

Take a carriage ride to the past at Montgomery Christmas

The village of Norval welcomes the Halton Hills community to the 11th annual Montgomery Christmas on Saturday and Sunday (Nov. 29 and 30).

This is a unique opportunity to discover the history and character of Norval in Halton Hills as well as to enjoy an old-fashioned celebration of Christmas in the country. Montgomery Christmas began in honour of Lucy Maud Montgomery, one of Canada's best-loved authors, who lived in Norval from 1926 to 1935 while her husband served as a minister of Norval Presbyterian Church and Union Church near Glen Williams.

This year, Norval's three churches come together on the Sunday of the Montgomery Christmas weekend to celebrate Lucy Maud Montgomery's birthday with a Tea and Birthday Cake at the Norval Presbyterian Church at 3 p.m. and a Hymn Sing at 4 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. Elizabeth Waterston, professor emeritus at the University of Guelph, an editor of the *Montgomery Journals* and co-author of *Writing a Life*, a biography of Montgomery.

All other attractions on the Montgomery Christmas weekend take place on the Saturday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Take an old-fashioned horse and carriage ride through the village, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. sponsored by Canoe Country. The white carriage will hold up to six people. An historical tour brochure is included. Cost is \$20 per group. To book a horse and carriage tour call 905-846-5000. John McDonald, author of *Halton Sketches Revisited* will be available for informal orientations before and after the carriage rides. McDonald has researched the history of the Halton area since 1970 and is a founding member of the Esquesing Historical Society and former member of Halton Hills and Halton Regional councils. His popular books on local history are available for purchase and book signings are welcome.

Children can come and make Christmas crafts at Canoe Country. Included are hand-crafted miniature wooden canoe paddles that can be used as tree ornaments. The annual Craft Centre is run by Gini Dalgas, resident environmental educator. The cost is \$2 per

craft with all funds raised donated to the annual Riverfest in Norval on June 5.

The Ontario Wood Carvers Association will have displays and demonstrations. Many of their carvings will be available for sale.

The Norval Community Association will provide refreshments, hot apple cider, coffee, and homemade cookies. Come enjoy their displays and hospitality. Heritage Seeds from the Lucy Maud Montgomery Garden, L.M.M. Garden souvenir T-shirts and gardening hats, *Norval Country Kitchen Recipe Book*, and homemade preserves will be for sale.

Crawford's Village Bakery, where Lucy Maud Montgomery is known as Aunt Maud because of the family connection, will again have Montgomery's handwritten recipe book on display. Aunt Maud's Christmas cake will be for sale as well as another favourite from the recipe book—mock cherry tarts.

Many of the businesses on Norval's main street will be open. For example, Garden Gate Florist invite visitors to participate in a free draw for a floral arrangement.

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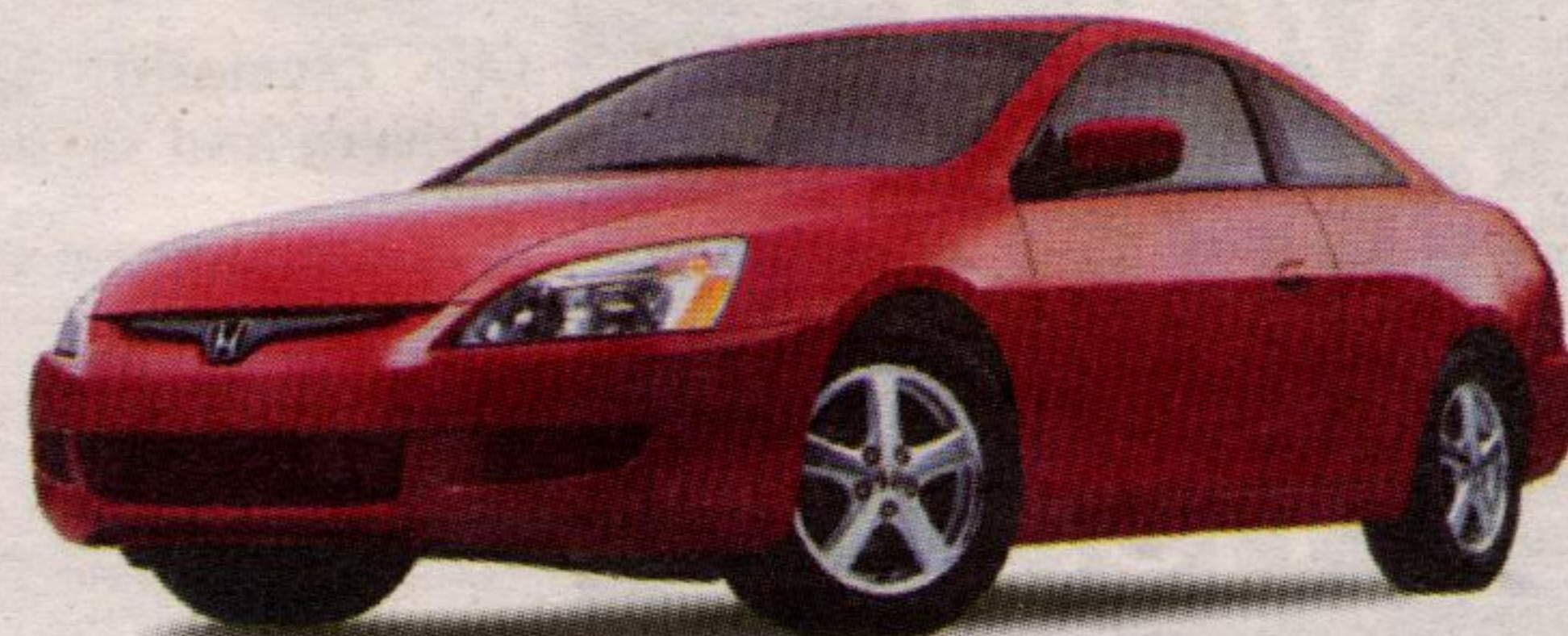
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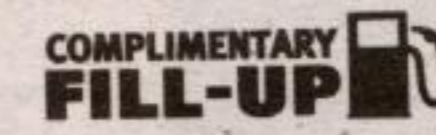


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