

Habitat for Humanity Halton Burlington Build Framing Blitz

On Saturday, August 6, starting at 8.0 am Habitat for Humanity Halton will hold a framing blitz at 88 Queen Mary Avenue, Burlington, another step toward the realization of the dreams and hopes of a local family currently living in substandard housing.

Dozens of volunteers, including the Habitat Partner Family and skilled construction workers, will work side by side during the blitz swinging hammers to build the home's walls and roof. Framing will be done using Weyerhaeuser TimberStrand™ wall framing engineered to stay straight and true – important because the boards are moved into and out of heated buildings several times during the build – warping most lumber under these conditions.

Construction of this home would not have been possible without the generous support of Habitat for Humanity Halton house sponsors: City of Burlington, Prosperity One, Marlar Homes, MCAP, CUMIS, Clarksdale Public School and Dofasco.

Habitat for Humanity Halton is an independent, not-for-profit housing organization dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing by building simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with low income, working families. Habitat builds, renovates and sells houses to low-income families on a no-profit, no-interest basis and provides an interest-free mortgage to families who would otherwise not be able to purchase their own home.

Habitat for Humanity Halton continues to provide affordable new and good used building materials at our ReStore at 1800 Appleby Line, Unit 10, Burlington. All funds raised support Habitat projects.

Visit the website www.habitathalton.ca or call the office at 905-637-4446 to find out how to get involved or make a donation. Our toll free number is 1-866-314-4344.

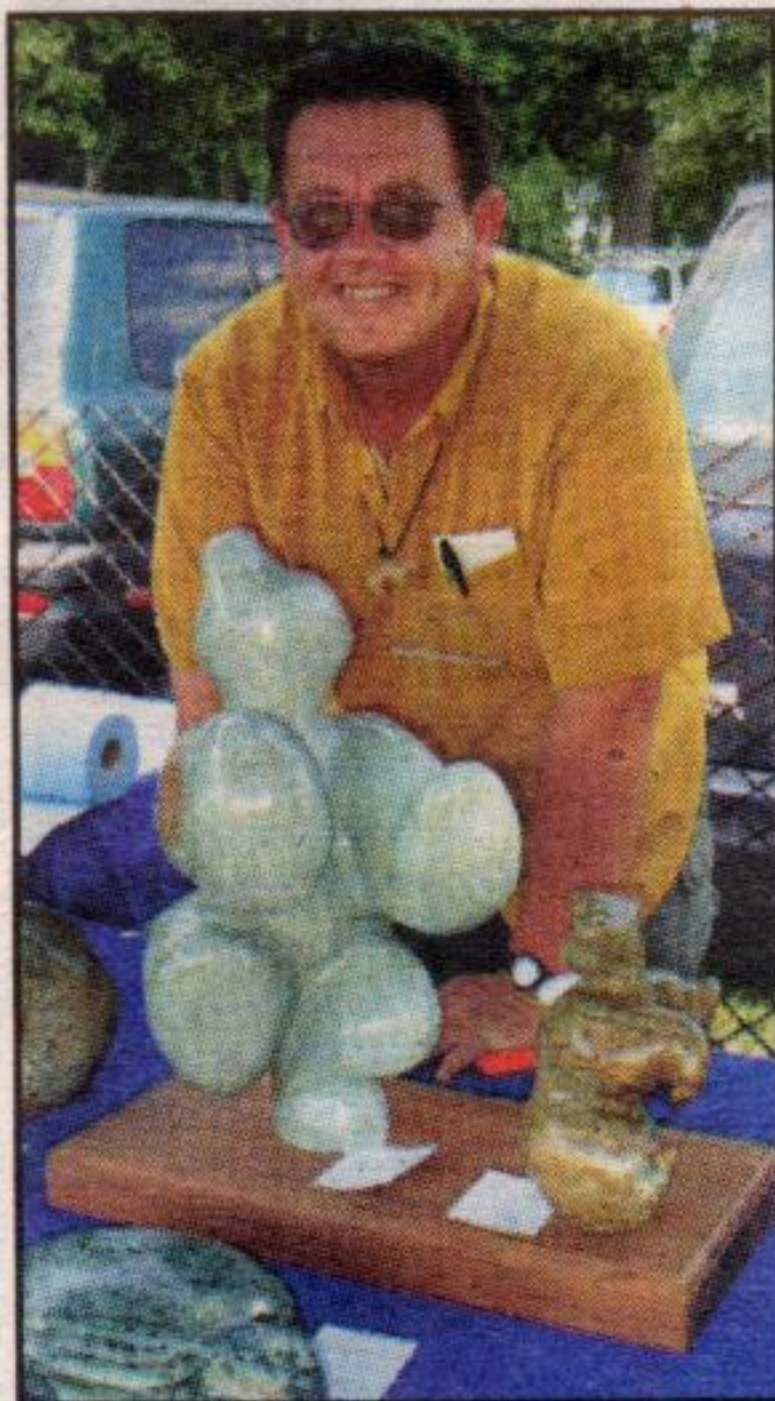
40th Art in the Park at Oakville



Helen Benninger from Scarborough stands behind a hand-made fabric collage poncho that has won two national awards. Raffle Tickets are currently being sold for it at \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The draw will take place September 21 and the proceeds will go to the Wellspring Cancer Support foundation. Visit www.wellspring.ca for more information.



Tony Wong from Toronto stands beside his massive mixed media painting, Home. It took about four months to complete.



Frankie Ip from Markham stands in front of two of his favourite paintings. The top is named Natural Philharmonic and the bottom is Mythical Wood.



Dan Monaghan from Dundas stands behind two of his Brazilian soap stone sculptures. The large carving, Large Dancing Bear started as a 156 pound rock and was carved down to 74 pounds. The smaller carving is titled Dancing Bear.



Grozdana Bukvic from Toronto sits behind her many clay sculptures that reject the classical concept of beauty.

Kim Davis from Dundas holds one of her hand-made sculpted stoneware. The pieces are sculpted out of speckled stone clay and then stained.

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How to Avoid 13 Extra Costs When Buying a Home

MILTON - Whether you're looking to buy your first home, or trading up to a larger one, there are many costs - on top of the purchase price - that you must figure into your calculation of affordability. These extra fees, such as taxes and other additional costs, could surprise you with an unwanted financial nightmare on closing day if you're not informed and prepared.

Some of these costs are one-time fixed payments, while others represent an ongoing monthly or yearly commitment. While not all of these costs will apply in every situation, it's better to know about them ahead of time so you can budget properly.

Remember, buying a home is a major milestone, and whether it's your first, second or tenth, there are many small but important details, not to mention stress and excitement, to deal with during your process. The last thing you need are unbudgeted financial obligations in the hours before you take possession of your home.

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