Gentle giants at Country Heritage Park

SPECIAL TO THE COMPASS

On August 7th & 8th Country Heritage Park will be invaded by Belgians, Brabants, Clydesdales, Percherons and Spotted Drafts. From 12 noon to 5 p.m., people will have a chance to see these beautiful giants at work at the 3rd Annual Heavy Horse Field Days. Reg Cressman, General Manager "We are excited about this year's show because it has expanded from the past years. There will be 13 teams present and 7 draft horses on display, including 2 yearling spotted drafts."

Heavy Horse Field Days is fun for the whole family. See draft horses plowing, cultivating, harrowing, cutting and raking hay, and much more. Then take a leisurely horse drawn wagon ride around the site.

Other buildings and exhibits to visit include the Blacksmith Shop, Carriage Shop, Tractor Exhibits, Canada National Packer's Quilt Exhibit, and the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame.

For more information on this event you can check us out on the web at www.countryheritagepark.com or call 905-878-8151 or toll free at 1-888-307-3276.

Country Heritage Park is an interactive heritage park depicting the evolution of agriculture and rural life over the past 170 years. With over 30 buildings and 20,000 artifacts, this 80 acre park offers: Educational programs; Summer day camps; Group Tours; Special events & attractions; Historical interpretation by costumed staff; Rental facilities for weddings, trade shows, business meetings and celebrations; Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame; Canada Packers National Quilt Exhibit; Farm livestock; Horticultural showcase of lilacs, lilies & irises; and an outstanding collection of antique tractors, steam engines, and farm equipment.

Icon launched at Country Heritage Park



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The brand new Icon was launched at the All Colour Antique Tractor & Toy Show held at the Country Heritage Park on Saturday, July 17. The pit crew, (from left to right) Jocelyne Hamilton, Jeannine Hamilton and Dave Perry, pose with the new toy tractor and its driver, Rick Baynton and son William Baynton.

Swiss Grenadiers march at Country Heritage Park

on Sunday, July 25, the Swiss Club Toronto held its National Day Celebration at Country Heritage Park and The Compagnie des

Vieux Grenadiers de Geneve performed at the event. The group was founded in 1749, and is one of the oldest patriotic societies in Geneva. The marching band the accompanied Grenadiers, who performed manoeuvers and gunfire according to old rules of the Geneva militia. The

authentic sabers, swords and guns were used on European battlefields. This group has performed in Monaco, Italy, Germany and France.





Chomping down is Lady, one of the yearling Belgians that will be on display at Country Heritage Park's "Heavy Horse Days".

Make way for the Queen

BY DONNA DANIELLI

t's good to be the Queen. And if you can't be the Queen, then you can make a fine career another comed portraying her, as Margaret Eggleton-Kaye has done. The 69-year-old performer is well known in take a break North Halton for her gently chiding tongue in cheek portrayal of her Royal Majesty.

"I never do anything that the Queen herself wouldn't do, but my comments are often very tongue in cheek," explains Margaret Eggleton-Kaye of the role she has been performing for 38 years. "I began performing as her on tape, as someone thought that I sounded just like her. The act just grew from there." Eggleton-Kaye's career has also included membership in the Georgetown Little Theatre since 1969, as well as membership in Globe Productions and Arts Alive. A 32-year veteran of Halton, she and husband Mervin recently moved to a retirement village in Guelph, Village by the Arboretum, where she is hard at work bringing entertainment to the 1,000 members of the retirement community.

Margaret has been delighting audiences for years, not only with her "Queen" act, but also performing in cabarets and plays, and in directing four shows in the last few years. She has performed as part of the Seniors' Jubilee Week every year for the last ten years, and this year is no different. Well, maybe a little different. At August's Seniors' Jubilee, Margaret Eggleton-Kaye will not only perform her

royalty act and another comedy routine, she will also take a break from performing to be presented with the Pauline McGibbon Life Achievement in the Arts Award. This award celebrates a senior performer

who has made a significant contribution to the arts, and in her case a more than 50-year career as a singer, dancer, comedian and actor.

"This award has come as complete surprise. It's amazing to get an award for something that I enjoy doing. It's so wonderful to hear people laugh."

The Pauline McGibbon Award for Life Achievement in the Arts is named after the former Lieutenant Governor, who was a long-time supporter of the arts. The award will be presented as part of the five-day 2004 RBC Seniors' Jubilee at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto from Monday August 16 to Friday August 20.

The Seniors' Jubilee will feature a cast of more than 1,300 performers, aged 50 or over from across the province, and is the largest professionally produced seniors entertainment showcase in North America. For ticket details, please call 416-872-4255.

