

Spirit Valley: an event preview

Special to The Miller
The Spirit Valley Experience comes to the Harris Woolen Mill ruins in the Rockwood Conservation Area Saturday, Sept. 7, bringing many local and international entertainers and artists to the Eramosa Valley. The Experience runs from 10 am to 10 pm. Over the next few weeks, *The Miller* will highlight some of the artists who will perform at the Experience. For tickets, call 856-9999.

On the Coyote Stage

Theatre Gargantua
Founded in 1992 by artistic director Jacquie Thomas, Theatre Gargantua is one of the few English-speaking Canadian companies that explores theatrical ideas over a long development process with a permanent ensemble. The group has created a site-specific adaptation of its newest work, *Raging Dreams* for the Spirit Valley Experience. This performance will be a sneak preview of the full production which will open in November in Toronto.

Kim Renders
An accomplished actress who lives in Fergus, Kim Renders' one-woman show, *Motherhood, Madness and the Shape of the Universe*, premiered in Toronto in 1995 and went on tour to several Canadian cities. The play is an insightful and humorous look at parenthood, that very natural but profoundly complex life role. Renders combines a comfortable story-telling approach with a strong performance style.

George Elliott Clarke
Clarke is a poet and performer from Nova Scotia. It is said that "to read poetry by George Elliott Clarke is to be reminded that poetry matters; it is resonant with passion for

humanity, the land, the sea and souls wandering be-

The Visual Arts Wall

tween." The power of Clarke's poetry is magnified by his dramatic presentation.

Sarie Marais, raku-fired pottery
Marais' sculptures, her "guardians," are compressed, simplified human forms. With archetypal serenity, their metallic glazing and upright pose project great visual strength, and will echo the dramatic shadows in the rock face.

Elizabeth Fasken, weaving in fibres and textiles
Fasken has shown her weaving in two joint shows with Marais, which Marais describes as a natural collaboration. "The fabric softens the metal, and natural light brings out the vibrant moving colours of Elizabeth's weaving."

Stephen William Lewis, welded steel sculptures
While he has exhibited in many group shows since 1966, and his pen and ink illustrations have been published in newsletters for many years, it is since his retirement that Lewis has been most active as a sculptor in welded steel.

Wendy Cooper Melbye, copper enamelling
Much of Melbye's work deals with the spiritual and will therefore likely have a "spirit face," which, when installed, will blend with the figure-like forms in the rock face to compose a suggestion of life in connection with the earth.

Harold (Hyahsta) Rice, Native woodcarver
Since moving to Ontario, Rick has exhibited his works in many galleries and exhibition, including the Eden Mills Writers Festival from 1992 to 1995.

Rotarians sponsor dream home lottery

The third Rotary Club of Guelph came to life in March 1991.

Since its inception, it has joined with the other Rotary Clubs in providing a community resource centre for victims of sexual abuse and other projects.

Among their other numerous contributions, the Rotary Club of Guelph-Trillium has built a home for orphaned children in Nepal.

In continuation of their work of excellence in the community, the club is sponsoring a "Dream Home Lottery" to support Foundation

of Guelph General Hospital CT Scan, Hospice Wellington, St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation (Guelph) and other local Rotary projects.

Tickets for the Dream Home draw are \$100 each and only 3,600 tickets will be sold. The draw will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 4 pm at the Dream Home, located at 152 Rickson Ave. in Guelph. The three-bedroom home includes central air conditioning, a gas fireplace, deck, interlock brick drive and more.

Call the hotline at (519) 766-9495 for tickets!



YOU'RE OUT! Third baseman Elliott Shrive tags a Killbride runner out during last Wednesday's game. Elliott's hardball team are the current league champions, in their first season of play. (Eve Martin photo)

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A good way to see Canada is with a VIA Rail Canpass which is good for 12 days of unlimited travel within a 30 day period. The cost is \$535 for adults until October 15. Rates are better in the off season of course. They also have their REDISCOVER CANADA program, which is geared to taking along your child for free. See your travel agency for details of these programs.

There is a list of Ontario's finest Country Inns in a guidebook which you can get by calling 800-340-4667. A map is included to assist you in planning. Regional tours, wine testing, hot air balloon rides, and you can even win a gift certificate by participating in their promotional program. Lots to see and do right here in Ontario.

How about right here in HALTON- the Heritage Hearth published by Halton Region Museum lists several events taking place right in our own backyard this month. Leathertown Festival in Acton, August 11th; Walking Tour of Old Oakville, August 18th; Corn Boil at Joseph Brant Museum, August 25th, are examples of the many they list. Call HRM at 875-2200 for further information.

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