



Janice Gittings and Catherine Ward find soldering the glass pieces together is not as simple as it looks when done by instructor Kathleen Peace. The first class of the two day seminar was held Sunday, with the other this coming Sunday. Classes are under the auspices of the Credit Valley Artisans.

Nature's Way

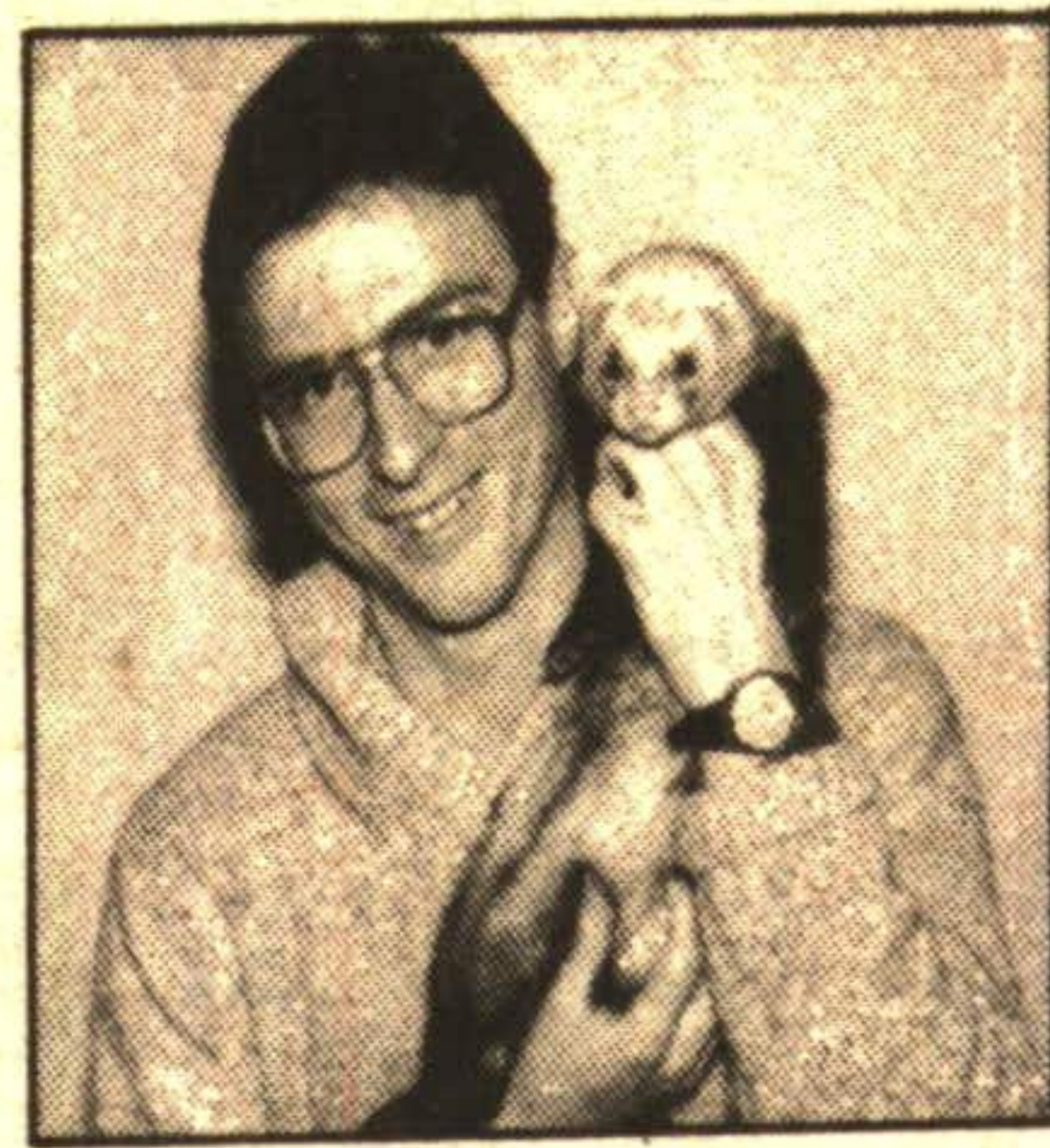
Lonely land

By KEVIN CALLAN

It was early summer in the mountains of Jasper, Alberta. The morning sun was busy burning away the mythical mist covering the scenic landscape of the Rockies. Soon, I would be a part of the unveiled postcard picture for an extended four-week solo trek.

Taking a deep breath I adjusted my backpack and mentally prepared myself for the magic and mystery awaiting me in the secluded wilderness. Any second thoughts were quickly drowned out by a powerful inner magnet constantly pulling me towards the lonely land, filled with the personal ingredients for a true adventure.

The first few hours were spent enjoying the breathtaking scenery enveloping me from all sides; I had no regrets about going alone. Later in the day, however, I stopped along side a glacial stream to pick some fresh mountain strawberries. My sixth sense caused me to suddenly turn around and I came eye-to-eye with an illusive black wolf. The cautious canine was concerned about an elk carcass he had left upwind from me. I tried to explain that I was only interested in a few strawberries, but for some strange reason I didn't think he quite understood my intentions.



The frustrating spell cast upon me by this virgin wilderness filled my mind with realistic nightmares. Fearing the unknown I tried desperately to fight the hesitation of completing my four-week solo adventure. To be honest, at this particular time my planned backpacking trip became a questionable madness; alone in the mountains surrounded by unknown territory, not another human for miles, and a big bad wolf mistaking me for a young blonde girl wearing a red hood. I made haste down the trail and left the wolf to his elk dinner.

All afternoon I hiked through the heavily forested valley, occasionally catching scent of canine urine or hearing the sound of a sharp bark or growl. It was obvious the entire valley was territory for a small pack of wolves.

Panic didn't actually strike my shaken emotions until the sun started to leave the lonely land, leaving me and its wild inhabitants to settle our disputes. With the blackness of midnight closing in on my camp I curled myself up into the protective fetus position. I could hear the wolves circle the tent and

without warning, suddenly yelp out their deafening calls which pierced the night—I was alone and afraid!

After a sleepless night I exited my tent to discover a number of paw prints marking up the dirt at an uncomfortably close distance to my camp.

In record time my equipment was stuffed into my pack. I was eager to leave this wolf infested valley and head for home. Just as I was about to retreat, however, I caught a glimpse of the solitary black wolf peering from a nearby rock ledge.

That inner magnet, embarrassment from my cowardly actions, and pure common sense made me do the unthinkable. I set up camp once again, forcing myself to struggle through another sleepless night in 'death valley.'

It wasn't long until the stage was set once again. The actors, canine villains and the paranoid camper, took their places in the darkened theatre. The dramatic nightmare was about to begin. When the wolves cried out into the night for the second time, however, the script was drastically changed. Their lonely calls turned into a beautiful song lulling me into a peaceful slumber.

I spent the rest of the days and nights in the 'lonely land' never once feeling truly alone. My imaginary nightmares were drowned out by realistic dreams. Life filled every valley, mountain pass and glacial stream I came across and every darkened night echoed out the songs of the friendly souls. There was nothing to fear except fear itself!

New phone books being delivered

New telephone directories are being delivered to homes and businesses in Halton and Peel regions.

The cover of the new phone book displays a montage of people and places linked by technology—from offices to schools, from rural to urban settings, Bell's telecommunications system keeps people in touch.

By the end of February, Bell expects to deliver telephone directories to almost 500,000 homes and businesses. "We want to encourage members of the public to take a few minutes to look through the front pages of the phone book," says Nancy Creede, Bell manager. "They'll find all kinds of information about their phone service."

Customers who do not receive their directories, should call 599-1400 after March 1.

Bingo night

Brampton and District Branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association holds Bingo Night every second Tuesday of the month. Join us at the Diamond Bingo Hall, 7.15 p.m. Call 458-1648 for more information.

The Valentine quiz returns

Hallmark Cards again introduces the Lover's Quiz based on some of the company's Valentine's Day cards.

The quiz was brought back by popular demand to try to put you in the spirit of Valentine's Day—with spring around the corner.

How to play

This year there is a bit of a twist to the quiz! First, read the column on the left, which will have that "perfect mate", to then be traced to the message in the column on the right.

So... Good luck both with our quiz and finding that "perfect mate" in the flesh which we hope will be just as fun!

Lover's Quiz

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| 1. then I met you! | A. Please... |
| 2. Do you ever get the urge to... | B. Chocolate was my favourite temptation... |
| 3. Your pyjamas or mine? | C. Pssst, sweetheart, there's something I want to share with you on Valentine's Day! |
| 4. I always like gifts that can be returned | D. ? |
| 5. Me! Happy Valentine's Day! | E. Special friends like you... |
| 6... make friendships extra special | F. How about a pyjama party on Valentines's day? |
| 7... be mine! | G. Thank you for your gift of love! |

Answers: 1 - B, 2 - D, 3 - F, 4 - G, 5 - C, 6 - E, 7 - A

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