

# Two partners fell in love with country store style

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If you ever get tired of teaching you can always open up your own clothing shop. At least that is what bubbly Sheila Hampton, co-owner of The Village Shoppe, did.

Mrs. Hampton lived across the street from her partner, Judy Sutherland. They were both teachers although Mrs. Hampton only did supply teaching. She taught full-time in her native country of Britain.

Mrs. Hampton got to the point in her career where she had to decide whether or not to continue teaching or get into something else.

"I decided dropping it would be better," she said. Mrs. Hampton and Mrs. Sutherland would often drive around the area. It was the time when little country boutiques were in, she said.

The pair fell in love with downtown Bolton and decided to open their own store 12 years ago.

Their one store has grown to three with the Georgetown store at



SHEILA HAMPTON

91 Main Street South opening September 1980.  
The first The Village Shoppe

dealt mainly with pine furniture and hand-woven garments took up one corner of the store.

"We decided we hated selling pine furniture," Mrs. Hampton said. Eventually the clothing aspect of the business took over with the pine furniture becoming backdrops.

When she started out, Mrs. Hampton had no retail experience save for being a good consumer.

"We did it as we went along," she said. The owners realized that success does not come overnight but they just kept hanging in there.

"It is really very exciting," Mrs. Hampton said. What with the clothing styles changing four times a year with the seasons there is always something new.

The Village Shoppe sells mainly casual wear such as skirts, jackets, pants and blouses adding the extra dashes such as scarfs, hoisery and jewellery.

"It is lovely sending a customer out of the store all done," Mrs. Hampton said.

# Cathie offers a yarn or two

Georgetown Yarn and Crafts will strive to meet customers' needs and "if we don't have it, we'll try to get it for our customers," says owner Cathie McLean.

The Acton resident has been the owner of her Guelph Street store for 1 1/2 years. Her customers include people not only from Georgetown but from outlying areas.

The owner wants to stress her personal service which other larger stores wouldn't perhaps consider as important.

The store stocks various types of yarn, craft supplies, complete lines of art supplies, frames, mats, paper tole supplies and prints, smocking supplies, needlepoint, cross stitch and embroidery kits and supplies, and crochet supplies.

The store plans to carry wedding accessory supplies and also cut mats for regular and ovals and to do framing for paper tole and needlepoint.

Employed at the store are Joyce Harman and Diane Crawford. They can refer customers to a variety of books on all types of yarn and craft projects such as ribbon, buttons and courses on knitting, paper tole and crochet.



CATHIE MCLEAN

The owner enjoys crafts and is always looking for new ideas for her business.

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The store is located on Guelph

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