

Local women teach hands-on heritage

A Hands-on Heritage Craft Day was held April 27 at the Erland Lee Museum Home in Stoney Creek. This Heritage Home is owned and maintained by the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario. Norine Van Leeuwen and her daughter Margaret- Anne Becker attended. There were five courses of Victorian handcrafts offered that were of the type that would have been done by rural women of that

Battenburg Lace — instructed by Dora Galloway of Waterloo. This needle lace dates to the 14th century. During Queen Victoria's reign when her daughter married the Prince of Battenburg wearing her mother's lace, this lace became known as Battenburg lace. It is also known as Brussels lace.

Victorian Paper Work - instructed by Heather Reichheld of Townsend. While the elite ladies of the 19th century were working with fine linens, silks and metallic threads, ladies of lesser means punched holes in paper to do their stitching art. The ladies made such a fine job of their paper stitchery that wealthier ladies began to use silk threads to stitch paper. From 1850 to the end of the century this

art was popular. Norine Van Leeuwen has a sampler worked by her great aunt Jemina Early about

Needlepoint — instructed by Verna Maluske of Chesley. This needle work was used by the Egyptians and the Romans to fancy up their clothing. Chinese used silk to cross stitch since the 12th century. In England the tent stitch has been used from the 15th century to modern times. In 1800, Germany had beautiful needlepoint patterns that they stitched with soft wool from Merino sheep. They discovered how to color these patterns formerly black and white.

Rug braiding - instructed by Joan Lindsay of Limehouse. Rug braiding originated in pioneer New England. Pioneer women spun wool of their sheep to weave fabric. When their blankets and coats got

worn they cut them in strips to braid rugs for their cold floors of earth, wood and slate. Country homes today display braided rugs, place mats, wall hangings, etc., made from old and new fabrics that are color coordinated.

Quilting — instructed by Norma Alexander of Georgetown. Quilted garments were used for protection by Knights in the Middle Ages and are still used for warmth in northern China. A quilt to us is a bed covering which when pieced used every available scrap of material our ancestral mothers could find. Quilts are truly American and every pioneer bride strived to have a dozen in her dower chest.

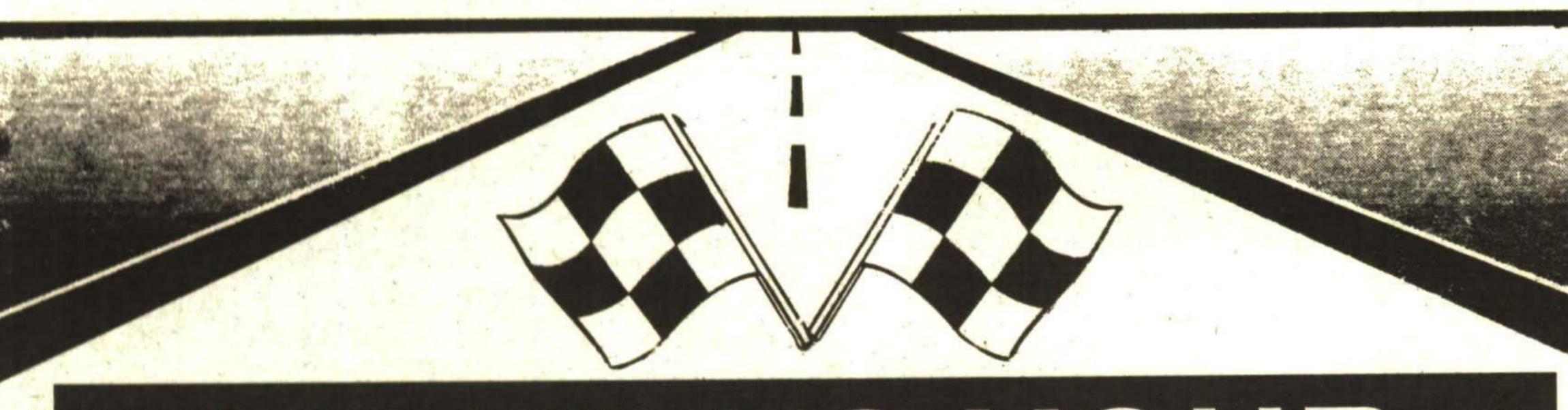
This Heritage Day was a first at the "Lee" and really worthwhile. The weather and the fellowship added to the day's enjoyment.

Amnesty International

The next meeting of the Amnesty International — Halton Hills Group will be held Tuesday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis School, Duncan Dr., Georgetown. Come and be a part of this worldwide human rights movment. Further information: 877-0331.

GDHS spring concert

On May 23, Georgetown District High School presents their annual Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m. at the school. Performances include the intermediate band, junior jazz band, the choir, the stage band and the gold medal winning Wind Ensemble. Tickets are available at the door.



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