes jewelry.



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If Halton Hills is lucky, some of our people may be on television Aug. 15.

At a Thursday Chamber of Commerce meeting, Dick Willis said Wintario will be at the CNE on the same day as "Halton Hills Day".

Halton Hills have been asked if they can help out with the Wintario show from 7:10 p.m. - 8:10 p.m. that night, Mr. Willis said.

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