## Farm Fall Craft Show comes to Milton

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ountry Heritage Park will be holding its 21st annual Milton Farm Fall Craft / Show on Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19.

Show manager, Dave Gernhart, says there will be over 135 professional crafts people and artisans from all over Canada offering their work for sale.

People will be able to choose from a variety of original artwork as well as prints, seasonal items to decorate the home in the fall or at Christmas time, jewellery, pottery, and even hand blown glass. "This year we have a very special artisan from Egypt who hand blows glass into colourful items," says Mr. Gernhart. "His work is wonderful for that special gift for Christmas."

The show begins at 9 a.m. each day and ends at 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults. There's no charge for children 12 and under.

For more information contact Country Heritage Park at 905-878-8151 or 1-888-307-3276. The website is www.countryheritagepark.com.



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This year at the Milton Farm Fall Craft Show people can watch an artisan from Egypt as he hand blows glass into art objects. The glass blower is one of over 135 professional crafts people and artisans that will be showcasing their work at the show.

## Queen's Park Report

Ted Chudleigh, MPP Halton

News flash - Dalton McGuinty breaks another promise. Dalton promised our towns and cities that he would provide a portion of the gas tax to them to ensure stable funding for local roads, bridges and water and sewer pipes.

Recently at a convention of municipal leaders Dalton provided no specifics on the promised money and then unleashed a hornet's nest of controversy, likely as a smokescreen for his failure to provide the cash.

The controversy surrounded a plan to let the

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) be the sole negotiator regarding access to these promised provincial dollars. AMO is dominated by large numbers of representatives from small municipalities while only a handful of members represent our largest cities.

Needless to say, representatives of our largest cities were very upset to find that Dalton wanted people from Porcupine Junction to determine provincial funding policy for Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, London and Halton.

Now, I understand the desire to include the needs of small town Ontarians in the funding proposals. I also understand the need of our large cities to have their say in how these funds are provided and where they are spent.

It appears to me that a two-tiered approach is the only responsible method to distribute these funds. Larger municipalities should deal directly with provincial government officials while smaller municipalities should use AMO as their negotiator to arrange a stable source of funds.

Perhaps more worrisome than this controversy is the apparent smokescreen it creates around Dalton's unwillingness to give the money in the first place. Like their federal Liberal cousins, Dalton's Ontario Liberals promised funding for municipalities and now appear to be backing away from it.

As Halton grows, and our infrastructure needs become more pressing in terms of new construction and renewing existing roads and sewers, a need for stable flexible and fair funding also grows.

In Burlington, the much needed railway overpass on Appleby Line just south of Dundas Street is finally under construction. Despite an increase in traffic due in part to the Highway 407 interchange, funding for this necessary bit of infrastructure was impossible to pry out of the provincial government, because Appleby Line is a locally administered road rather than a provincial highway. However, it is this kind of project that the promised gas tax dollars would help fund.

Dalton, clear the smokescreen and get on with the job.

## Don't miss the annual...

Rabies Vaccination and Micro-Chipping day at the Upper Credit Humane Society.

Date & Time...

Saturday, September 18, from 10:00am - 2:00pm



Cost

Note: One day only. Please... Pets must be leashed or crated

Rabies Vaccination \$10.00 (per animal) Micro-Chipping \$25.00 (per animal) Special Deal: Get both for only \$32.00



Place

The Upper Credit Humane Society is conveniently located in the Town of Erin at the junction of Hwy 124 (the Guelph Rd.) and Wellington Rd 24 (Trafalgar Rd. N.) just across the road from the Petro Canada Station and Judy's Restaurant.

Tel: 519-833-2287



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