



**10 YEARS OF SERVICE:** The Acton IGA was awarded a certificate and a collector plate for being a 10-year sponsor of Welcome Wagon last Friday. From left, Betty-Ann Kidd, hostess for community welcome, Jennifer Tysoe, also a hostess, IGA manager Kelly McArthur and Debbie Butler, Welcome Wagon field co-ordinator. (Karen Wetmore photo)



**CRAFTY!** Putting the final touches "The Herald Angel" at Paintin' Friends last Saturday were Anne Genoe and her daughter Cheryl Galway. (Eve Martin photo)

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**LETTERS**

**Inspectors must meet standards**

To the Editor,  
As a home inspector, I was pleased to read the article, Home Inspections Up (*House and Home*, Nov. 20), which promotes the services of home inspectors as a prudent investment for home buyers. The article also pointed out that "Home Inspectors are not regulated by Government, and that there is no province-wide standard of training and no level of expertise that people who work in the industry must meet before they can

set up shop."  
I think it is important to add that there are strict Standards of Practice, an a Code of Ethics that all members of the Ontario Association of Home Inspectors (OAH) must adhere to. Furthermore, with the passage of Bill PR 158, Dec. 9, 1994, the Government of Ontario recognizes OAH and has charged the OAH with the responsibility of sole Regulator and Authority on the Home Inspection Industry and its members.  
Of course, home buyers are free to choose any home inspector, however, selecting a member of OAH ensures that the inspector:  
• is a full-time professional home inspector  
• has a wealth of technical knowledge and experience

- has undergone extensive technical training specific to the field of home inspections
  - must meet or exceed the Standards of Practice defined by the association
  - is bound by a strict Code of Ethics, and
  - carries a mandatory policy of Errors and Omissions Insurance.
- Les Boothroyd, Boothroyd Home Inspection Services, Georgetown*

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To all my readers:  
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