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POP-UP SHOW UNITES ARTISTS

Artisans' Attic photo

Local artists (from left) Susan Pippy, Mary Meredith, Amber Van Aniel and Jan Zimmerman display some of the handmade pieces that will be available at the upcoming pop-up art show. See page 8.

POTENTIAL FOR LEAD IN HALTON WATER 'VERY LOW': REGION

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As concerns swirl about lead in Canada's drinking water following a year-long Toronto Star investigation by more than 120 journalists, Halton staff is stressing that the chances of this toxic metal being found in the local system are minimal.

In a response to Metroland

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Media, Region officials say that Halton's drinking water is over 99 per cent compliant with provincial regulations for lead.

"The reports in the media indicate that the presence of lead in water is largely a result of public infrastructure. This is not the case in Halton Region," says the statement. "Halton's drinking water is safe to drink and the potential for lead in our drinking water system is extremely low in our community."

The Region, which is responsible for water purification

throughout the four local municipalities, has replaced all pipes in the public system that were manufactured with lead and old cast-iron water mains.

"Since the cast-iron water-main replacement program was completed, lead services have been observed three times within the public right-of-way and those

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