



Internationally-acclaimed artist Lea Vivot demonstrates one of the uses for her \$150,000 sculpture 'Lost Paradise - The Secret Bench'. Lea was at Artcast in Georgetown last week to take a final look at her work before it was delivered to a Yonge Street engineering firm. (Herald photo)

## Sculptor finds her Lost Paradise

The Secret Bench, designed by sculptor Lea Vivot, holds all the mystique of a Lost Paradise.

A young boy holding the symbolic apple of temptation, or knowledge, offers it to a girl who is a bit... hesitant.

"Although he's holding the apple, we're not sure who took the first bite. We must leave some doubt," says Ms. Vivot, creator of the \$150,000 bronze masterpiece destined to adorn the front of a Yonge Street engineering office.

'Lost Paradise - The Secret Bench' was molded at Artcast on Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown's answer to modern casting technology.

"Without these people (at Artcast)," says Ms. Vivot, "our work couldn't come to life." She drops by Artcast to witness "every step" of her creation unfold.

"When I sculpt, it is like giving birth to a child. When the sculpture is finished, that's the end. Now I send it out for people to learn from it," she says.

### Students sought for exchange

Interculture Canada, the nation's leading intercultural exchange organization, is scouting the country coast to coast for mature students, aged 15 to 18, interested in studying abroad for one full school year.

This non-profit, charitable organization is this year celebrating its tenth anniversary and wishes to see more young people join its growing class of international students. "It's the educational adventure of a lifetime," say Wendy and Rob Weafer, active volunteers for the organization in Aurora, "and the time to plan it is now."

Mr. and Mrs. Weafer are concerned that not enough students are aware of the availability of this kind of intercultural learning experience. "It really is worth knowing about," they say. "Our students come home with a wealth of knowledge, skills and first-hand experiences, which opens up a lot of doors."

Placements through Interculture Canada are available in over thirty countries around the world. For countries whose school calendar begins in winter, such as Australia or Brazil, students must apply before Sept. 25, 1988. For the remaining summer departure destinations, Nov. 30, 1988 is the application deadline.

"It's an opportunity not to be missed," conclude Mr. and Mrs. Weafer. "Not only do our students develop more self-confidence through the experience, but by living with a carefully chosen host family, they also get a real and lasting taste of life in a completely different part of the world - a challenging education in itself."

Interculture Canada is a member of AFS Intercultural Programs, the world's largest network of international student exchange programs established in 1947 and now operating in over 70 countries. Participation fees are comparable to the amount normally spent on an adolescent over an 11-month period. Orientation camps, the support of local counsellors, and full-time national office assistance in all member countries distinguish the reputed quality of this organization's exchange program. Financial assistance is available.

For more information, contact Wendy and Rob Weafer at (416) 225-4892, or toll-free, 1-800-361-7248.

At 38, Ms. Vivot has had her own children, including a son who passed away. And as an emigrant from Czechoslovakia 18 years ago, she has seen and heard much.

"In this day and age, children are constantly bombarded by their surroundings. They have lost their paradise because they have lost their childhood, as a mother there is so much danger everywhere for your children, but you have to have hope," she says.

'Lost Paradise - The Secret Bench' is meant to inspire hope. As a piece of artwork, it allows the expression of secrets, thoughts that occupy youthful minds and adult projections for the youth culture.

Tiny footprints and handprints are molded into the gleaming bronze of the sculpture, and handwritten messages are scrawled across the wood-like structure.

"I approached some people to contribute some wishes and inspirations for future generations," said Ms. Vivot.

Ms. Vivot herself added several graffiti phrases, including a Latin phrase that translates roughly as "each day teaches itself," or we learn more each day. Another Latin phrase on the Bench translates to mean "you don't get good by accident." French writing on the Bench translates into "I am poor, but I am happy," and continues on to say why. A disconcerting message on the artwork is "We all share the same SUN, but not the same FOOD."

But Lea Vivot is optimistic about our next generation. "Children are our greatest natural resource," she said. And she believes that artwork is wonderful expression for children, and good therapy for young ones lacking self-esteem.

"I have not yet found a child who is not imaginative, creative and sensitive."

Lea Vivot's sculptures are displayed throughout North America, and have been inspired by her international lifestyle. She has four homes, in New York, Prague, Acapulco and the other a farm in Kleinburg, Ontario.

Anyone who has visited Toronto General Hospital on University Avenue has likely seen the sculpture of a breast-feeding mother sitting on a round bench while two children play in the sand.

And Ms. Vivot would like to see real children play in the sand alongside the bronze figures.

One of her sculptures located near McGill University in Montreal, is a popular spot for students to gather and chat.

And Lea Vivot expresses hope that 'Lost Paradise - The Secret Bench' will be a friend to some person sitting down to have lunch or to a vagrant finding a bed for the night.

Despite her detachment from the sculpture once it's completed, Lea Vivot will still frequent the spots where her benches are located to see if people are enjoying them.

"I stand nearby, maybe taking pictures of trees and the landscape, looking at the bench," she says. "People ask me 'do you want us to move, do you want us to get out of your way?' I say 'no, you are the most important part of the art'."

## Scouts head back to the pack

By JEAN LAYMAN  
Herald Special

The spirit of Scouting has a special magic when Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers register in September for the 1988-89 year.

Friendships are formed and memories made that can last a lifetime, whether it be a young member or a Volunteer Leader.

Programs are designed for the sections to have FUN.

Beavers - Boys five, six and seven years old develop a love of nature, ability to share and understand the meaning of a spiritual fellowship.

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Scouts - Boys 11 years old to 14 develop skills through an achievement and challenge badge system. Outdoor activities, games and camping skills develop the boys to be responsible citizens.

Venturers - Youth from 14 to 17 years old work together as a company in the planning and operation of action-oriented outdoor programs, while learning to handle adult responsibility in the operation of their own affairs.

Registrations will be held:

### Legion Lines

By J.T. HAYES

The Branch mourns the passing of our Comrade John Hole.

A Legion Service will be held Thursday evening, Sept. 8 with a meeting at the Branch at 8:30 p.m. and the service at 9 p.m. The funeral is at 1:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to John's family at this time.

CAR CLUB: Doris Chamberlain and her crew of volunteers are all set for Friday night. Are you?

Once again the conclusion of another car draw is upon us. It really does seem such a short time ago that Cec Greenslade was being congratulated in the auditorium as the winner of the 35th car.

This Friday night Sept. 9, we will have another very happy car club winner. "Come on down" at 7 p.m. to witness the draw.

Weekly winners for Sept. 1 are 002 Albert Bisschop, 23 Verna Stapleton, 291 Stan Lorusso, 314 Ron Knight, 61 Dave Ward, and 247 Gordon McKeenan.

ZONE CONVENTION B7 is on Sept. 11 at Branch 486, Bronte at 1:30 p.m. The branch will be sending delegates, and members may attend as observers.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON MEAT DRAW: This week's lucky winners are Doug Davis, Sarah Richards, Bill Richards, Jake Timpson, Bill Weir, Rick McNiven, Marg Tutty, Joe Martin, Jessie Bunton, Gord Harley and Bill Kirby. The roast was won by Rick McNiven.

INITIATION TEAM: Note change in the date. Next practice Sept. 25.

Sept. 7 for 4th Georgetown Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Leaders at St. Andrews United Church, 7 p.m. Contact person is Bryan Osatchuk 877-7155.

Sept. 12 for 1st Limehouse at Limehouse Public School starting at 7 p.m. Contact person is Mary Jane Socha 877-8140.

Sept. 12 for 1st Acton at the Acton Scout Hall at 7 p.m. Contact person is Sam Assad 853-3019.

Sept. 13 for 2nd Georgetown at St. George's Anglican Church (downstairs) at 7 p.m. Contact person is Brent Collier.

Sept. 13 for 3rd Acton at Acton Scout Hall 7 p.m.

Sept. 14 for 1st Glen Williams at St. Alban's Anglican Church at 7 p.m. Contact person is Diane Yeung 877-1902

Sept. 14 for 1st Hornby at Hillcrest United Church, Ashgrove at 7 p.m.

Sept. 15 for 1st Georgetown at St. John's United Church Hall at 7 p.m. Contact person is Don Buckles 877-4724.

Sept. 19 for 5th Georgetown (tentative date) at St. Francis of Assisi School. Contact person is Sue Deeley 873-0391.

Leaders are always needed for the largest youth group in the world. Training is available so please contact District Commissioner Elaine Hannah at 877-7492, North Halton District President Rick Golding at 877-8774 or Jean Layman at 877-6424.

If you can help the boys to have fun and fellowship, North Halton District Scouting would be glad to have you.

### Ballinafad

## Corn roast planned

By BETTY SOJKA

Ballinafad Correspondent  
The recent Hall Board meeting for Ballinafad proved to be very productive.

Duties were assigned for the upcoming Corn Roast Dance on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 9 p.m. at the Community Centre. It should be a great dance with J.V. providing the music and fresh corn, to boot. Tickets are \$12 a couple and are available at the General Store.

Jim Bailey attended the Hall Board meeting to share in the planning of the new baseball diamond. A subcommittee of four will be travelling to Cheltenham to see the dia-

mond recently placed there. Plans are laid to have at least a roughed-in diamond by the fall.

Stan Ashby, President of the Hall Board attended a meeting of the Erin Township Recreational Committee in an effort to secure funds for the new diamond. The next Hall Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 28 when it is hoped that a member of the Halton Hills council will attend.

The Jim Dandies won their game against Double Trouble. Cathy hit a homerun while Sandra made an awesome play to get a runner out at home. Marion, the pitcher, threw a strong game with several strikeouts.

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**Halton Hills Municipal Offices**  
Committee Rooms - Trafalgar Road

The Regional Municipality of Halton is proposing to reconstruct the building that houses the wells at Cedarvale Park, Halton Hills (Georgetown). The plans showing the proposed design will be on display for review and comment.

Halton invites you to stop by the Information Centre any time during the period noted above. This will allow you the opportunity to review the details of the project and to allow for an exchange of ideas on the renovations. Representatives of Halton and its Consultant will be available.

For further information, please contact Mr. G. Prior, Plant Supervisor, at 878-6171, and/or Mr. V. Sulfolotta, Manager, Water Plant Operations at 827 2151, Ext. 262

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