

# Valley of the Dolls

By ANN KORNUA

Dolls have always captivated us little girls. That first treasured security figure besides our own family members, dolls helped us as children to unlock the doors to play time enjoyment. Some of us refuse to give that up as we age, and the skilled craftspeople behind crafted dolls are very happy with that. Marlene Kawalez and Lisa Lister Stoodley are excited about the grand re-opening of *Irresistible Dolls* this February 5. After residing in Campbellville for over two

years, *Irresistible Dolls* is making its Main Street debut in downtown Milton.

"I do enjoy the doll world. The personalities you get meet, the creative people you get to know, it's wonderful," Lisa said. "I look at the dolls as beautiful works of art, the pleasure I get from the detail and the heart that went into making the pieces."

Marlene's doll line is more than just a collection of sculpted dolls. She treats each doll with care when creating them and puts a part of her heart into each one. "All of them mean something to me; all of them have a story. A part of you goes into each one and sometimes it is hard to sell a piece," Marlene said. "I made a little Chinese doll on a sleigh that I loved and I did not want to part with her, but I did. My mentor always told me that when you die there is a piece of you in

someone's home, which is somewhat precious."

In addition to the Main Street store offering collector and play dolls, Marlene and Lisa will be taking registrations to start doll sculpting classes. "We will start by having classes on how to sculpt the head; we will have them here at the shop in the evenings. Lisa is going to be teaching as well!" Marlene explained. It will be a chance for people to discover the world of doll sculpting and embark on their own doll craft skills. "The whole aspect is that they are made with love and it comes from the heart," Marlene said.



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Lisa (left) and Marlene (right) stand in their own valley of dolls in the new downtown Milton storefront of Irresistible Dolls.

Join Marlene and Lisa this February 5 for their grand opening at *Irresistible Dolls* located on 86 Main Street east. For more information, visit the website [www.irresistibledolls.com](http://www.irresistibledolls.com) or call Lisa at 905-864-4795.

## Halton happenings

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### February 6

- **Anglican Confirmation Classes** begin at noon at The Alban House, 537 Main Street, Glen Williams. To register please call (905) 877-8323.
- **Pancake Luncheon** - Ebenezer United Church, 12274 Guelph Line. Service is at 11am. Lunch is \$5 per person or \$20 per family of 4 or more. All proceeds to help earthquake victims and related efforts.

### February 8

- **Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper** at St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church, 537 Main Street, Glen Williams from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Freewill offering. All are welcome.
- **The Halton/North Peel Naturalist Club** invites the public to hear, Lee Roy and Judi Drake of S.O.A.R. (Songbirds Only Avian Rehabilitation), speak on "Activities and Progress of Organization" at 7:30 pm at the Centennial Middle School, 233 Delrex Blvd., Georgetown.
- **Pancake Supper** at St David's Presbyterian Church on the Guelph Line in Campbellville. The Dinner will be served from 5 pm until 7 pm. The cost is \$8 for Adults - \$5 for ages 3-5 under the age of 3 is free. All proceeds going towards World Missions.
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** - St. John's Anglican Church, 10009 Guelph Line, Campbellville 5pm - 7pm. \$5 adults \$3.50, children 3-10 years, under 3 years, free. Call Joy 519-853-0605. All proceeds to Tsunami relief.

### February 9

- **Ash Wednesday Service**, 7 p.m. at St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church, 537 Main Street, Glen Williams. All are welcome.

### February 11 & 12

- **Milton District Hospital Gift Shop** will be holding a "Sweetheart" Sale outside of the shop. Parking is free with a min. \$5 purchase (customers will receive tokens) and lots of bargains.

### February 11

- **Milton Concert Presentations** features *Ensemble Vivant* at 8:00 pm. Bring your valentine for an evening of beautiful light classics and romantic music. St Paul's United Church, 123 Main St. For tickets and information please call 905-878-4732.

### February 12

- **"Sweet Treats Dance"** - Join us for an evening of dancing, decadent desserts and yes folks... even Karaoke!!! Tickets are \$10.00/adult or \$18.00/couple and include door prizes, dessert and refreshments. Money raised will be directed towards on-going church and outreach initiatives. 8 pm to midnight, St. Andrew's United Church in Georgetown (Mountainview and Sinclair) for more info, or to order tickets call (905) 877-4482

### February 13

- **FREE financial seminar "Tax Savings and Creative Giving for Canadians"** with Vern Dueck, CFP. Noon till 2 pm. Centre 2000 in Erin. Includes lunch and seminar. Call 519-833-7114 to register. Erin Village Alliance Church 519-833-7114

### February 15

- **"Rejuvenating old gardens and new gardens from scratch"** will be Acton Horticultural Society's next topic with Jennifer Moore. 7.30 pm at Knox Church, Acton. Info: Sandy 519-853-3912.

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