Bateman visit draws audience of 200

pproximately 200 people from across southern Ontario gathered at the John Elliott Theatre on Saturday, to hear international artist and environmentalist Robert Bateman deliver his impassioned argument on behalf of the Earth.

Bateman spoke of his obsession and intimate understanding of the nature of the planet and the nature of politics. He is an advocate for the environment through his interpretations of it in paint, ink,

and pencil.

Bateman was eager to share both his insight and his opinions for more than an hour. Following a short question and answer session, he drew a ticket from a Friends of the Halton Hills Library tote bag, announcing Andy Kovacs of Halton Hills as the holder of the winning ticket for a limited edition print, Black-Crowned Night Heron Pair.

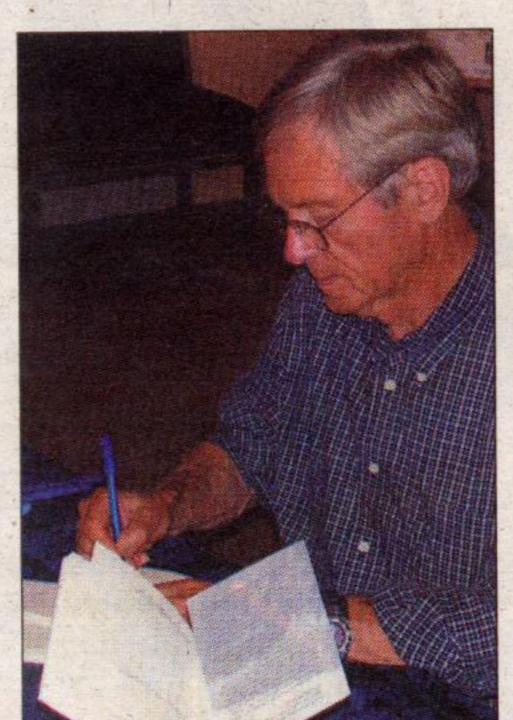
Bateman hunkered down in the Gallery for more than a couple hours signing his books Thinking like a Mountain and Backyard Birds as well as many assorted items of nostalgic memorabilia from his many local friends, acquaintances, and admirers.

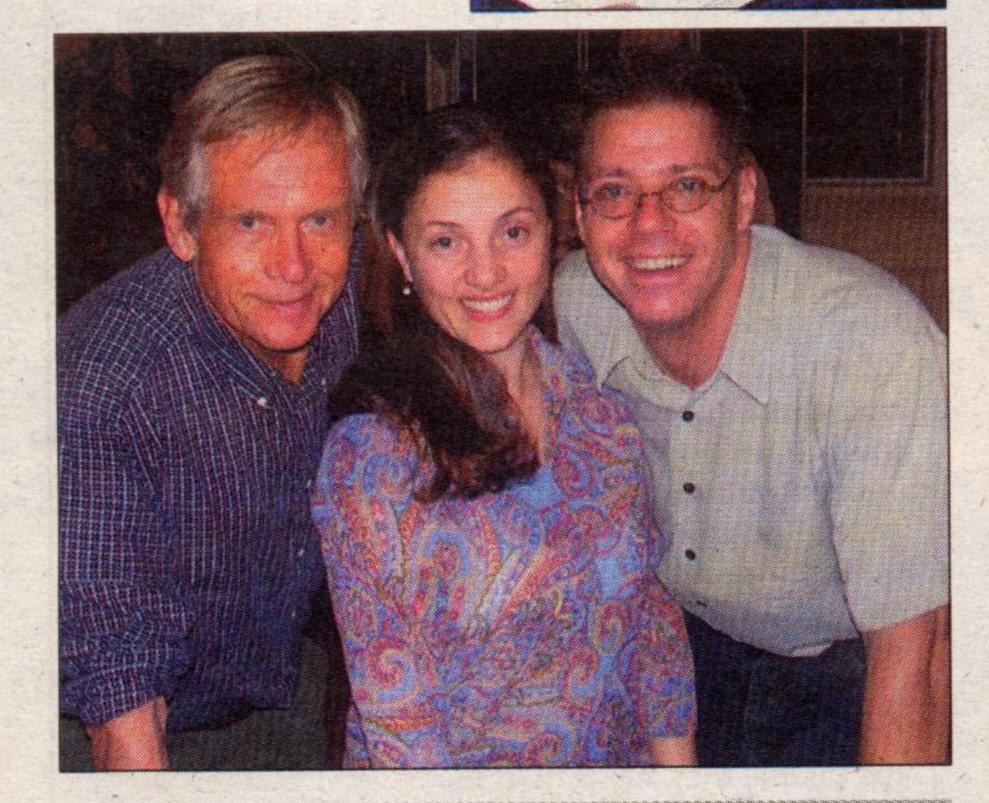
The proceeds from the event will go to benefit the Friends of the Halton Hills Library's ongoing works.

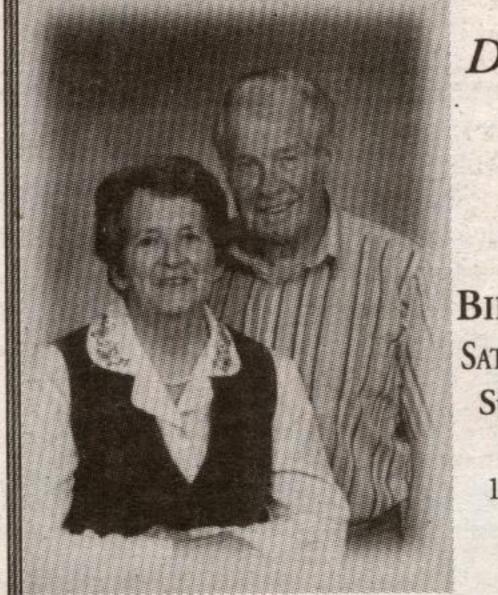
—By Dave Cox, Friends of the Halton Hills Library

Internationally-known artist and environmentalist Robert Bateman met local residents Sharon Leal and Brian Flood (below) following his speech at John Elliott Theatre Saturday. Bateman also held an autograph-signing session (right) in the Gallery of the Cultural Centre.

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Art Effects owner Cathy Longhurst admires a Robert Bateman print with Dave Cox of Friends of the Halton Hills Library at her Bateman open house in the store's Guelph Street location Thursday night in recognition of the famed artist's visit to Georgetown Saturday. All sales of Bateman prints and books at the open house were donated to the Friends of the Halton Hills Library.

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