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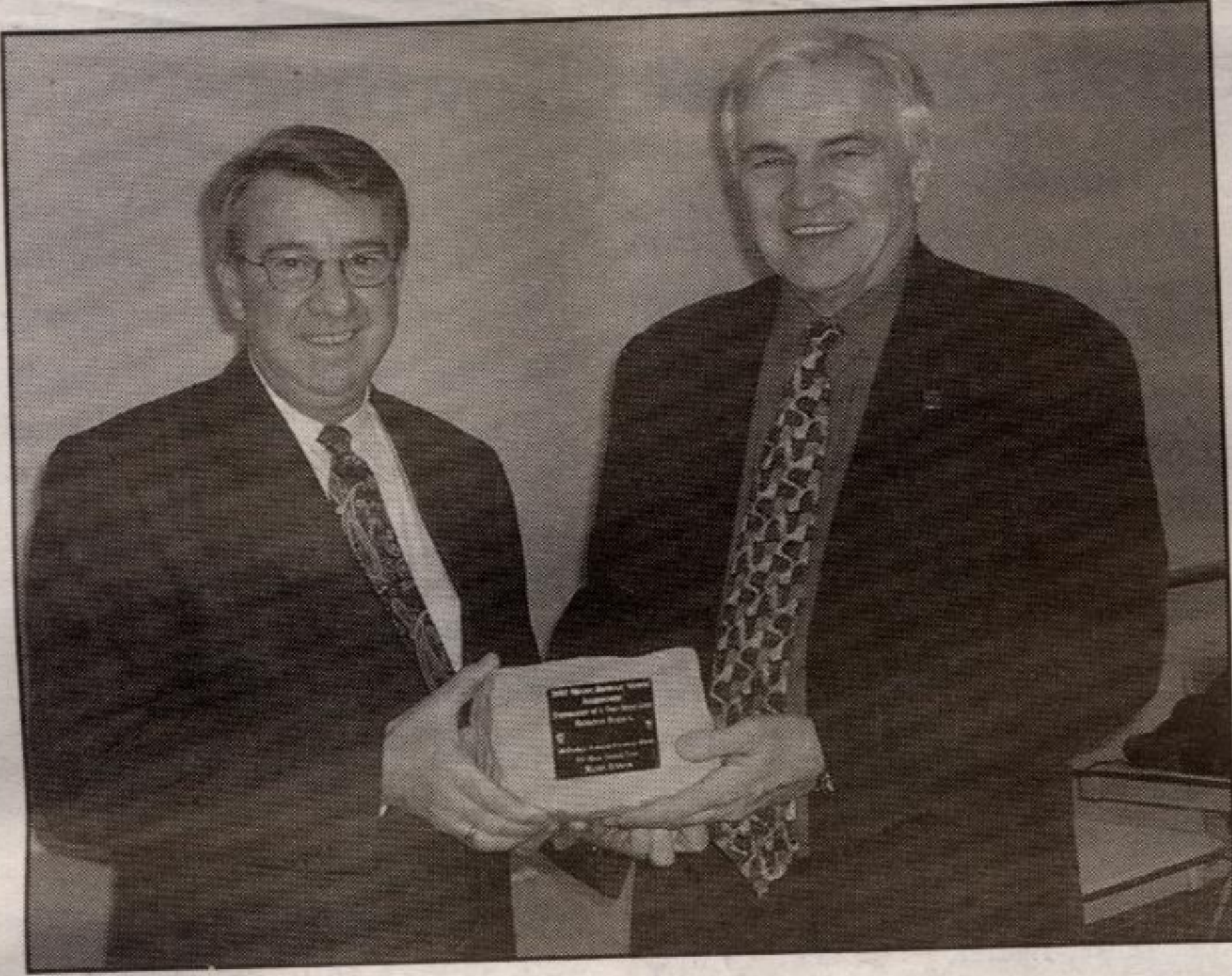


Photo by Stacey Massey

Milton Ward 3 Councillor Ken Keates (right) congratulates Doug Kocher of Milton's McKersie-Kocher Funeral Home. Mr. Kocher was presented an award for the "Renovation of a Non-Designated Property" by the Heritage Milton Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee at the annual Milton Historical Society Award ceremony on February 24.

A recent unveiling

by Deborah Quail

The construction is over. Bergsma's Home Décor and Main Street Lighting have removed their construction drapes and unveiled a whole new showcase of beauty.

Renovations have been going on at 194 Main Street East in Milton since the New Year. The store's grand opening sale began on March 23 and great deals on numerous home décor items will continue for four weeks afterward.

The store's own redecorating, with painting, flooring and shelving, has come about at the same time as the grand opening of Main Street Lighting. The idea, which has evolved over the past year, has been to offer quality indoor and outdoor lighting.

"As a business owner with 4800 square feet of retail floor space, it occurred to me that I also had 4800 square feet of retail ceiling space too - to bring a wide selection of beautiful and innovative lighting for the home," remarks owner Jeff Bergsma. "I've shopped close to home and also from the top lighting manufacturers of the world at the Dallas lighting showcase, and we are all very excited about this new product line."

An array of lighting samples for pathways, wall mounts or stand-

alone yard and driveway lighting are on hand, conveniently settled into an outdoor-style box with a gently running water fountain. There are also stylish and functional mailboxes to enhance the outside of a home.

Bergsma's exposed brick walls, reclaimed mixed size floorboards, leather seating, and counters and chairs are all conducive to relaxed choices for a change in home décor.

Children will enjoy the play area as parents ponder wallpaper choices or watch HGTV.

As well as the home accessories, blinds, custom window treatments, decorative fabrics and paper, Bergsma's has become a Benjamin Moore Signature Store, carrying a full line of quality paints and stains for the home.

Mr. Bergsma believes they have developed a reputation for innovative decorating ideas, colour consultation and a comfortable, no-pressure environment. Once choices are made, they can be saved in the customer database for future reference and matching.

For personal and professional service, Jeff Bergsma and his staff would be pleased to have customers drop in for a visit to their newly remodeled store so they may help with decorating concepts.

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