

Cottage is home for artists

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Granted, when you view the exterior, you may well question the importance of the Cedarvale Cottage to the Credit Valley Artisans.

The cottage's importance does not lie in grandeur of accommodations. It is more than anything a state of mind and we tend to view the cottage as our spiritual home.

It is difficult to explain the sense of well being and the happiness that comes from knowing that we have the use of the cottage. The feeling is very much akin to the feeling of returning home and seeing old familiar faces. Perhaps, it's a sense of belonging.

The membership is now filled with a sense of accomplishment and a deserving pride. Victory has replaced the look of defeat and that type of positive atmosphere can only be constitutive to the creative process.

Within the four cottage walls, there are housed four guilds. The guilds are the Heritage Handweavers, Palette and Pencil Club, the potters and the stain glass crafters. The Credit Valley Artisans welcome equally the amateur artisan and the professional artisans.

When you join, you have the use of the cottage and the equipment of your guild. There is a comfort in knowing that you can share your ideas with fellow artisans as well as being able to seek knowledge from them. The CVA maintains a strong support system for its members. You can always find a few encouraging words and expert advice.

It is our hope that more people will join the CVA and take advantage of the Cedarvale Cottage's facilities.

The Georgetown Little Theatre is holding a benefit performance of Night Must Fall at the John Elliott Theatre, 9 Church Street, Georgetown, this Thursday, Feb. 16. Curtain time is 8 p.m. and tickets are \$10. Afterwards, the CVA will be serving coffee and refreshments in the art gallery. What a perfect way to meet members of the CVA by enjoying an evening of drama and art.

Contact Linda Parker for further ticket information at 853-0361.

Guides gear up for cookie sales

If you were asked how long the Girl Guides of Canada have been selling cookies, you'd have to think back a number of years to come up with the answer.

The truth is, selling cookies has been a major source of funds for the Girl Guides for 60 years.

In 1929, the Girl Guides of Toronto needed a new roof for their barn at Camp Bonita Glen. To raise money for the work, they sold 9,000 boxes of cookies, and since then, selling cookies has become a national fundraising project throughout the Girl Guides organization in Canada.

Last year, there were 2,566,036 boxes of cookies sold.

Being a member of the Girl Guides means that participating in the annual cookie sales is expected. The revenue generated helps all levels of guiding.

The cost per box remains at \$2.25. Sales began Feb. 11 and will continue until the end of this month.

Unfortunately, due to the cost of production, the peanut butter variety of Girl Guide cookies will



not be available. Cookie orders that were placed in advance will be delivered in mid-April.

projects. The tradition of selling Girl Guide cookies dates back 60 years. (Photo submitted)

Purchasing a box of Girl Guide cookies is an excellent way to help a very worthwhile organization.

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