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'We love Paris in the Springtime!'

If you have never been to Paris then you understand the position we were in a few weeks ago - but in the meantime - been there, done that! And it is A FASCINATING CITY - filled with tourists - with much to see - and do - and is expensive!

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Train Service from Charles de Gaulle Airport is fantastic. You can catch the train right at the airport to go anywhere in the country and other major European capitals - but especially to downtown (it'll cost \$60. cdn for a cab ride there!). Transportation in and around the city is great and you can get a DAYPASS or for as many days as you wish to connect with the subway trains and bus systems - on and off as many times as you like - a great way to 'do the city'!

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A Boat cruise along the River Seine is about as good a way to see the highlights and get an overview of the city. The Eiffel Tower (Wow!); the Arc de Triomphe; the Louvre; the Champs Elysees; and all the many wonderful architectural sites are all there along the banks of the river or within sight.

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The Cuba 'Crisis' for Canada seems to be on the uprise - with the U.S. Government wanting to cut us off from our many business partnerships in that country. It's a great place to travel to for tourists from Canada - and we enjoy our right to go there. The Americans do have a problem though - therefore their embargo. Perhaps limiting our involvement there to what is in place now, with no further expansion at this time, is the way to go.

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Did you know Dept. - You can pretend you are James Bond when you travel to Hollywood. Budget Rent-A-Car will rent you a '96 BMW Z3 just as was used in the movie, Goldeneye!

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TRAVEL TIP OF THE WEEK: Take the time to familiarize yourself with the currency of the countries you are travelling to, before you go! Our experience seems to be always arriving there and then figuring it out - comparing to our CDN \$\$\$\$. Better to go prepared! See your professional travel agency for the most up-to-date information.

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Illustrator captures national award

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner

When she was a little girl Acton's award-winning children's book illustrator, Karen Reczuch, wanted to take dance lessons, so she drew a lot of pictures of ballerinas and left them around the house as hints to her parents.

Well, her parents saw her talent, got the hint and signed Karen up for lessons - art lessons.

That training and inherited talent led to a national award for Reczuch whose latest book, *Just Like New*, was chosen as the best Canadian children's book illustration of 1995 by the Canadian Library Association. Reczuch received the Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Award at a recent ceremony in Halifax where she thanked the author, Ainslie Manson and her family.

Just Like New is Manson's poignant, loosely autobiographical account of giving up a favourite doll to send to a girl in war-torn England during WWII.

Reczuch said she was reluctant to accept the contract for the book, because she didn't think children would read a book about the war.

"At first, I didn't know if I was philosophically on board with the story," Reczuch explained in a recent interview.

Reczuch said that receiving a package of photographs from the author of her as a girl was a mixed blessing

because it blocked her entry into the story, but also made her research easier.

Reczuch, who has developed a reputation for meticulous research, said she scouted Montreal locations for the story, searched archives to get a feel of the period and went to Manson's girlhood home.

"Ainslie said that when she saw the black and white linears, the pencil sketches of her room, right down to the quilt, she cried, and that's what I wanted to do."

"I wanted it to remain her story, even though they are my pictures, but I didn't get some possession of it until I researched the English side of the story about the children who were evacuated from London during the war.

"At that point I realized that it was an important story and I found a purpose for me in the story and something for me to say."

The Canadian scenes are finely detailed and richly coloured in contrast to the black and white scenes in England.

"The idea that the little girl receiving the doll wasn't in Ainslie's head when she wrote the story, and to me it's like this really important anti-war statement that the author didn't know was there," Reczuch said, noting neither she nor the author could have told the story alone.

Reczuch, who moved to Acton three years ago, graduated from Sheridan College,



Illustrator Karen Reczuch shows her Canadian Library Association award and book *Just Like New* for which she won the award in front of the Halifax Citadel.

and after a two-year stint in Africa illustrating books for a Christian Literacy program, she took her portfolio to three publishers and was offered two contracts.

Reczuch's first book *The Auction* was short-listed for the prestigious Christie award and Reczuch will have two new books out this fall.

Reczuch, who works in a bedroom studio when her children are at school or asleep, always includes the faces of her husband, son and

daughter in her books.

"The award is nice, but probably the best thing about my job is that I'm still Mom and although it gets tense when I do two books in a year, my children are doing well and I haven't had to sacrifice parenting for a career."

Runner-up for the Canadian Library Association Award was Eden Mills illustrator Janet Wilson for her book *Selina and the Bear-Paw Quilt*, written by Barbara Smucker.

Wayne Wilson big draw winner

LEGION NEWS

BY JOYCE BUCHANAN
Acting P.R.O., Branch 197
Winners of Wednesday's bridge were Doreen Malcolm, Bea Everson, Mary Irwin and Kathleen Tulk. Hope you are feeling better, Dot.

There were 16 tables at Thursday's euchre. Winners were first-Norman Wilson, second-Harry Seim, third-Marg Wilson, and hidden score winner was M. Holmes.

Early bird winners of Saturday's meat draw were Mike McDonald and Shorty Lowin. Regular draw winners were Debbie Lindsay, Shelly Lindsay, Joan Taylor, Dave Barbutt (2), Ed Edison, Connie Lewis (2), Joyce Buchanan, Wayne Briggs, Fred Andrews and Ed Molody. Wayne Wilson won the big draw.

Be sure to mark July 13 on your calendar. We have a bus load of people coming from Woodbridge. Come help make them welcome.

You could help the Sick and Visiting Committee. If you know of any member who is ill or needs a visit, call either Frank Spielvogel or Ivan Kilby so they can do their job.

Hope you had a fun and safe July 1st weekend.

See you at the Branch.

Wanted: old photos

If the hot summer temperatures send you into the basement for a little relief, why not search through those old photo albums you've been meaning to look at?

The *Tanner* wants to borrow your vintage photos to use for our Peek at the Past photo on page 7 every week. Include as many details on the photo and the people in it and drop it off at our office at 12 Church St. E. from 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. An after-hours mail slot can also be used, or call 853-5100.

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Apartment security: Follow these helpful guidelines

Many of our readers live in apartments in and around the community of Acton. Just as there are for homeowners, there are some important guidelines you can follow to protect yourself and your home from intruders. Here are a few suggestions to help you improve the security of your apartment or condo.

- Refer unknown persons seeking entrance to the superintendent. When the buzzer rings, do not release lobby doors until proper identification is made.
- Do not identify yourself on the callboard as a female living alone. First initials identify you.
- Equip your door with a quality deadbolt lock, chain and a wide-angle peephole.
- When going out, leave a radio playing, and when going on vacation, notify the superintendent.

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