



TEAMING UP -- Both artists, Jack and Maggie Reid enjoy a quiet moment in their studio in Brampton near the Credit River. Mr. Reid will

be exhibiting at the Halton Hills cultural centre gallery beginning July 8. (Herald photo)

## Artist regrets parting with cherished works

There are some paintings artist Jack Reid said he wished he'd never sold.

But soon he'll be able to attend a reunion of sorts with his older, but not forgotten works.

The Brampton-based watercolor painter is hosting an exhibition at the Halton Hills Library - Cultural Centre gallery July 8 - August 22.

To open the display is his old friend and television news announcer Peter Trueman.

The 62-year-old estimates he's painted between 1200-1500 paintings in his lifetime. Some of his most cherished works from his home or from collectors won't be for sale.

Paintings he has parted with will be coming back to the gallery for the show from places such as Burlington, Ottawa, and Montreal.

The landscape artist paints a variety of outdoor themes, but a common motif is almost always water in some form. There are beach scenes, seascapes, snow-laden rivers and old farm fences in his collection. He favors no geographical location, pointing to works representing places in British Columbia, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan.

## Ursel tribute annual brunch

Residents of Georgetown are planning a tribute to Ralph Ursel, long time worker in the Arts and entertainment communities in town. Ralph, a former Citizen of the Year, passed away last summer.

A group of Ralph's friends are kicking off their campaign this weekend, with contribution boxes at Art in Park at Cedarvale and at the High School reunion. Over the next year they hope to raise \$8,000 in capital, the interest on which will be used to provide entertainment for a Sunday brunch at the gallery every year.

Shortly before his death, Ralph worked on the Festival Five committee and it was his idea to bring in an extremely accomplished classical guitar duo for a brunch. He did not live to see this but it was a wonderful, intimate sitdown brunch in a beautiful setting. The music was superb. We know that Ralph would approve of this concept since he thought of it himself. The entertainment need not be classical, of course, but would likely vary from year to year.

If you would like to help raise funds or make a donation, contact campaign chairman, Lois Fraser, at 877-5545. All donations over \$10 will receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

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## Open air exhibits this Saturday for art lovers

The picturesque backdrop of Cedarvale Park along the Credit River will provide the setting for art lovers on Saturday (July 4) as Art in the Park settles in for what is hoped to be the first of many annual shows.

Organizer Wendy Buykes is thrilled with the variety of art slated to be on display. Included are works of watercolor, drawings, weaving, stained glass, photography, jewelry, oil painting and puppet making.

In all 20 artists from in and around the Halton Hills area will display their work at the show.

"I'm delighted at the variety," Mrs. Buykes said of Art in the Park.

New this year is a children's exhibit, Works from kids, ages eight to 18, will be on display in a special Art in the Park show.

It's the first time a children's show has been specially set up in an Art in the Park show, Mrs. Buykes said.

The whole concept of Art in the Park is not new to Georgetown, she said. Several years ago a similar event was held but this year's show hopes to be turned into an annual affair, she said.

Some local artists who intend to

display their work at Art in the Park are David Vance, Carol Black, Dick Robinson, watercolor and oil painting specialist Shirley Deaville and pen and ink drawing artist Bob Law.

The husband and wife team of Ruth and Tom Gibson will also set up at this year's Art in the Park. Ruth will display her landscape oil paintings while Tom will bring his photography work to view.

Mrs. Buykes is hoping for a good turnout at Art in the Park with all those extra people gathering in town for the Georgetown District High School reunion.

"We're hoping that with all the events that are going on in town with the reunion that it will provide more to look at," she said.

Art in the Park runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Artists exhibiting at the show have agreed to donate ten per cent of their proceeds made at the show to the Halton Hills Arts Council.

Food and refreshments will be on sale all day and music will ring out throughout the day.

## David Vance plans to display 3 oils

Here we were, thinking Art in the Park is such a unique idea, but David Vance of Norval set us straight. Seems that David has been displaying his paintings at Art in the Park for the past 20 years in Toronto. Sundays find the major parks in Toronto, such as Queens Park, High Park and Eglinton Park, crowded with people enjoying the sunshine and browsing through displays of various artists. One of those artists was David Vance, who owns the Four Winds Gallery in Norval.

David has painted for 34 years, mostly in oils and acrylics. He used to display at 26 shows a year but found that he enjoyed a quieter life when he came to Norval 12 years ago. His gallery is up for sale and David and his wife intend to retire to their native Ireland.

David intends to display three original paintings at Art in the Park as well as five limited edition prints. The prints are of the Georgetown Station, 3rd line West and other recognizable Norval scenes. Art in the Park is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on July 4th at Cedarvale Park. Admission and parking is free. Art in the Park is sponsored by the Halton Hills Arts Council.

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## Reid watercolor raffle

**Herald Special**  
An original water colour by artist Jack Reid will go to the winner of a Lucky Draw being held in connection with the Jack Reid exhibition this summer at the Library-Cultural Centre gallery.

The water colour painting, entitled "Ontario Autumn" is a lovely pastoral scene of an old farm home on a late afternoon in autumn. The framed original is 17" x 20" and would make a welcome addition to any home or art collection.

Tickets for the Lucky draw are presently on sale at the Aclon and Georgetown Libraries and will be available throughout the Jack Reid exhibition in the Georgetown gallery, July 8 to August 22nd. Draw tickets are \$2 each and the winner

will be picked at the close of the show.

Sponsors of the draw, the Friends of the Halton Hills Libraries will host an opening Gala in the gallery on Wednesday evening, July 8 which the artist and his wife will attend. During the opening and exhibition the group will also be offering for sale a number of other original Reid water colours and a selection of limited edition prints signed by the artist.

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