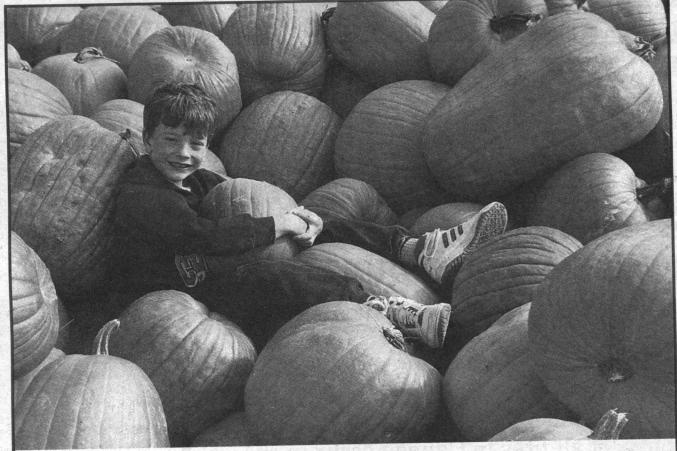
## Studio tour

Ten accomplished artists are hosting a Studio Tour this Saturday and Sunday and invite the public to come out and take in the beautiful scenery and autumn colors. Visit their studios. View their work and use this opportunity to acquire a unique piece of Art.

The artists and crafts people on the Tour are:

- · Vallery Mokrytzki oils, acrylics, watercolors and ceramic masks;
- · Gretchen Hamilton-Day watercolors;
- · Barb Stephens photographic works;
- · Penny Ridley watercolors, drawings and mixed media;
- · Joanna M. Dobbin master weaver;
- Joseph and Susie potters, porcelain and functional pieces;
- · Jo Walterson original watercolors, monoprints and acrylics;
- · Carol-Ann Michaelson potter, functional and one-ofa-kind;
- · Margaret Stephenson Coole - fiber, wall hangings and sculptures;
- · Agnes Olive raku fired clay, terra cotta earthenware and handmade paper.

For more information: 877-1312 or 873-2147.



Awash in a sea of pumpkins

Jamie Cooper of Etobicoke just loves pumpkins and Halloween. He found himself surrounded by the orange gourds when he paid a visit to Maria Sales front yard, located on Highway 7 en route to Acton from Georgetown. It is estimated over 10,000 pumpkins are available on the property which Maria and her husband Gus are selling for use as Halloween decorations to thrill and chill trick or treaters or for the more gourmet minded, to transform into deli-Photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW cious pumpkin pies.

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## Halloween decision

By Oksana Buhel

A Halloween hotline won't be needed in Halton Hills and Milton can now confidently follow in our footsteps.

Town of Halton Hills clerk Janet Lunn-Stewart dug up council minutes from 1982, the last time Halloween fell on a Sunday, to see how the past council dealt with the issue.

Lunn-Stewart announced that within the region, Burlington would recognize Halloween on Sunday, Oakville on Saturday, and "Milton is waiting for our decision."

Hamilton had to set up a "Halloween hotline" to answer the flood of questions brought about when councillors in that city decided to recognize Halloween on Saturday. "So many people are calling with questions, they may have to change the date to Sunday," Lunn-Stewart said.

Halton Hills council decided to duplicate its 1982 decision and recognize Halloween on Sunday. On that day, and two days prior, police patrols will be

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Once again its worth the drive to Acton. Steve Dawkins (far left), President of the olde Hide House, was pleased to officially open the doors for business last Friday. Helping Dawkins celebrate the occasion was (from left) Oakville's Official Town Crier Betty Kading, Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner, Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller, and The olde photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW Hide House Chief Financial Officer John Brison.

## **Barber Dam decision nears**

Approximately 45 people attended the Barber Mill Dam Open House last Wednesday evening. The Open House was hosted by the Public Advisory Committee mandated by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to study the Barber Mill Dam as a flood and erosion control project under Section 14 of Environmental

Assessment Act. Although the Committee is one year old, it was recognized as a legal entity in February, 1993, when the provincial government approved Section 14. The Barber Mill Dam Public Advisory Committee is the first of its type for any Conservation Authority in Ontario.

Joan Harris, the evening's moderator, advised the audience the committee had worked to develop an independent process to safeguard

the integrity of the committee and as a prototype for future Public Advisory Committees under the auspices of the Conservation Authority.

Although the committee liaised with the Authority and the Municipality, it devised, conducted and analyzed its own survey, and dealt with its own clerical and administrative duties. The Committee functioned as a cooperative collective. It is an advisory body and the Authority is not bound by its findings. The Committee realized that it must not only report its findings to the Authority, but also in a true consultive process, report back to the public. This was the purpose Wednesday's Open House.

Reinhard Filter, a committee member, presented the methods used to solicit the public's opinion. These methods included advertising, news releases, an earlier

Open House in April, wide distribution of a survey pamphlet, direct contact with interest groups and a door-todoor canvas of the homes in the neighborhood of the Barber Mill Dam.

On average, for this survey, results are accurate to within about 5.4 per cent, 19 times out of 20. Computation and analysis of the information indicated the two points reported here among others. Eighty-nine per cent of the survey returns indicated people were in favor of the future development of a park at the dam site recognizing the historical and environmental aspects of the site.

The main issue of public concern, whether or not the dam's headpond would be retained, indicated that public opinion was split. In the question: "Are you in favor of a headpond with a fishway?",

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