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Acton artisan LaRose teaches decorative painting classes

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

Acton artisan Brenda LaRose is in the decorative painting mood.

So, too, are Acton residents.

The creator of Forget-me-not Folk Art — a business she started about six years ago — LaRose begins teaching a six-week beginner class tomorrow (Thursday) in her Greenore Crescent home.

Her 11 students will be painting six pieces in the course — a heart name tag magnet, coat rack with wildflowers, coat hanger with Bavarian flowers, a country scissors holder, a marbled box with rosebud design, and a small teddy bear plaque.

"This class is very easy for non-painters to pick up," LaRose says. "I give full instructions. It's like following a recipe."

LaRose is also running a seven-week intermediate class beginning Feb. 8. The class, which runs from 7:30 to 10 pm, has a fee of \$63, while the wood pieces are \$32.50 plus GST. There is also a \$25 deposit required at registration, which ends Friday.

The first week will be a stroke work class, reviewing what was learned in the beginner session. They will then make a tote box with flowers, a Victorian girl on a tin heart and blue roses on a key

rack over the next weeks.

LaRose is trying to become a certified decorative instructor. However, she adds, only 15 per cent of the people pass the test.

While it's not as popular as ceramics and is generally a word-of-mouth hobby, decorative art painting is more widespread and gaining popularity because of the Canadian Decorative Arts Network.

The network, which has been around for one year, promotes decorative art across the nation.

LaRose gets satisfaction from

seeing her students continue their work after completing the sessions.

"I've seen people come in without any experience and at the end of six weeks are ready to paint anything that doesn't move," LaRose explains. "I really enjoy seeing people who haven't had a lot of experience taking their skills further."

LaRose will be attending the national convention of arts in Pittsburgh, Pa., May 5 and plans to attend the first Canadian Convention of Arts in April 1995.



Acton artisan Brenda LaRose shows off some decorative art paintings similar to projects the students in her beginner and intermediate classes will complete. (Doug Harrison photo)

Super Bowl party Saturday at Legion

LEGION NEWS

BY HARRY NORTON

There was a good turnout on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday for our weekly card games and meat draw. The winners were: Mary Irwin, Lil Howson and Dot Norton for bridge, with Neil Frawley, Don Joyce, Harvey Lambert, Liz Klimsiak, Helen Quinn and Mel Storey winning in euchre.

The meat draw winners were Larry Frizzell, Pete Turkosz (2), Betty O'Donnell, Rae Amirault, Sylvia Neville, Marian Goddon, Lloyd Neville, John Robson, Merle Dear, Claude Couture, Wayne Briggs, Hazel Wells, Earl Scott and the big roast was won by our friend from Georgetown, John Ramsbottom.

The Karaoke party on Saturday night was a huge success and it looks like we will be having a repeat performance on the third Saturday of every month until the warm weather arrives.

Coming Events: Bridge, euchre and the meat draw on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons.

On Sunday, Jan. 30 at 10:30 am the congregations of eight Acton

Churches will come together in the auditorium of the Legion. A youth band and mass choir will complement the service and an adult-staffed nursery will be available. Reverend M.D. Gangi will be the guest speaker.

On Sunday afternoon a Super Bowl Party will be held in the lounge of the Legion.

Special Notice: All members of Branch 197 Ladies Auxiliary are asked to reserve Saturday, Feb. 5 for a night out.

The Branch is hosting an appreciation night to thank the women for their assistance and support.

Cocktails will be served at 6:30 pm, followed by supper at 7. There will be a dance in the games room after that. Ladies, ask your spouse or "significant other" to meet you in the games room after supper.



Cinema Listings

41 Quebec St.
Downtown Guelph
821-9271

Wednesday, Jan. 26

7pm: Baraka (PG)

9pm: Kanehsatake (PG)

Thursday, Jan. 27

7pm: Kanehsatake (PG)

9:30: Sweetie (AA)

Friday, Jan. 28

1:30 & 7pm: Into the West (PG)

9:15: Cinema Paradiso (PG)

Saturday, Jan. 29

1:30 & 7pm: Into the West

9:15: Jamon Jamon (R)

Sunday, Jan. 30

1:30 & 7pm: Into The West

9pm: Jamon Jamon (R)

Monday, Jan. 31

7pm: Into the West

9pm: Jamon Jamon (R)

Tuesday, Feb. 1

7pm: Jamon Jamon (R)

9pm: Betty (R)

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Jan. 28, Friday — 8 pm: The Second City Touring Company is coming to Georgetown to perform their irreverent comedy show. No subject is taboo, every politician is fair game. Tickets are \$15 each. Call Maureen Walker at 877-4323 for more information.

Jan. 29, Saturday — 10 am: The Acton Agricultural Society will be holding its annual meeting in the hall of Knox Presbyterian Church. The meeting will be followed by lunch and the election of officers. New members are welcome.

Jan. 30, Sunday — 10:30 am: A special "Service of Christian Unity" will replace the regular morning services of eight Acton churches. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Mariano DiGangi, and the Divisional Youth Band of the Salvation Army will lead the singing. The service will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Acton. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Jan. 30, 1994, Sunday — 2 pm: The Col. John McCrae Memorial Lecture, at the Legion Hall, 919 York Road, Guelph. "The Sharpe End: The Canadian Soldier In Normandy". An exciting lecture given by historian Professor Terry Copp. Tickets are \$10. For more information call 836-1221.

Feb. 1, Tuesday — 7:30 to 9:30 pm: Find out how a vegetarian diet can help prevent heart disease, cancer, diabetes and osteoporosis. Attend a free seminar on how and why. Hugh Fraser Hall, Mary St., Milton. There will be food samples but please bring your own mug, a friend and some questions. Sponsored by the Halton Vegetarian Association. For more information, contact Kari at 876-0563.

Feb. 2, Wednesday — 7:30 pm: Smile Theatre presents "Doc Ruffin" at the Acton District High School. A musical about Anderson Ruffin Abbott, first black Canadian doctor and Civil War hero. Tickets \$6 each or a set of three for \$15. Sponsored by Acton Social Services and Information Centre.

Feb. 5, 12, 1994, Saturdays — 8:30 am to 4:30 pm: Red Cross is offering its standard First Aid/CPR Course at Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton. The cost is \$80. For registration information contact the Red Cross 877-5233.

Feb. 7, Monday: "Lighten Up Canada" day. Join in the fun, beat the winter blahs and wear a red nose! Acton's school-children will be lining up on Eastern Avenue again this year, trying to beat last year's record of "the longest line of red noses." Please join them in their record-setting endeavours.

Feb. 12, Saturday — 8 pm: Sweetheart Dance presented by the Rockwood Nursery School at Rockmosa Community Centre. Door prizes, lunch buffet and cash bar. Dance to the music of Rockin' Tom Semanyk. Tickets available from any Nursery School parent or call Mary at 856-4972. \$8 per person, \$15 per couple.

Feb. 15, Tuesday — 6 pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at The Church of St. Alban the Martyr, 19 St. Alban's Dr., Acton.

Feb. 14, 16, 21, 23, Mondays and Wednesdays — 6:30 to 9:30 pm: St. John Ambulance First Aid Course. For more information, please call Yvon Essiembre at 853-4889.

Feb. 26, 27, Saturday, Sunday — 9 am to 4 pm Saturday, 1 to 4 pm Sunday: St. John Ambulance CPR Course. For more information call Yvon Essiembre at 853-4889.

Mar. 5, Saturday — 6 pm: Any past or present Junior Farmer members or friends, please keep this date open for the Halton Junior Farmer's 60th Anniversary Banquet and Dance being held at the Lion's Hall, Thompson Arena, Milton. For more information call Sandi Brander 905-877-1505, Julie Wilkinson 905-876-3513, or Pat Wagner 905-257-0528.