

# Outlook on Halton Hills

## Victorian flavor at Terra Cotta art auction

By PETER MOSS  
Outlook Special

This past Sunday, May 24, was not your ordinary type of day in scenic Terra Cotta.

On this particular Sunday the picturesque and highly acclaimed Terra Cotta Inn hosted an art auction by noted Canadian Artist Carole Black.

Over 300 guests and onlookers were treated to a visual feast of original works of art, reproductions and limited edition prints along with a fabulous display of handmade Canadian Heritage Dolls, by Carole Black Studios.

Imagine if you will the soft glow of the Garden Tent, set up on the back lawn of the Inn, and stepping back over 100 years to Queen Victoria's Days! The theme throughout the day was authentic Victorian. Ten couples all close friends of the artist, the auctioneer none other than Julian Reed, plus the artist and her family were all attired in Victorian dress to help set the mood.

The weekend's activities started Saturday night with a dinner at the Inn. Mrs. Black donated an original piece of work entitled The Blue Lady to the owners of the Inn, Dermot and Pamela O'Carroll. An oval of The Blue Lady was used in the making of show poster, which was on sale Sunday.

Sunday viewing of the art commenced until 1:30 p.m. The auction was by silent bid, and in all, there were 20 pieces on the bidding block, including two Canadian Heritage Dolls.

One of the main highlights of the afternoon was when Carole Black announced that the net proceeds of 365 Limited Edition prints and 30 ar-



The Terra Cotta Inn was the scene of a return to the Victorian era Sunday as an art auction, featuring the works of noted Canadian artist Carole Black was held. (Photo by Peter G. Moss Photography)

lists proofs of a new original entitled The Old Apple Tree would be donated and converted into toys and gifts for the Salvation Army Children's Christmas Fund. It is the Black family's hope that

their actions will instill the spirit of Christmas to the toy manufacturers and others, and that they will match the effort, thereby brightening an otherwise bleak Christmas for many.

Last Christmas Mrs. Black travelled to a local shopping mall in

order to donate gifts to the Salvation Army's Children's Christmas Fund. She noticed that virtually everything there was for the younger child, and nothing for the age 10-16 group.

She is hoping that this year through her efforts and the efforts of others, there will be something under the tree for everyone.

### Insurance Corner

By Lori Mills A.I.C.

Graduation is near and your son or daughter has been pestering you for months about their present. They've been throwing phrases around like, "Gee...if I had my own car, I wouldn't have to borrow yours so often," or "I really envy Joe. His parents are buying him a hot sports car for graduation."

Hold on, you want to join in the celebration and get your child something special; however, you wonder, is a car really needed or in their best interest? Before you decide to take the plunge, contact your insurance broker.

The most frequent and severe accidents occur to single males, under 21 years of age, who own their own car or have one provided for their exclusive use. As parents, look at your child's driving skills and attitude. Are they better than average, or could they use a little sharpening? If they aren't what they should be perhaps you should postpone the gift until you see a substantial improvement.

If you decide to spring for a car, remember the following: Don't buy an over-powered car. Most insurers base premiums on the loss history of a particular car model. You may also pay higher premiums for certain models that are frequently stolen.

Don't buy a car designed for speed or acceleration. Don't buy a car that is difficult or costly to repair. Research shows that two-door cars cost more to repair than four-door cars and that U.S. made cars tend to cost less to repair than their foreign counterparts. Do look for a car with good resale value.

Picking out a car that satisfies three people - your child, you, and your insurance company can be a successful and satisfying venture if you keep these important points in mind.



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## AHS gets into the action for the sake of Participaction



AHS report

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Herald Special

Participaction, get with the action...

And so Acton High took a leisurely stroll around the block to help support the fitness craze. I heard that Acton challenged Georgetown at this, and I want to know who won.

AHS doesn't have to ask who won the Halton Semi-final rugby match though, because we all know Acton did. The final score was 22-15, despite the fact that, at one point, Acton was down 15-0. We wish the rugby team the best of luck at the Haltons, and Steve Wagner, Jason Rogers and Collin Lewis deserve a hearty handshake for their outstanding performances.

It looks like Acton's anti-drinking and driving group (HHADD) is back, this time pushing bumper stickers (actually, they're rear window stickers). It seems that if the group can get 900 stickers out before June 15, then Acton receives a cheque for a cool \$500. The ladies are also entering summer workshop to educate Halton drivers. Summer is the worst time for impaired drivers.

The Outers are back, the Outers are back! Those hearty woodspeople are back from their canoe trip to Algonquin Park looking...healthy.

It seems the group had one sunny day, and the rest it poured rain. Did that dampen their spirits? No-siree! The group had a great time discovering nature.

Its Valedictorian time again. Students can nominate any Grade 12 student or a Grade 12 that doesn't plan to return next year. The ballot box is the office and I urge everyone to exercise their democratic right and vote. Results of this exciting race will be announced later. Will this election end up to be a mud-slinging affair, rife with scandal? We shall see...

The Athletic Society held their annual Athletic Banquet Thursday, May 28. They worked a lot of late nights to make the evening perfect, and ticket sales went well. Dinner

was held in the cafe with a dance in the gym. This event is always well attended and lots of fun - tuxedos, limousines, the whole bit.

The Three Amigos are here again! This time with an "End of Exams" bash to be held at the Acton Band Hall on Friday, June 19. The dance is 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. and the cost is a mere \$5.00. The amigos, better known as Pat Johnston, Chris Pulford and Chris Lewis are the self-made D.J.'s of the evening. Pat has helped out for a number of school dances, and hopes to build up a real, honest-to-pete business.

The AHS Band is holding an appreciation night to thank all those who supported them throughout the year. Isn't that swell of them?

Here's a news bulletin, June Levy, AHS's greatest art teacher is retiring this year. The school will truly miss Mrs. Levy. She was a rare person.

The art classes will be holding an art show to display their works, and it should make Mrs. Levy proud. Acton high has a lot of real talent in the art department.



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