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Community Cornerstone - for 150 years...

The Milton Fair Board

By DONNA DANIELLI

The 1,000 or so schoolchildren who will visit the Milton Fall Fair's Youth Day on September 27 will take away with them something more tangible than memories of mid-way rides and games, they will have been given the opportunity to reach into their heritage and touch base with the agricultural community that surrounds them. This Agricultural Awareness Program that is the base of Youth Day would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the volunteers of the Halton County Agricultural Society. Formed in 1853, a year before the first Fall Fair and five years before Milton itself was a Town, the Agricultural Society marks its 150th anniversary this year.

"We're working with teachers and the Ontario Agricultural Food Educators to correspond Fair events with school curriculums," says Society Secretary Nancy Comber. "As well, we have participation from other agricultural groups such as 4H, OFA, and the women's institutes, and we give children a chance to see and learn about cattle milking and sheep shearing."

Joanne Heath, this year's Home Craft President, who has also served as President of the Agricultural Society and been a member of the Board since the mid seventies, emphasized the need for the Board to constantly evolve the Fair, to keep it fresh and enjoyable.

"The Demolition Derby was new last year and it draws people into the Fair as being something that the community wants," she explains.

"Along with the entertainment, we can continue the dairy shows, and the horse shows and to showcase the agricultural community."

The Fair has seen a number of changes since that day in 1853, a group of volunteers worked to bring the first Fair to Milton. Originally a one-day event, it was extended to three days in 1978. It has weathered Hurricane Hugo and seen RCMP demonstrations and ladies mud wrestling as some of its entertainment. Prizes of 5 to 15 shillings were given at the original Fair to winners in such classes as furniture, flour barrels, horseshoes, rag carpets, embroidery, rice flowers, and more. These inside exhibits were displayed inside a blacksmith shop. Today's Fair takes place on the Fairgrounds purchased

by the Agricultural Society in 1864 and prize totals range from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year.

"We've been fortunate over the years to have younger people getting involved in the Fair and working their way up to the Executive," says past President and Board Member since 1969, Robert Marshall. "I've seen the decline in the agricultural shows and it's getting more difficult to maintain your agricultural community." Exhibitors may have declined somewhat over the years, but the Home Craft part of the Fair remains popular, with a constant need to evolve to reflect a craft's popularity at the time. Exhibitors in canning and flowers have remained a constant over the years though.

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Volunteers and members of the Halton Agricultural Society marks its 150th anniversary this year. Seated from left to right: Nancy Comber and Joanne Heath. Standing from left to right: Evelyn Oates, Dianne Patterson and Robert Marshall.

ACTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY PRESENTS THE 89th ANNUAL

ACTON FALL FAIR



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