



Mull'n it Over with Bonnie Mullen

The art of an Irish heart

Inspired by her Irish roots, artist Monica O'Halloran-Schut named her studio on Wellington Road 26 "Croi go Lamh", Gaelic for "Heart to Hand".

There is certainly a sense of heart and soul in her work.

Truly a multi-media artist, her current passion is a unique stone sculpture technique she has developed. With the look of ancient stone tablets or chiseled chunks of rough-cut stone, these amazingly lightweight works of art will grace any decor and exteriors such as gardens and walkways.

Some of the larger pieces are particularly well suited to meditation or healing elements of glass, gold and metals such as copper and brass. Each work evokes a sense of heritage, with a sensual, tactile appeal achieved with the use of texture and colour. Celtic, Asian and even, Aztec influences have been incorporated in certain pieces.

The versatility of the medium offers endless potential for custom commissions. Corporate logos, slogans, even poems can be carved into a sculpture with endless choices of stone finishes to choose from.

"I use a blend of architectural surface materials, a mixture of things like marble dust, micas, powdered stone," Ms. O'Halloran-

Schut explained. "Working with a trowel and a brush it's a layering process. Then I carve it. I use a variety of painting techniques actually working with the stone."

The results are varied and each piece is distinctive. One piece featuring a modified Celtic design has a blackened finish with iron highlights. A circular limestone and gold work has a very Zen-like appeal while another terra cotta with sun design gives a Mexican feel.

Also a weaver, Ms. O'Halloran-Schut has several different looms and enjoys exploring colour and texture in various fibres producing hand woven tapestries.

Her love of textiles and Irish arts and crafts prompted her to import fashions including sweaters, capes, shawls, jackets and skirts of fine Merino wool and jewellery in silver, pewter, copper and porcelain in Celtic designs.

Holding a gorgeous green sweater with purple and rust design she explained "A lot of the spinning, weaving and knitting in Ireland is done by the men. I bought these sweaters from a man who owns a knitting business with his two sons. One of the sons is a graphic designer as you can see in the pattern here. They use the colours of the environment in their

work - the greens, blues and pinks in the yarns."

The Croi go Lamh Studio is located at 5791 Wellington County Road 26, north of Hwy. 24 about 6 km.

As the warmer driving weather returns, take the opportunity to meet the artist and view her work as you walk through her garden and share the bounty of her shopping excursions of the enchanted, Emerald Isle.

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Milton Community Fund

Town of Milton Council recently approved the distribution of \$173,229 in grants to 18 organizations and two individuals for the spring funding phase of the Milton Community Fund. The purpose of this funding program is to provide financial support for activities that enhance the quality of life within Milton, or enhance the image of the Town. Council is pleased to support Raymond Fox and Jennifer Porenta and the following organizations whose proposals varied from equipment needs, volunteer training, to program development and expansion initiatives.

- 1st Campbellville Scouts
- Association of Milton Volunteer Firefighters
- Canadian Mental Health Association, Halton Region Branch
- Fine Arts Society of Milton
- Halton Agricultural Society
- J M Denyes School Council
- Literacy North Halton
- Meals on Wheels
- Milton Choristers
- Milton Jaycees
- Milton Lawn Bowling Club
- Milton Marlin Swim Team
- Milton Mavericks - Jr. B. Lacrosse
- Milton Springers Gymnastic Club
- Milton Women's Triathlon
- Milton Youth Chorus
- Optimist Club of Milton
- Supported Training & Rehabilitation in Diverse Environments (STRIDE)

For more information about the fund, and this round of approved grants, please visit our website at www.town.milton.on.ca or contact Joy Anderson, Coordinator, Community Development at 905-702-3143.

The next application deadline is October 7, 2002 with the exception of travel requests, which may come forward at any time.



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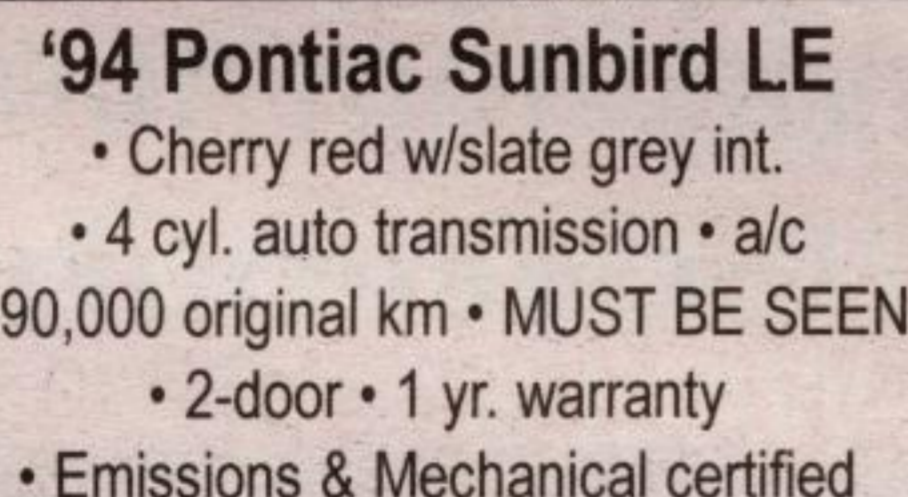
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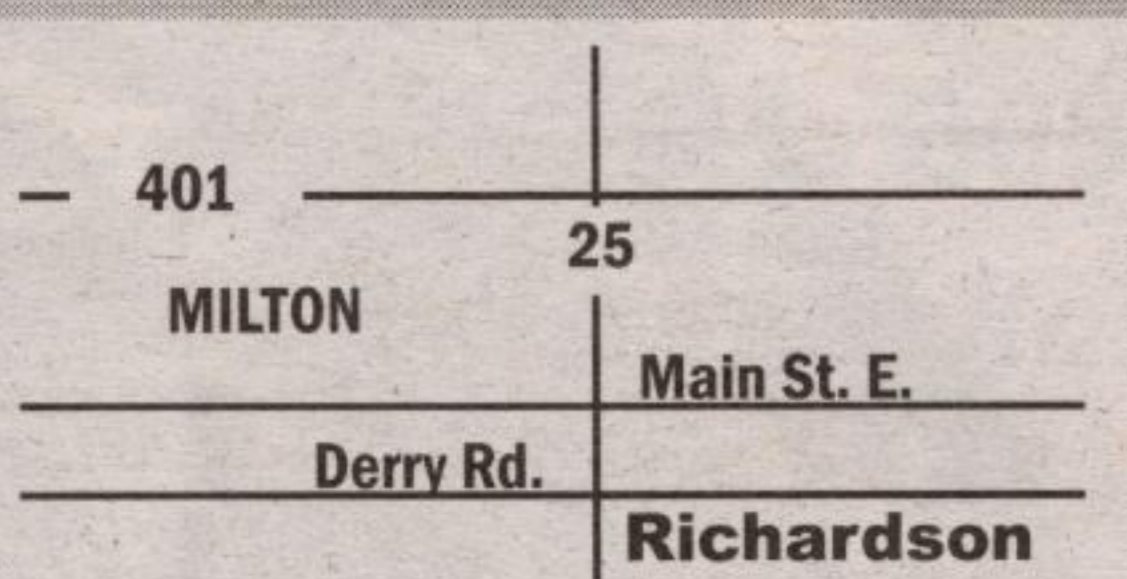


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