



Local craftsman Ross Colter shows some of his wood work on display at the Georgetown Cultural Centre until Sept. 9. Mr. Colter practises the age-old craft of marquetry, creating figures out of wood pieces. (Herald photo)

Ross Colter exhibition starts at cultural centre

For over 30 years, J. Ross Colter of Georgetown has chipped away at his hobby of marquetry and has produced life-like portraits and landscapes using wood.

Some of his works have won awards in competition at the Canadian National Exhibition. His exhibition this month at the Georgetown Cultural Centre in Georgetown marks the third time since 1965 that his works have been in that gallery.

Wood veneers for marquetry come from trees grown worldwide. There is rosewood from Brazil, Tamo from Japan, teak from India, Paldao from the Philippines, eucalyptus from Australia,

Zebrano from Africa and maple from Canada.

Marquetry is described as "the ancient art and craft of making pictures and designs using various aspects of wood veneers."

The thin wood veneers are cut to shape using either a knife or a fret saw. The pieces are put together in the same manner as a jigsaw puzzle, Mr. Colter says.

The work is "glued to a firm backing, sanded smooth, and oiled with a clear finish to produce a finished picture."

Mr. Colter's exhibition opened Aug. 23 and runs until Sept. 9 at the cultural centre.

Serjeantson wants report on roads

Halton Hills Regional Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson said Wednesday that she wants a status report on the roads review committee formed this spring under the Region of Halton.

Coun. Serjeantson, along with Coun. Fred Oliver of Oakville, Milton Coun. Bill Johnson and Burlington Coun. Barry Quinn were assigned to the roads committee to report on the condition of Halton's roads.

The four councillors toured the Region recently with Sgt. Ken Bonham of the Halton Regional Police traffic division. The group made comments that have not been distributed to Regional council members, Coun. Serjeantson said.

Halton Region investigating food poisoning

Halton Region's health department is investigating an incident of food poisoning that affected 32 to 40 people attending a wedding in Georgetown last week.

North Halton area health supervisor Neil Patullo said the affected people were among a group of 99 people at the wedding. The food served was purchased at Loblaw's grocereria in South Common Mall.

But Peel Region's health department says there have been no incidents of food poisoning connected with the Millcreek Drive store. Environmental health supervisor Akbar Ali said the food itself may not be the cause of the food poisoning. Preparation of the food could result in illness, he said.

The food served at the wedding was prepared by a caterer.

Halton's health department is contacting all those suspected of having food poisoning and asking them what they ate at the wedding. An investigation is ongoing, Mr. Patullo said.



These tykes celebrated winning the boat race at Cedarvale Park last week. The troupe was one of many organized by the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department. Each winner got a balloon with a candy inside. (Herald photo)

What does AMO do for us? Region asks

Halton Regional councillors questioned Wednesday what AMO - the Association of Municipalities of Ontario - has done for Halton region.

A report prompted by a complaint from Oakville Coun. Fred Oliver caused Regional staff to investigate what AMO has done for Halton Region.

"The answer must be that AMO has not done anything specific for Halton," the report says, but "the question, however, can be reversed to ask 'what would the Provincial government do if the efforts of AMO were not there at all.'"

But councillors were not satisfied with the staff report.

"In my opinion (AMO) is a costly operation with no results," Coun. Oliver said.

"It's a useless organization," said Milton Coun. Bill Johnson.

Some councillors argued that

Halton could protect its interests by staying in AMO and continuing to send representatives to meetings.

Burlington Coun. Rob Forbes said at 600 member-municipalities, AMO's size makes it "very difficult to alter, to change the direction of" what he calls an "elephant" organization.

But Halton should stay in AMO as long as the municipal body that lobbies the provincial government exists, he said.

Halton Chairman Peter Pomeroy said Halton has "done our share" in contributing to AMO.

"The only disappointment in all this is the fact that AMO has a lot of work to do to establish itself as a credible force."

Halton Region was not voting on whether or not to stay in AMO at Wednesday's meeting, the chairman said.

Golden circle

The Golden Circle Seniors Club will hold its first meeting on Sept. 5 at St. Andrew's Church Hall on Mountainview Rd. South in Georgetown at 1:30 p.m.

Seniors meet

By FLORENCE SMITH
After another quiet summer Georgetown and District Seniors Association is ready for an active fall and winter. Many projects are being planned. May I suggest that you tune into Cable 4 at 7 p.m. on Sept. 6 or if you miss that one tune in on Sept. 20 to see and hear an interview with our president Les Mellish. It will be interesting and informative. The interview will do much to explain our aims and plans.

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