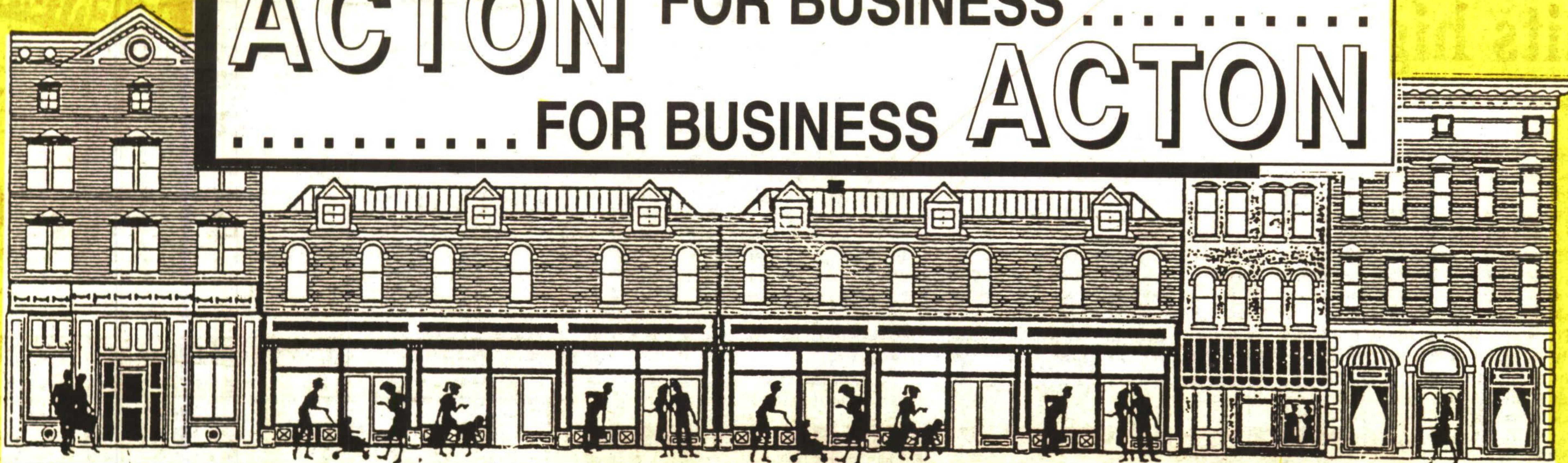


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Most people think of the Doll Emporium in Acton as a place to purchase collector dolls, but it is much, much more than that.

The Emporium, operated by mother and daughter team Elly and Carla Snels, is one of the top doll making studios in North America. It sells everything needed to make dolls and also offers classes and semi-

nars in doll making which attract the best doll makers in the world. Annie Thijssen is coming from Holland Nov. 9 to 23 to do demonstrations as well as teach courses. During her four day course, students will sculpt, paint, put together and dress a one-of-a-kind fantasy creature. Enrolment is limited to 10 students, and the cost is \$450.

This is the doll which will be made by students in Annie Thijssen's course in November.



Elly and her daughter Carla Snels started the business eight years ago and added a second floor to the Mill St. building in order to accommodate the classes. Each month they have doll makers who are the top in their field come to teach, so there is always something new.

Half of the store is devoted to about 400 handmade dolls and accessories, while the rest

is doll supplies, which include everything to make the dolls as well as books, molds, materials, patterns and finished dresses. Classes can be taken by beginners or advanced doll makers.

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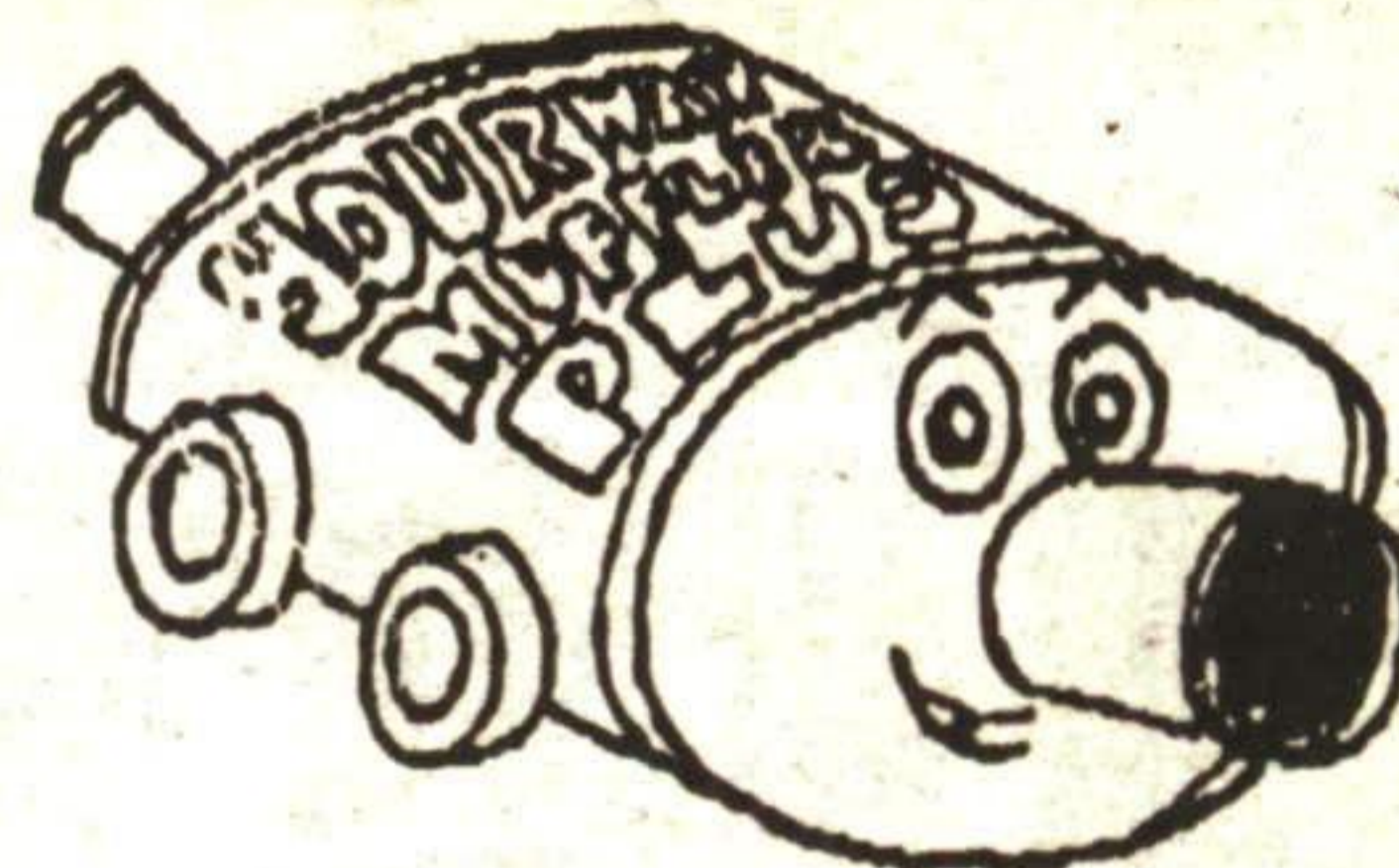
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