

Halton Hills Arts Council

Christmas is poetry to arts council and their followers

By GRETCHEN DAY
Herald Special
A Christmas card from the Halton Hills Arts Council:

Christmas is a special time,
A Festival of the Arts!
From the beginning of December,
The celebration starts.

The evenings send a shiver.
Is it magic? Is it cold?
The frost grows deep, the wildlife
sleep.
As crystals turn to gold.

We call upon our senses
Of touch and smell and sight.
Of taste and hearing wonders,
As we approach 'the Night'.

Everyone gets ready,
First a red light, then a green,

Until our world just shimmers,
Beyond our wildest dreams.

We catch our breath with renewed
surprise.
At the images thus produced.
Again we're in a fairyland
Where snowflakes dance and swoosh.

Our memory plays tricks on us
Of sights we've never seen,
Of carriages and flowing gowns
And Dickens' transformees.

Children in their innocence
Shine bright for all to see!
How wonderful is this special time
Of beauty and of glee!

Like children, though we loath admit,
We savour every glimpse
Of Santa, elves and hidden gifts
And spy as little imps.

We place a wreath upon the door;
The pine is rich and sweet.
Its fragrance fills the happy halls
To welcome all we meet.

We search the woods for a perfect tree
That has balance and has grace.
We hang the garlands carefully
To hide the hollow place!

The balls feel smooth; they glisten.
The lights are warm and bright.
The symmetry is perfect.
Eyes glow in sheer delight.

The mistletoe, as white as snow,
Is placed strategically.
Red poinsettias match the bows
Whose touch is velvety.

We select the gift to suit the one
Whose ways will correspond.
We think of colour, line and shape.
The style will be 'right on'.

We wrap the present carefully,
Paper, ribbons here and there.
We make sure that it looks just right:
A Creation done with flair!

A special card for that special friend,
The postal rates ignored.
A card designed with you in mind.
Mail first, and you will score.

Romantic poetry abounds.
Rhythmic rhymes dispell the blues.
Of angels and the nativity,
The prose is thoughtful too.

Dance becomes spontaneous;
Our steps are high and spry.
The Nutcracker seems new again;
The ballerinas fly.

We plan a festive party
To celebrate the time.
The merriment will be first class;
The presentation's fine.

We orchestrate the season's clothes
With hair styled carefully.
The gown, the shoes, the light perfume
Are planned with secret glee.

We knead the dough for shortbreads.
The Christmas pudding bakes.
Recipes are followed right.
The works of art are great!

The scents that permeate the home
Are sweet and warm and good.
Our taste buds wait expectantly
To savour the glorious food.

The turkey skin is brown and crisp;
The meat melts in your mouth.
The sage and savoury twig our nose.
The drumstick holds great clout.

From some small niche a voice begins
To ring so pure and clear;
That soon we join the choir aloft
Sounds harmonize the cheer.

We sing in exaltation;
We let our voices soar.
We reach for all the high notes
Because we praise the Lord.

The music sounds with loud refrain;
The bells peel through with might.
Then quietly we hold a hand
To praise the silent night.

We wonder at the drama
Of the Christ child at his birth.
The story unfolds with quiet grace
With peace to all the earth.
No matter what the 'New Year's'
brings,
Each day will be brand new.
Remember that you'll always find
The Arts will see you through!

On behalf of the Halton Hills Arts Council and my family, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year of 1986.

ARTISTIC NOTES:
—Congratulations in order to Carol Black who won First Prize in the Watercolour division of the Brampton Arts Council Juried Show last week.
—I will be taking a break from the writing of the Halton Hills Arts Council Column for the Christmas season.

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Ladies home for Christmas

By MID BRUNSKI
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We hope that the following ladies will be well and able to be home for Christmas. Myrna Brailley, Betty McCloud, and June Greig, don't forget our shut ins and try and visit or send a card to Mrs. M. Hunter, Mrs. A. Henney, Peel Manor, Lillian Roney, Napanee, Hazel Preston, Aurora and Thelma Green at the Bennett Centre. If you need the addresses please call Mae Lawr.

There are a few photos left of the children taken with Santa Claus at the bazaar held at the Legion in November. These photos are available at a small charge and will be on display at the Independent office window. If you wish to purchase these photos please contact Marion Carney, 877-5764.

Ladies don't forget our meeting Dec. 19 will begin at 7 p.m. Also it is our Christmas party and do please bring with you something for our dinner table as it will be pot luck. We hope we see a good turn out as this is the evening we specially honour our senior members.

Want re-zoning

A triangular piece of property on the southeast corner of Guelph and Main Streets is up for re-zoning.

Property owners Catherine and Eric Lucas want to change the zoning from residential to commercial and convert the existing two storey brick house into professional and business offices.

Council was told Monday night that their application for re-zoning is being circulated to agencies for comment and will be reported on to council shortly.

Bible digest

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1

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