

Arts Alive awards take centre stage



The Kenneth R. Harrison Award

During his concert Saturday evening, at the John Elliott Theatre, John Arpin (right) took time to present Paul Brisley (left) with the Kenneth R. Harrison Award in recognition of his dedication to teaching music to children in Halton Hills, as part of the Arts Alive awards ceremony. (Herald Photo)



Visual Arts Award

Fran and Frank Anthony (left) are presented with the Arts Alive Award for Visual Arts by Committee member Linda Parker (right) for their many visual and creative arts. The couple are treasurer and president of the Credit Valley Artisans and executive members of the Palette and Pencil Club. (Herald Photo)



The Ralph Urset Award

Accepting the Ralph Urset Award Saturday evening from Arts Alive Committee Member Lois Fraser was John Sommer. John has arranged countless exhibits at the Cultural Centre's gallery and writes a weekly newspaper column, for the Halton Hills Herald, focusing on the arts. (Herald photo)



Patron of the Arts Award

Norma Elliot (left), owner of Georgetown Terminal Warehouse, accepted the Halton Hills Patron of the Arts Award from Gary Brand (right). Georgetown Terminal Warehouse has supported local theatre for the past 10 years through the loan of vehicles to move sets. For five years they provided set building space at no charge to both Georgetown Little Theatre and Georgetown Global Productions. (Herald Photo)



Performing Arts Award

Maureen Walker (right) of the Arts Alive Committee presented local actor Ron Hunt (left) with the Arts Alive Award for Performing Arts. Mr. Hunt has been a delightful comedic actor in 42 plays as well as directing and stage managing for 23 years for the Georgetown Little Theatre. (Herald Photo)

Pharmacy Awareness week is aimed at the consumer

Making people aware of services offered by pharmacists is the main reason behind Pharmacy Awareness Week, which runs November 4 to 8.

A recent letter from the Ontario Pharmacist's Association states "two to five per cent of seniors admitted to hospitals are there because of adverse reactions to prescription drugs."

Through this awareness week and current record systems in local pharmacies, one-on-one consultation is stressed.

Al Fraser, associate pharmacist for Shopper's Drug Mart in Georgetown said he doesn't believe there is a large problem in the area of people taking the wrong medication.

"People are a lot more careful than they are given credit for," said Mr. Fraser. He said Shopper's Drug Mart is currently installing a

new medication record system for its customers.

When people come in to fill a prescription they will receive a wallet-size medication record.

"We have the current information on the computer system," said Mr. Fraser. He said the pharmacist would know what the last prescription was and any helpful medical information would be listed.

"A pharmacist is easier to get hold of than a doctor," said Mr. Fraser.

Ken Milne of Milne Home Care and Prescriptions, said activity ideas during Pharmacy Awareness Week will be discussed at his employees next staff meeting but as yet, no specific activity ideas have been decided upon.

Mr. Milne also said he encounters very few cases of people taking the wrong medication or having

allergic reactions to wrong medication.

"An allergic reaction can take many different forms from nausea to the extreme life-threatening cases. There is a broad range of reactions," he said.

Mr. Milne also said his pharmacy has had a computer system for approximately 15 years. He said it gives a breakdown of the patient's drug history.

Coloring contests, lectures on smoking, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, diabetes and drug abuse are a few suggested activities.

"Pharmacy Awareness Week is a way of making people more aware of what we (the pharmacist) can do and the information we can provide. 'Before You Take It, Talk About It' is the pharmacist's slogan - we can tell you why you are taking medication, what it does and how to take it," said Mr. Milne.