

Annual bazaar discussed at IODE monthly meeting

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Spring is on the way. With more ladies out on this crisp cold night we start our spring work. Seems like we work all year round.

We received a very nice thank you note from Halton Women's Place and we certainly were pleased to know we helped out 17 families and 72 children have a happier Christmas thanks to the IODE. We are sure that there are more than the IODE that had a hand in this as well.

Our Citizenship lady tells us about the article in a local paper that tells how foolish we can be at times. Good sales persons can talk us into a lot of things we really don't want. How one family took the bait and lost a bundle. It's hard to say no when we should do just that at times.

We have the go ahead for a place to hold our November bazaar. It's a **'Break' into spring at Michael's**

March and the sweet fragrance of Spring also brings with it the ever popular school break where Moms and Dads alike are endeavouring to find projects and activities for their kids.

Does the thought of cabin fever during that week leave you anxious to firm up some plans? Are you already thinking Easter bunnies? You'll be happy to know that there are lots of ideas for you to investigate, from making easy and fun craft projects at home, to registering your children for craft classes in the community.

The question is where to begin. The local Michaels Arts and Crafts Superstore (with locations in both Oakville and Burlington) is chalk full of activities, from Fun Craft idea sheets to Kids Club craft classes. Below, enjoy making a wreath where the whole family can participate.

Straw Hat Bunny Wreath

Materials: 16" Straw Hat, 2 10" Straw Hats, White Design Master Spray Paint, 4 Yards of Colorful Easter Ribbon, 2 Purple Petunia Silk Flower Bushes, 2 Pink Rose Silk Flower Stems, Package of White Curly Hair, Sheet each of Pink and White Fun Foam, 4 2" White Pom Poms, 2 1 1/2" Pink Pom Poms, 4 28mm Wiggle Eyes, 4 Iridescent Chenille Stems, 5 Egg Picks in Assorted Colors.

Basic Supplies: Scissors, glue gun and glue sticks (adults), craft glue (children).

Directions:

- In a well ventilated area, spray both straw hats white. Allow to dry thoroughly.
- Cut 4 large bunny ear shapes from white fun foam (approximately 6" in length) and 4 smaller bunny inner ear shapes (approximately 5" in length) from pink fun foam. Glue pink pieces inside white pieces to make 4 ears. Glue ears to top of hats, leaving approximately 1" between ears.
- Glue 2 white pom poms to crown of each hat for cheeks. Glue a pink pom pom under cheeks on each hat for nose. Fold all 4 chenille stems in half and glue 1 into each cheek for whiskers.
- Glue a pair of eyes to each hat. For girl bunny hat, glue white curly hair to top of 1 hat and allow to hang down on each side.
- For boy bunny hat, glue a small bit of curly hair to top of head. Bend down brim of hat and glue to top of head over hair.
- Cut flower stems apart and glue an assortment into girl bunny's hair.
- Glue girl bunny hat to top left side of wreath and boy bunny hat to bottom right.
- Glue large spray of mixed flowers on left side or wreath and insert 5 eggs picks into flowers. Secure with glue.
- Use 3 yards of ribbon to make a multi-loop. Glue bow to girl bunny's neck. Use remaining ribbon to make a bow tie for boy and glue at his neck.

long way off but we must get started they tell us. As well we as always we are looking for new members and the motto this year is "If it is going to be, it is up to me". And so we invite anyone of the ladies in town to come join us and together we might help others not so lucky. Everyone welcome. First Tuesday of the month Knox Church at 7:30 p.m.

Our National convention this year will be held in Richmond B.C. May 25th to 29th.

Lots of good ideas cam out in discussion about Bazaar. We hope to make a better than usual one this year with all the ladies working together. What with Doll stuffed animals, Teddy Bears, etc., raffles and whatever we hope you will come visit.

The wool has already been given out to the knitters to start to work before summer sets in when it is too hot to knit.

Treasurer, Elma Braido and Regent Ernestine Foster attended "Founders Day" at Cutten Club in Guelph Feb 12th. Guest speaker Margaret Rolson Murray.

Our next meeting will be April 5th at Knox Church, 7:30 p.m.

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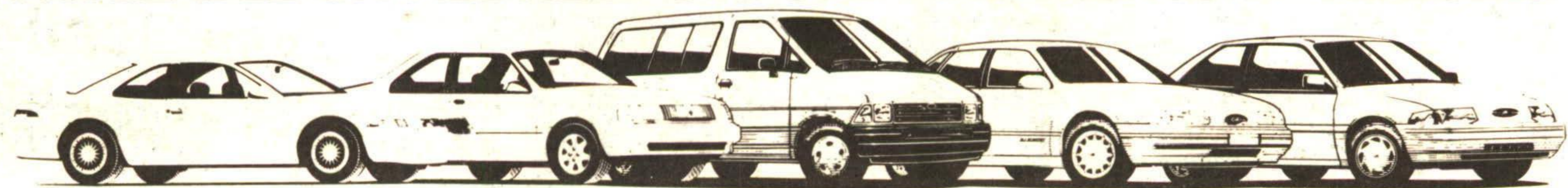


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