



A FRESH SPRING WELCOME: Carol-Ann Michaelson of Clay Concepts displays a softly coloured handmade vase with fresh spring tulips at her sunny studio in the Glen Williams Mill. Michaelson was one of over 30 artists in 15 studios who opened their doors to the public during the Mill's spring showing on May 6 & 7.

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Touch with your Eyes

An exhibition of original art

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Until June 11, *Touch with your Eyes* is a unique showcase for two artists of the Glen Williams Mill.

Peter Perko, a digital image creator, has maintained a successful career in graphic design for over 20 years, bringing unique, high-level visual solutions to clients in a wide range of organizations. He has worked in book publishing, advertising/communications and corporate design, children's book illustrations and more. Since 1996 he has operated an independent design business under the name Eye Cue Designs.

Also at the Williams Mill is Studio Mélange, home of Bonnie Glass. She has created and produced original, wearable art full-time for the past six years, and had gained a loyal following for the unmistakable style and quality of her coats and other clothing. Rave reviews follow each of her sold-out fashion shows.

For both Peter and Bonnie, the show is a chance to stretch beyond their day-to-day creativity and explore uncharted territory. It's Peter's first major show of fine art and gives Bonnie a unique opportunity to experiment with unencumbered ideas.

The two artists have put together an exhibition loosely based on the idea of exploring texture. Their divergent media find common ground in the real or perceived sensation of touch, and expand to include colour and concepts that engage the viewer in ways never before attempted by these artists.

For more information contact Peter Perko at Eye Cue Design 905-877-9828; Bonnie Glass, Mélange 905-873-2485; or Mary Lou Brock at The Williams Mill Gallery, 515 Main Street, Glen Williams. The number is 905-873-8203. The mill is open Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

More Happenings

The Take-a-Break Reading Series is pleased to announce that **Poets for Peace** will be the featured readers at the season's final reading. The readings take place at the Take-a-Break Coffee Shop at 158 St. Andrews Street West in Fergus, 8 p.m. on Friday June 2.

Saturday, June 3rd, the annual **Chicken Barbecue** at Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church. Tickets at the door. 4:30-7 p.m. Tickets \$10 advance, \$12 at the door.

Sunday, June 4th: Big Sisters Association of North Halton Third Annual fund-raising **Trail Ride at The Ranch**. Call Rhonda at (905) 854-0818.

Sunday, June 4th: **All That Jazz** with the Acton High School Jazz Band and the Ebenezer Singers at Ebenezer United Church, 7 p.m. Adults \$4, Children/Seniors \$2, Family \$10 at the door. Ebenezer Singers, a mixed ages chorus, will be singing Christian pop and the "Rock"ettes will be featured in their debut performance. Both groups are a part of Ebenezer's music program. Admission Adults \$4, Children/Seniors \$2, and Family \$10. Proceeds will be divided between the AHS Music Department and a special project.

Fun Fair at Brookville School! Saturday, June 10th: 9 a.m. Garage Sale; 10 a.m. the Fair opens with Kid's Alley, Barbecue lunch, Bicycle Rodeo, Wet Sponge Toss, Face painting, Antique & Show cars, Sports Alley, Lip Sync, Bouncing Dome, Cake Walk, Fire Engine and Community Displays, and Giant Raffle.

Strawberry Fair Saturday, June 17th, on the grounds of Milton District Hospital.

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Riverfest 2000

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The Credit was high and the weather didn't look too promising for hot air balloon rides, but the crowds appeared anyway for the second Riverfest in the village of Norval. All events were within walking distance of one another, and locals and out-of-towners hot-

footed from one spot to another, taking in the full chili luncheon at St. Paul's Anglican church, a mouthwatering barbecue at Nashville North or crunchy pickles on a stick from Let's Get Pickled in Norval Park.

There were many exciting

events all around town, from wood and chainsaw carving, and book signings to the vendors' market at Norval Park and tours of Willow Park.

All profits from Riverfest 2000 go to the development of the Willow Park Ecology Centre.



Hiker Mike Kirby, left, signed books for an enthusiastic Riverfest audience and took the time to chat with individuals about favourite outdoor trails.

Jill Bryant and Bonnie McTaggart offer tips to other campers and autographed books, and also had samples of their delicious Ginger Cookies from *The Wilderness Cookbook* on hand.

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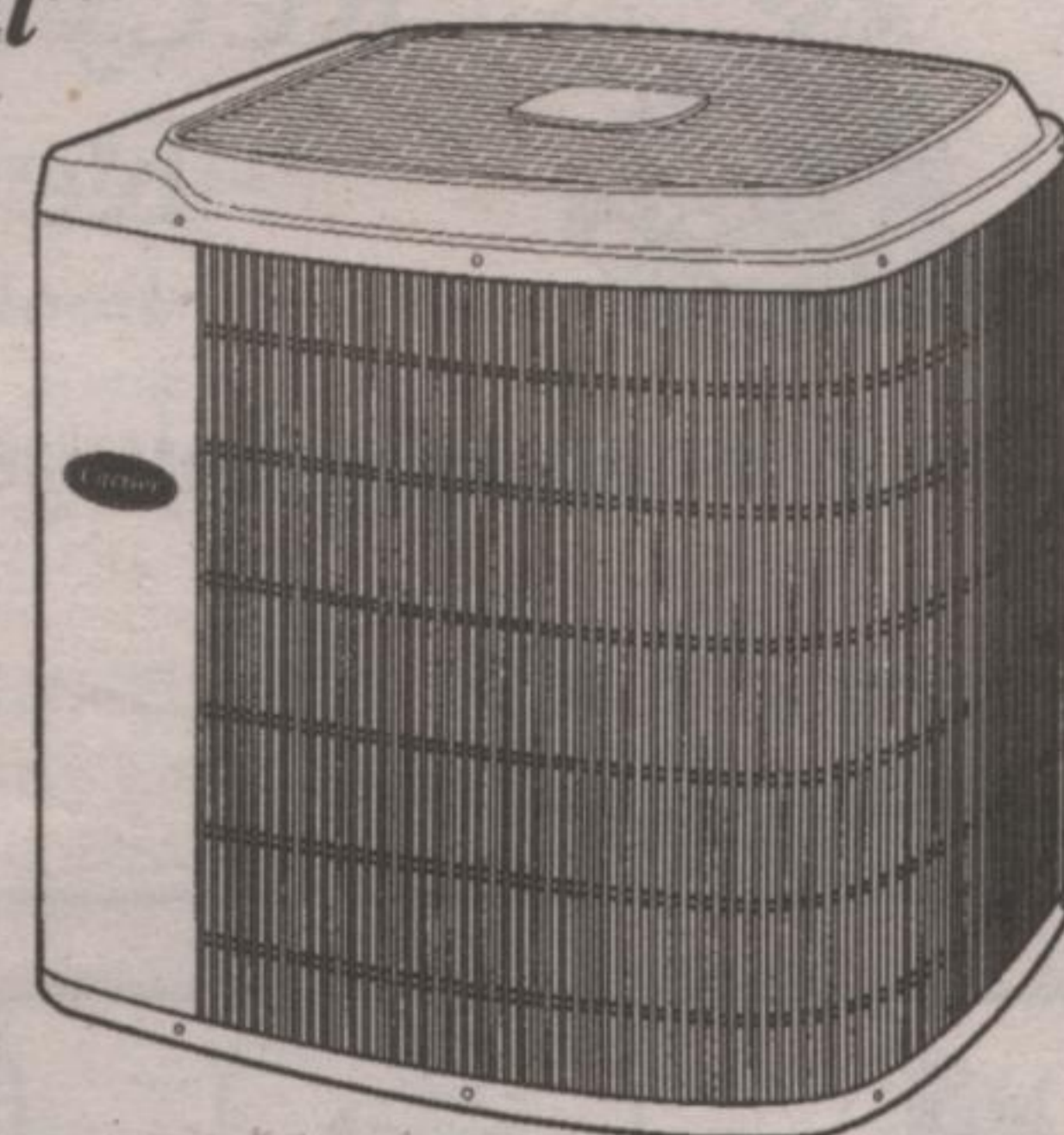
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