

Momentum hits Rockwood and Eden Mills community players

Momentum, a community play symposium, takes place in Rockwood and Eden Mills from Sept. 11 to 13. "Momentum" is in response to the wave of interest and excitement generated by the Eramosa Community Play Project and the work of England's Colway Theatre Trust, providing a forum in which this community-minded approach to theatre can be described and discussed in order to initiate similar projects.

Momentum will lay the groundwork for an Ontario-based theatre company, tentatively named Everybody's Theatre Company.

ETC will undertake a series of community play projects in Ontario and beyond. If you'd like to be part of the "talent" pool, or if you're considering a play project for your favourite community, or if you're interested in community building through the arts, plan to attend.

Momentum will bring together theatre professionals, arts funding representatives, sociologists, psychologists, rural planners, theatre academics — together with Eramosa Township residents who have recently experienced a Colway-style play in their community and Blyth residents who are in the beginning stages ... all in an informal relaxed atmosphere.

There will be sessions specifically aimed at directors, designers, playwrights, arts administrators, sociologists-psychologists,

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students and "laypersons" who want to initiate a project in their community.

Momentum will offer an opportunity to visit Eramosa Township and enjoy all that it has to offer, including swimming and canoeing (during breaks), plus entertainment on Saturday night in the ruins of the mill, plus the Eden Mills Writers' Festival, which takes place on Sunday afternoon (after Momentum has drawn to a close). Last year's festival included readings and book launchings by Timothy Findlay, Leon Rooke, Judith Thompson, Linda Spalding and Michael Ondaatje.

Billeting for the weekend is highly recommended, as a primary goal of the symposium is communication between professional and non-professional theatre enthusiasts. For more information please contact Dale Hamilton at 856-9891. This symposium is funded by the Ontario Arts Council (Special Events and Presentations Program) and through generous in-kind contributions from the Eramosa Community Players.

Garden contest winners are announced

The Acton Horticultural Society have announced the winners of their third annual Garden Contest.

President of the club, Trina Virgin, said that this year's contest had the most participants in the society's three years of running the event. "It's really growing," she said.

According to secretary Lucy Pyke, "while touring about, we found it necessary to add two special categories this year, the first being a Child's Flower Garden, in which Allison Crane on Storey Drive takes great care of her flower beds, which she shows off proudly. Great start, Allison — keep it up!

"Special recognition also had to be given to the Seniors Residence on Elizabeth Drive, a beautiful group effort. Everyone has a little plot or balcony and the variety and colour made our tour very enjoyable."

In the Urban Flower-Lawn category, Ed and Doddie McGilloway of 37 Victoria St. took top honours. Second place was taken by Vic and Joan Morris of 113 Elizabeth Dr., while Fred and Pat Hodkin of 253 Kingham Rd. placed third.

The Urban Garden-Vegetable-Lawn category saw Mr. and Mrs. Vic Johnston of 25 Cameron St. win first place. Kendra Kellas of 223 McDonald Blvd. was second.

In the Rural Vegetable-Lawn group, Mr. and Mrs. Melen of R.R. 2, Acton took first place.

Mr. and Mrs. Veerman of R.R. 2,



Friends and family recently gathered in Acton to celebrate Jessie Kentner's 90th birthday on Aug. 5. Pictured here are Jessie, seated, along with her daughters Irma Coles and Norma Marchment. Sons-in-law Hartley Coles (left) and Ken Marchment share in the joy of the event. Jessie was born in 1902 in Grand Valley, but she moved to Acton when she was 10 years old. (Paul Nolan photo)

Acton won the Rural Flower-Lawn grouping. José and David Tillett of Churchill Road North were second while Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Varanelli of R.R. 4, Acton were third.

The final category, the Commercial Flower-Lawn, was won by The BigScoop on Mill Street. Jager Sheepskin Fashion at 113 Mill St. E. was second and Reliable Taxi was third.

Prizes for the Garden Contest and the Special Categories will be awarded Sept. 15 at Knox Presbyterian church. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Horticultural Society can phone Trina Virgin at 853-0519. The group meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the Knox church.

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