



Elizabeth's Fashions was pleased to be a part of the POWER of Fashion fund-raising event for the local environmental group Tuesday. The fall line of fashions available at the local store was a hit. About 250 people were on hand at Club 2000 for the event.

Legislation threatens property rights:realtors

Watershed conservation regulations that prevent homeowners from building additions, zoning laws that stymie affordable housing projects, historical designations that prohibit needed alterations...

These are the kind of legislative threats to property rights to which the Ontario Real Estate Association is trying to alert the public this week.

Ontario Home Week — Sept. 23 to 29 — is a time to celebrate the joys and benefits of home ownership, but it's also a time to consider the problems involved.

Co-sponsored by the Brampton Real Estate Board, which handles the Georgetown area, and other associations around Ontario, Ontario Home Week 1990 is designed to reassure prospective buyers that real estate is still very much a sound and worthwhile investment.

It reminds homeowners of the comfort and security they enjoy in owning property. *The Shelter Quilt*, an ethereal poster by Georgetown illustrator James Tughan, was commissioned specially for this week to depict the warmth and ease inherent in ownership.

But at the same time, certain laws — or a lack of them — have the potential to undermine rights that should be fundamental to property ownership, the Real Estate Association warns.

The right to buy, own and occupy property, to maintain privacy by excluding others from your home, to sell, rent or give away property, to leave it in any condition you wish, to enjoy the goods derived from it, like agricultural

produce, and even the right to destroy your own property if you so desire — these are the "rights" we've come to associate with property ownership.

But most Canadians don't realize there is no guaranteed right to even own private property in Canada. The rights and privileges protected by our Constitution and its Charter of Rights and Freedoms do not include property rights.

Often taken for granted, property rights stand as guidelines for government, but can be overridden by it at any time if the "public good" is cited.

We have empowered government to regulate individual rights in the interest of the public wellbeing.

But the Ontario Real Estate Association is concerned that the delicate balance between the common good and private property rights is often in jeopardy.

Numerous cases across Canada have made it clear that sometimes individuals lose their rights and suffer personal and financial hardship because of statutory restrictions.

Provincial law, tribunals, government agencies, Crown corporations and municipal bylaws and zoning regulations have all played a role in undermining private property rights.

And that's something the Real Estate Association wants you to consider during Ontario Home Week.

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Ebenezer

Matthew 20 subject of sermon

By MRS. R. McLEAN
Don't miss the second annual Nassagaweya Art Show and Sale at Brookville Community Centre on today (Sept. 29). Twenty five distinguished artists from across Ontario are offering their works.

Rev. Betty Griffiths-Ling, now in Victoria B.C., and her son David and his wife, presently living in Scarborough, renewed friendship at Ebenezer on Sunday. Ken Griffiths was minister here 30 years ago. They moved to the Maritimes, and after Ken's death Betty was ordained as the minister. David has made the Navy his life's work. He expects to be transferred to Halifax soon.

Rev. Sam Wigston, made his

remarks from Bible passages from Exodus 32. The Hebrew people complained because their neighbors in the desert had Gods they could see and touch. In Philippians 1, Paul riding from prison had to chose whether to give up or continue to spread the good news by letter. In the Gospel passage from Matthew 20, the owner of the vineyard hired workers in the morning for a reasonable wage then twice later in the day he hired others. When they were all paid the same at the end of the day it did not seem fair. This gives us an insight into the mind of God. Our right to Salvation is not contingent on how long we've worked in the vineyard, nor on what the world would say.

We are not alone, with help from the Holy Spirit we can do much. Salvation is automatically a given for everyone.

Exhibition and sale

Arts and Crafts of Georgetown will host its The 48th Annual Exhibition and Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. October 6, at the North Halton Golf and Country Club on Maple Ave. at Trafalgar Rd. The day features a buffet luncheon, guest artists and a craft demonstration. Admission is \$1.

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