

# Cold steel, warm art

## Doris Treleaven, Acton's metal sculptor

By ANN KORNUA

Down twisting, tree lined roads lies the gallery of Doris Treleaven. Doris works in her Limehouse shop welding and fashioning metal into her own designs and creations. Her works are designed to last a lifetime. The pieces range in size from small Christmas ornaments to 10foot tall arbors; massive trellises and gates. Doris, who has appeared on HGTV and Breakfast television, is lovely and intelligent in person. "When I was younger my father had a tool and die shop and I learned from him. I was always creative and off doing my own thing. Soon I was making things in my own garage and it took off from there."

She gets her name out doing art and craft shows. Curious people, driving past her house, often stop when they catch a glimpse of her working on her pieces. "People come from all over the place and it always surprises me. It's kind of nice for them to come up here in the countryside and see the pieces I have all over my property."



Doris Treleaven with a custom-ordered candelabra that she made last year.

Doris is certified in pressure vessel welding. She believes that it is important to have mastered the technical skills of working in metal before attempting to bring artistry to the process. Her works generally portray some aspect of nature. "With a lot of art shows I find you have to be off the wall or unconventional to be in the art clique. I cater more to the ordinary person. My theory is if I make it, I have to be prepared to have it in my own yard." Doris' pieces catch the eye with their rustic forms. "You can take one thing and make it simple or go further. A lot of energy goes into each of my designs."

Doris has recently donated several sculptures to 'Schools in Bloom', a local initiative that recognizes the importance of gardens in schools. This is a new program, and the schools that won this competition received hand-crafted sculptures from Doris for their gardens. Doris, this year, also donated the Georgetown Farmers' market sign.

Her ability to take cold metal and turn it into art is remarkable. You can get a glimpse of what Doris has to offer by attending this year's FASM Studio tour October 1st and 2nd or by contacting her studio at 1-800-562-4055.



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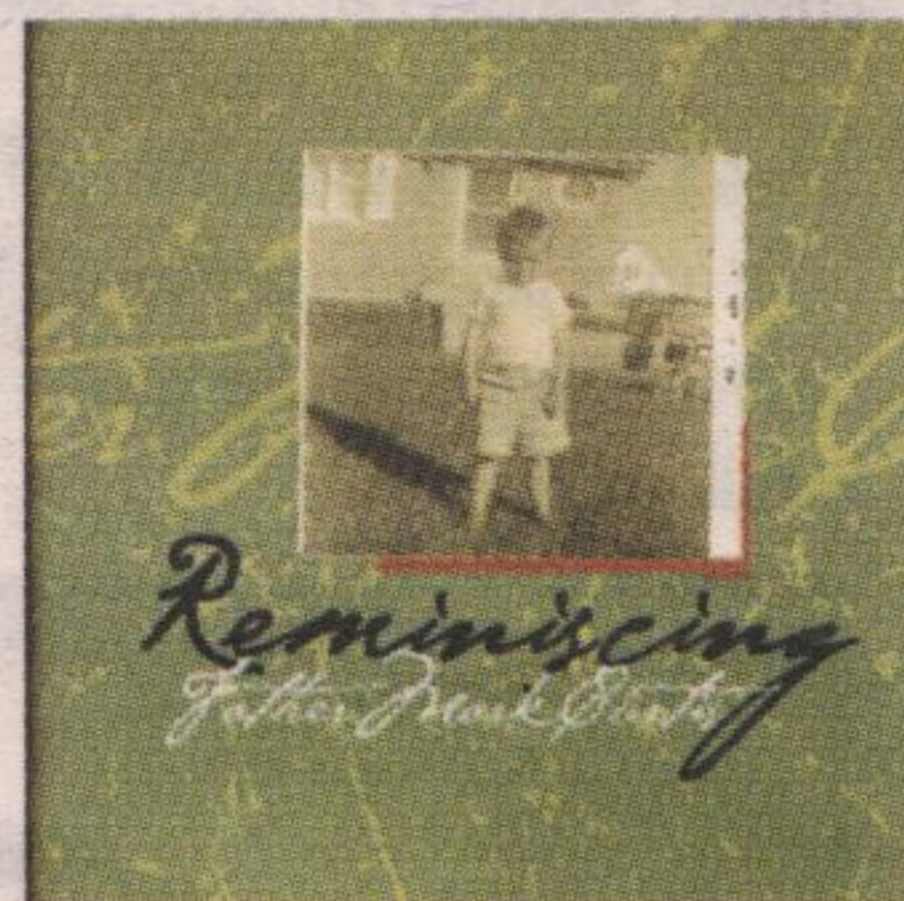
"If I make it, I have to be prepared to have it in my own yard", says Doris, who displays some of her metalwork here.

## 'Reminiscing' with Father Mark

While Father Mark Curtis has stated that his new album "Reminiscing" may be the last one he produces for a while due to the many new challenges he has taken on, it is nice to know that he is giving us a gem that we can treasure. "Reminiscing" is a collection of old and true favourites such as "Bringing in the Sheaves" and "When the Saints go Marching in", all performed in that unmistakable Curtis style. Smooth and mellow, the CD comforts and soothes like a visit from an old friend. The liner for the CD contains the quote "and with my song I will praise Him," a fitting slogan for this collection of hymns done by Milton's favourite singing priest. The liner also had the added bonus of containing a glimpse into Curtis's past, with current and childhood photos of the singing icon.

Recently honoured by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien for his 25 year career that has seen him raise over \$11 million for charity, the tenor's latest CD is no exception and will see a portion of the proceeds donated to charity. Fans of gospel would enjoy this particular CD which brings back the hymns that have stood the tests of time, while modern day classics such as "On Eagle's Wings" are equally appealing.

"Reminiscing" is available for purchase at all Christian bookstores or through the website at [www.fathermarkcurtis.com](http://www.fathermarkcurtis.com).



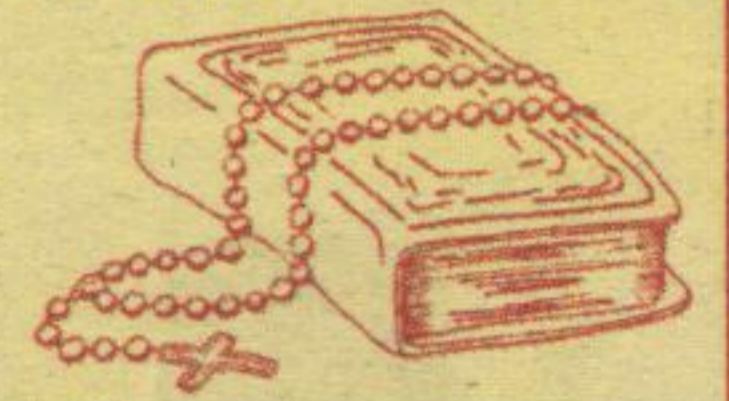
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