

May 15 showing

Art auction artist 'masks' her medium

By BRIAN MAETZ, Herald Staff  
The annual YMCA art auction is just around the corner. Set for May 15 at 8 p.m. at the Holy Cross Church Auditorium this year's auction features a wide cross section of local, national and international artists.

One local artist who is donating some of her work to the auction could easily fit into all three of those categories.

Valley Mokrytzki uses oil paintings and clay masks as her medium of expression. Her work has been exhibited over 50 times in various art galleries from as far away as Japan, where she participated in the Festival of Dolls and Masks Invitational in 1984, to local galleries such as the Halton Hills Cultural Centre and the Gallery Sol in Georgetown.

Mrs. Mokrytzki specializes in large abstract paintings. Recently she has received a material assistance grant from the Ontario Arts Council to do a 64 feet long, seven feet high installation painting for an exhibit at the Burlington Cultural Centre.

Mrs. Mokrytzki began the work in January and she expects to be finished by June. The painting will take its place at the Centre in August. When everything is in place, Mrs. Mokrytzki's painting will cover nine panels and three complete walls in the exhibit room.

Mrs. Mokrytzki has always had a

yearning for art. "It's just an inborn interest. I've always painted," she said.

She lives in the rural area of Speyside, where the natural surroundings of her environment play a great role in her work. "It's an emotional response to the environment," said Mrs. Mokrytzki of her work. "You are surrounded by those images. This is what is reinterpreted in your work."

Her work is abstract, but very emotional and moving. "It's all idealized towards a beauty image," Mrs. Mokrytzki said.

"My philosophy of painting is that the work should express the feeling of the artist," the Toronto native said.

The idea for one piece, *Elegy to a Goldfish*, first materialized after Mrs. Mokrytzki's goldfish died. It was displayed at the Halton Cultural Centre before being purchased by a Georgetown resident for \$800. "It shows how important this small life is. Even a goldfish. It was full of color and movement. Probably the person that purchased (the painting) was caught by that," said Mrs. Mokrytzki.

Mrs. Mokrytzki remembered one time when she was caught off guard by the extent of her own work. "I had a major show in the main Gallery of the Burlington Cultural Centre (Peggy Gallery) earlier this year. It's such a large space and when I walked in there and saw my



paintings on the walls it was a shock. It was a retrospective of many years of my work," she said.

About five years ago Mrs. Mokrytzki took a course in clay at Cedarvale Park with Grace McKnight. She took that knowledge, expanded on it, and now she has become very successful making itaku fired clay masks.

Her work has sold all over the world. Many corporations such as the U.S. National Bank, Westinghouse Electric, Price Waterhouse, Pittsburgh National Bank, People's Federal Bank (U.S.A.) and several art galleries and private collectors have all purchased Mrs. Mokrytzki's work.

The graduate of University of Toronto and Cleveland Institute of Art has also won several first place awards for her work. She took first place at the Burlington Arts and Crafts Centre three years running (1975-1977), as well as first place in the Westmoreland County Museum Annual (U.S.A.) for three straight years (1974-1976).

More recently, Mrs. Mokrytzki won the Award of Merit at the Image '87 show for the Ontario Society of Artists.

Eager art collectors can have a chance at purchasing one of Mrs. Mokrytzki's clay masks, and possibly an oil painting at the art auction.

A preview of the works begins at 7 p.m.

4-H achievement award for Julie

By MARION HUNTER, Herald Staff

ASHGROVE-The annual meeting of the Ashgrove Women's Institute began with a dessert luncheon at the home of Doris McNabb April 21. Doreen Wickson, president, was in the chair. The roll call gave everyone a chance to think over the past year when they were asked to tell something they had learned during the meetings in the past year.

A pat on the back

Anyone who has worked with volunteers knows of the need to recognize their efforts, to offer a figurative "pat on the back". Did you know that there are over one hundred ways to praise volunteers? One highly visible way was last Monday's Volunteer Recognition Evening at the Cultural Centre hosted by the Town and the Volunteer Bureau.

The North Halton Volunteer Bureau, an agency of the Social Planning Council, is located at 161 Guelph Street, Suite 10 in Georgetown. If you have time on your hands and are seeking an opportunity to either use special knowledge or to acquire new skills, call the Bureau at 877-3219. There's not a person alive who doesn't possess many special skills, and in fact most of us possess hundreds of them. At the Volunteer Bureau we'll help you define them and put them to good use.

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Pineview is familiar with the book and using it at all levels studying various types of agriculture. Stewarttown was not as familiar with the book but some classrooms are studying agriculture. The schools are short of funds to make full use of the teaching resources suggested. Agriculture study also seems to diminish at the upper levels.

Elizabeth Wilson reported on the 4-H Achievement Day where she received the award for leading five courses and Julie Wicks her award for completing 12 courses. Mary Jane Wingfield reported on the course "Short Order Meals" led by herself and Pat Stark, Marion McPhail on behalf of the group presented the two leaders with gifts and thanks for a fine job.

The entries for the F.W.I.C. contest were handed in with a Show and Tell. Each participant showed their exhibit and told the 'hows and whys' it was made up. Non exhibitors gave of their talents by contributing a donation to the W.I. funds. The entries were sent out to be judged by Shirley Haszewski of Milton and Joanne Mackie of Georgetown.

In Verna Bird's secretarial report of 1986-87 it was noted that eight members had perfect attendance and five others only missed one meeting. The list of officers was presented by the nominating committee, Thelma Wilkinson and Elizabeth Wilson. Peggy Knapp, Area President, conducted the installation of officers. Pres. Doreen Wickson, 1st Vice Pat Stark, Sect. Treas. Verna Bird and Dist. Dir. Norma Alexander.

Planning meeting for 87-88 will be at the home of Zeta Nurse May 6, 12:30 p.m. The May meeting 'A Trillium Tramp' will be at the home of Thelma Wilkinson May 19, 10 a.m. and will be joined by Derry West W.I.

Two not happy with homes progress

Two homeowners in the Park Lane Estates development are unhappy with the homes they have bought.

Mike Adams and Preston Kermack, neighbors on the new Gardner Street each have a long list of complaints about work that still needs to be done on their \$200,000 plus homes.

Mr. Kermack moved into his home Feb. 4, and says not a great deal of progress has been made in making the necessary repairs.

"I have a couple of lawyers working with me. I've decided to give them one more month, then I will take them (Park Lane Estates) to court," he said recently.

Mr. Kermack's basement win-

dows are below ground level, so that every time it rains, the basement floods. When it first happened in March, the family reported the flooding problem immediately to the builder. Nothing has been done, and with the spring rainfalls, the basement has been flooded again.

As well, Mr. Kermack has had the roof leaking in a number of rooms. Rainwater makes its way through the master bedroom into the garage, through the electrical box into the basement.

"Some of the work has been done now, but there's still a large hole 6 inches by 2 feet which is not protected. Heaven knows what damage has been done," Mr. Kermack said.

A few houses away, Mike Adams has his list of complaints, from gaping holes in his bathroom ceiling and laundry room wall to an unfinished bathtub.

"This site is nowhere near safe for children," said the father of two children, 2 and 5 years old. The front and back yards are full of debris and huge mounds of dirt, boards and bricks.

"Grading, and the removal of

building debris should be done prior to issuing an occupancy permit," Mr. Adams said. "The town should protect purchasers."

Mr. Adams was most upset that the town issued an occupancy permit without the home having hydro hooked up.

Occupancy permits are issued when the town has made a final inspection for essential services like water, sewage disposal, electricity, heat. All doors and the roof must be on, and smoke detectors operational, Chief Building Inspector Doug Sargent told The Herald.

The occupancy permit was issued Friday, April 3, but there was no hydro in Mr. Adams' home until Monday, Mr. Adams said.

Mr. Sargent explained an electrician was working on the home that Friday and told the town inspector he'd be done in another hour hooked up, the town inspector granted the occupancy permit, Mr. Sargent said. Shortly afterwards, the electrician left, leaving the job incomplete.

"The inspector assumed the electrician meant what he said," the

chief building inspector said. "But the electrician left before the job was completed."

"If the building officials are issuing occupancy permits on promises, they may as well be rubber stamping them and let one of them go," Mr. Adams said. "The building department is not doing its job."

Mr. Kermack thinks the town shouldn't just limit its responsibility to the Ontario Building Code.

The chief building inspector said with any development there are things that aren't done as quickly as people would like. He said Park Lane Estates wasn't unusual in that respect.

He noted the homes were started last fall, when rains made poor conditions for house building. There were also strikes by some of the trades, which also delayed the development.

Inspections on the site are ongoing, with an inspector out there nearly every day to make sure other things that weren't completed at the time the occupancy permit was issued, are Calking, painting, drywalling in the garage, a step not in place, are some examples, Mr. Sargent gave.

IODE winners

The regular monthly meeting of the Countess of Strathmore Chapter was held at the home of Catherine Young.

Doris Barber gave a year end report on the money raising bridge results.

The bridge night party was held at St. George's Church hall with prizes and refreshments. Winners for the evening were as follows:

1st Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Muir; 2nd Mr. and Mrs. Graham Farnell.

The year's marathon bridge winners were announced as follows: Couples: 1st Mr. and Mrs. Ken Richardson; 2nd Mrs. Catherine Young and Mr. Walter Biehn; 3rd Mr. and Mrs. Graham Farnell.

Afternoon Ladies: 1st Mrs. Jean Servos; Mrs. Eleanor Fobert; 2nd Mrs. Thea Budge and Mrs. Jeanne Mew; 3rd Miss Jean Mackenzie and Mrs. Alice Walker.

Evening Ladies: 1st Mrs. Kathy Weldrick and Mrs. Joanne Ingram; 2nd Mrs. Helen Hyde and Mrs. Jean Mew; 3rd Miss Margery Mackenzie and Mrs. Fran Jamieson.

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Getting people into homes is builder's top priority

The builder's priority has been to get people into their homes, said Park Lane Estates builder Robert Duckworth.

He acknowledged he's had recent closings that have not had sufficient service work.

"When you're rushing to get somebody in, out of a motel, invariably you have some loose ends," Mr. Duckworth said. "They'll get all the servicing work they're entitled to."

There are only four more house closings to go, and two of them are expected within two weeks. The last two homes are being built now and due to be ready in July, he said. The development is for 17 new homes.

A full-time service man is to be hired shortly to get going on finishing off the homes in which people are now living.

"I'd like to think most of the people are quite content. They certainly have been patient," Mr. Duckworth said. "Two or three of them, I don't think I'll ever be forgiven."

"I'd like to think we're doing quite well considering problems we've had in the past year," he said.

Along with labour problems, the home building industry has been on a boom with not enough tradespeople to meet the demand. In two weeks, the concrete workers are expected to go on strike, Mr. Duckworth said. "Everybody is playing catch up on service work. It's aggravating for the homeowner, but he has to be tolerant," the builder said, noting some residents are doing the dry wall repairs and paint touchups themselves.

Dry wall repairs are the biggest complaints Mr. Duckworth is hearing about. He said that's something builders do as a service and aren't obligated to repair.

Park Lane is about to do the two month inspection reports on homes that have been occupied for the past couple of months or longer. That's when the builder finds out what still needs to be repaired and new problems that have cropped up, Mr. Duckworth said he was late doing these reports.

Over the last couple of weeks, one side of the new Gardner Drive site has been rough graded to alleviate water problems, and work began last Thursday on the east side. However, exterior excavations still need to be done for sewers for the remaining two homes, Mr. Duckworth said.

Curbs and sidewalks are expected in June, and as soon as they're in, landscaping will go ahead, the builder said. Grass should be on homeowners' lawns by July, he said.

**Tasty Recipes**

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**CONGRESS SQUARES**

Line a 13x9 inch pan with rich, plain pastry rolled 1/8 inch thick, lining sides to height of 1 inch.

Filling:

- 2 eggs beaten
- 2 cups raisins
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 1 tsp. melted butter
- 3 tbsps. flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 1/2 cups shredded coconut

In a medium bowl mix ingredients in order given. Turn into pastry lined pan and bake at 400° for 18-20 minutes, having pan at exact centre of oven. Cut into 1 1/2 inch or 2 inch squares when cold.

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