

Gift cards collection

Photo buff turns hobby into career

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A good eye, that's what it takes to be a good photographer, says Carol Lowe.

The Georgetown mother of three has broken into a career in photography, now that her sons have all left home.

Mrs. Lowe is producing greeting cards featuring original pictures she has taken in the Region. You can see the Lowephoto cards at the Olde Hide House in Acton, in the Glen Gift Shoppe in Glen Williams, Puff 'N Stuff in Rockwood, and the Village Soap Box in Elora and Toronto. They sell for \$2.75 apiece.

Although she's had no formal photography training, Carol has had lots of practical experience. Her dining room is full of envelopes crammed with prints.

"I've had three or four friends ask me how do I know what I want to take pictures of," Mrs. Lowe said. "It's a case of, you see it with your eye and you think that looks good. You go back and look at it through the camera."

The trick is to end up with a picture that looks just like what you saw.

"The biggest reward is having what I see come out in a picture afterward," Carol said. "My husband says what surprises him is that it's always so much nicer than he remembers it."

The technical aspects of photography don't interest the Metcalfe Court woman.

"As soon as somebody starts talking 'f' stops, my eyes glaze over. It isn't my cup of tea," she admits.

The walls of the Lowe home are covered with Carol's favorite photos, from the Toronto skyline at dusk to tall towering trees in the fall.

Carol enjoys going out and taking nature pictures. This summer she spent over an hour and a half in a paddock with two horses, just to catch them swatting flies.

"I hate taking pictures of people; I don't enjoy it," Mrs. Lowe said. "With horses, it's different. I can do what I want, take as long as I want."

Carol was 10 years old when her dad gave her her first camera. She's been taking pictures ever since. In 1980, she got her first "good camera" from her husband.

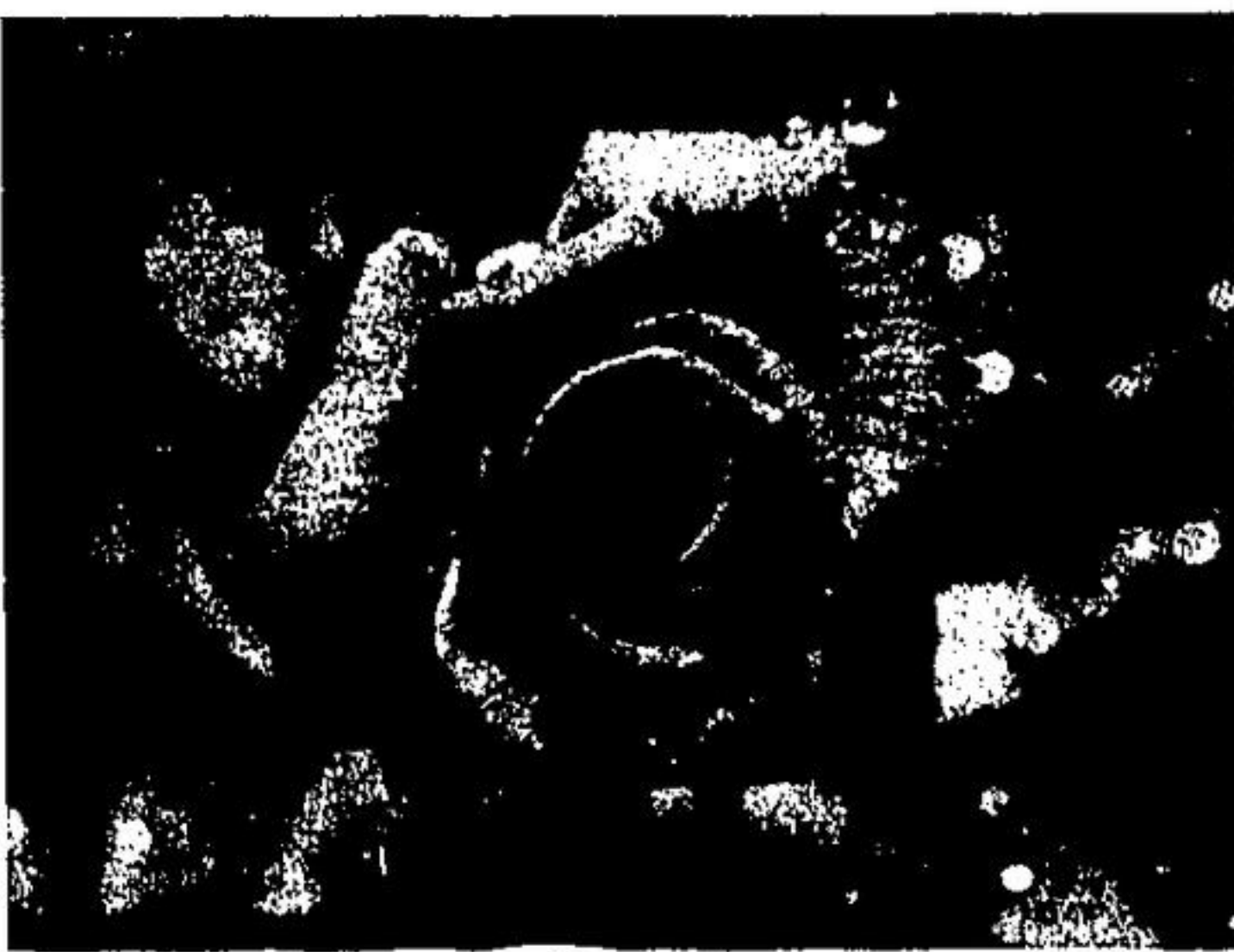
Carol Lowe



"I used that thing for three years, and every fall when I went out, I saw my pictures getting better. I didn't replace it till this year," Carol said. She's now using a Minolta Z700 camera and three lenses, the 50 macro for closeups, the 135 telephoto and occasionally the 70 to 210 zoom lens.

Photography has an added plus for Carol. Because most of her pictures are of landscapes and trees, it means she gets to do a lot of walking in the woods.

With the macro lens, she's able to



It's all about having a eye for what will look good in a photograph, says Carol Lowe. She has a set of gift cards selling in local stores featuring her work. (Photo submitted)

shoot "tonsil" pictures of flowers, milkweed, grasshoppers and even a Goshawk.

Next month, Carol starts her winter hibernation. It means she drops her camera for her computer. From photography, she goes to writing until March.

"I hate snow," she says. "It's too cold and I get problems with my lenses fogging up and my husband and I got stuck two years ago in Beaufort."

You can see Carol's work later this month at the Christmas craft show in the Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre gallery Nov. 22. The one-day show runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Happy high-five

Jon McMurray, 13, (left), and his friend Scott Engleby, 12, celebrate with a "high-five" slap of the ping-pong paddle after winning one of their matches Saturday. They were

at the table tennis challenge, sponsored by the St. George's Anglican Church congregation, featuring Rev. Jim Boyles as the challenger. (Herald photo)

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