

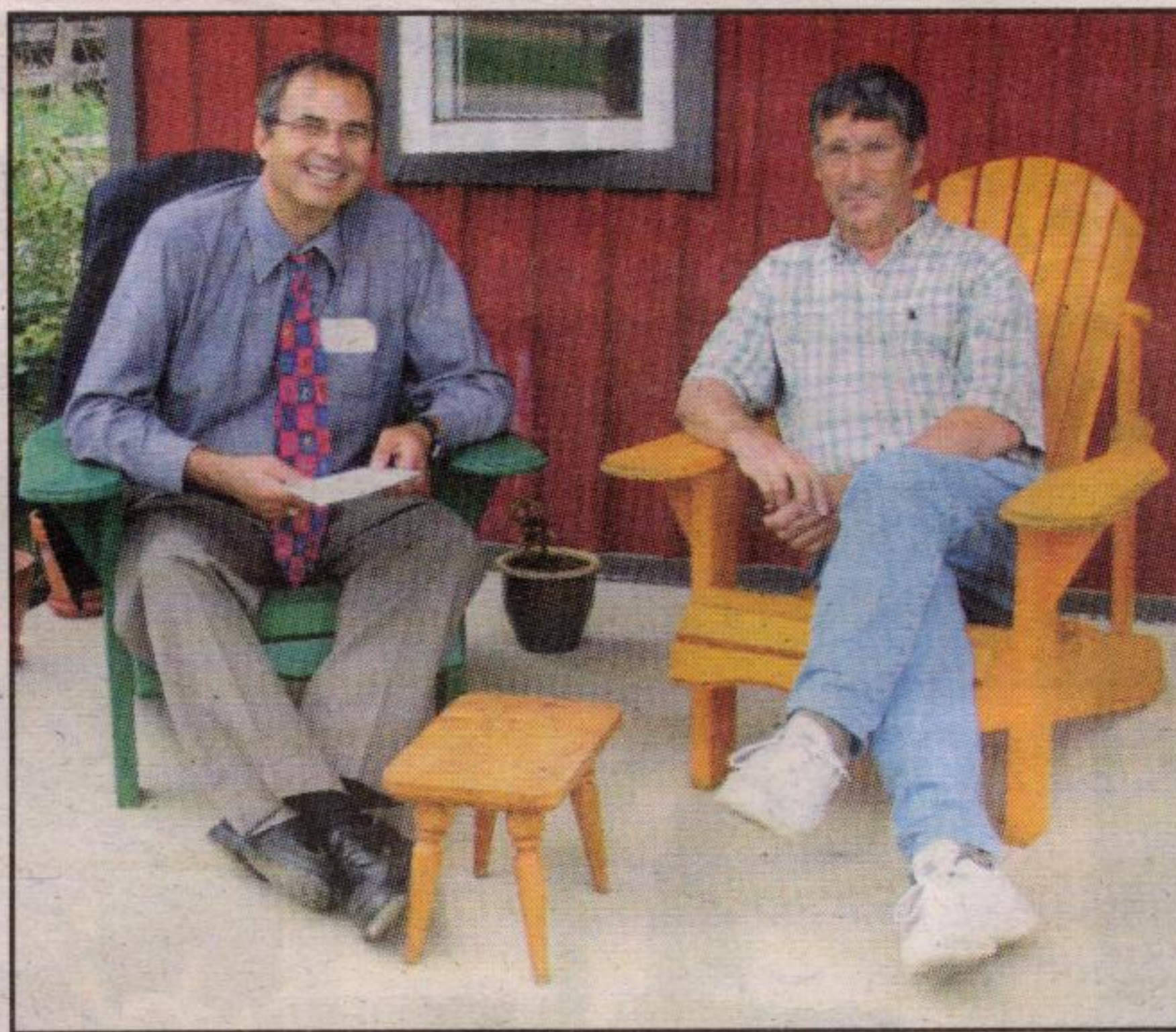
"Places to Grow" Region Farm Tour

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Guelph Line on Wednesdays. Known for its mixed vegetable operation that includes carrots, chard, garlic and 30 varieties of heirloom tomatoes, Greenfield's is also becoming well known for its exotic production of sun-chokes, purple peppers, kohlrabi, black radishes and dinosaur kale.

Next on the tour was D.G. Greenhouses in Georgetown. Three generations of the Digirolamo family

currently work this 65 acre family farm that has been in production since 1962. The business has seen many changes over the years, not the least of which has been a lower cultivation of fresh market tomatoes, broccoli, zucchini and beans, matched by a rise in fresh herbs, including staples such as basil and rosemary, and



Halton Member of Parliament Gary Carr and Town of Milton Regional Councillor Barry Lee take a quick minute to rest and relax during the Region's annual Farm Tour. Many local elected officials took part in the tour to hear first hand from farmers about issues affecting their industry.



Country Heritage Park General Manager Reg Cressman accepts a plaque from Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline during the Region's annual Farm Tour.



D.G. Greenhouses owner Nick Digirolamo prepares to greet the delegates from the Region's Farm Tour. This 65 acre family farm has been in operation since 1962, with three generations of the Digirolamo family currently at work in the growing and selling of 40,000 flats of annuals and vegetables as well as 70 varieties of perennials and 30 varieties of herbs per year.



Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline gets set to take a tractor for a spin as part of the Region's annual Farm Tour. The Farm Tour provides an opportunity every year for elected officials and municipal planners to learn about Halton's agricultural industry and the issues facing farmers today.

more unusual herbs such as banana mint and burnet. As well, changing ethnicity patterns in the GTA have seen a shift to the production of more greens and hot peppers than in the past.

The tour concluded at Halton Place Horse and Country in Acton. This 200 acre property is a world class equestrian facility. Halton Place is owned by Timur Leckebusch, who has competed extensively in the German National Junior Show Jumping Team, the World Cup and Grand Prix classes in Canada, as well as the U.S.A. The farm features an outdoor competition sand ring, an outdoor competition Grand Prix ring, two sand warm-up rings and a manicured

Derby ring, as well as an indoor arena. The message heard throughout the day from the attendees is that Halton region values its farms, and sees events such as the Farm Tour as a vital way to stay in communication with farmers and keep updated on the issues facing them. Greenfield's Lorenz Eppinger welcomed the opportunity to directly address elected officials about his concerns about cross contamination from farms using genetically modified seeds or from golf courses using pesticides, affecting his organic produce. "The challenges aren't pests and disease," he told them. "The overall problem is what is happening around us."

'Capture the Hills'

Halton Hills Camera Club announce photo contest

The Halton Hills Camera Club has announced "Capture the Hills 2004" - a two day photo competition in which amateur photographers comb the Halton Hills area, shooting anything that catches the eye of the camera. The contest is limited to 60 non-professional photographers and will start on Saturday October 2nd.

An entry fee of \$25.00 will include one roll of film and processing. All pictures must be taken on the film provided and within the competition boundaries of Halton Hills. A map will be provided. There are various subject categories and categories based on age. The Junior Category is open to persons 13 and under: the entry fee is only \$10. Parental consent is required.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third in each category as determined by a special panel of judges. The Mayor of Halton Hills, Rick Bonnette, will also select the Mayor's Choice for a special award.

Winning photos will be unveiled and prizes will be awarded at the Halton Hills Civic Centre, Recreation Department, on Thursday October 28th at 7:30 pm with a preview at 6:30 pm.

Entry forms are available at the Halton Hills Camera website (<http://homepages.interscape.net/homeroom/hhcc.html>), Halton Camera Exchange, Halton Hills Civic Centre, Georgetown Photo, and the Acton or Georgetown Libraries.

"Kids First" Charitable Foundation - Vanier Centre for Women, Milton

The "Kids First" charitable foundation at the Vanier Centre for Women (Milton) has raised \$4,500.00 dollars for Halton Women's Place in Milton. VCFW has worked with this local organization over the past 5 years, raising funds through events such as walkathons, auctions, BBQ's and chocolate bar sales.

The "Kids First" foundation was established to provide all children with hope and opportunity. Halton Women's Place is a local organization that has worked tirelessly to provide a safe haven to prevent violence against women and their children.

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