The 'new year' is a good time to immerse yourself in the arts

Peptember always seems more like a "new year" to me than January. The kids are starting a new grade at school and extra-curricular activities are starting up again after the summer break. It is also start of new seasons for opera and ballet companies, orchestras and some art galleries.

While it is not always possible to attend arts events, enhancing an appreciation for the arts through the Halton Hills Public Library certainly is. Here are some selections from our non-fiction collection

to help get you started:

For classical music lovers there are books such as The NPR Guide to Building a Classical CD Collection that can help demystify the wide range of composers and recommend good CDs to borrow or purchase for yourself. Classical Music 101 by Fred Plotkin takes this concept a step further and describes what to listen for in classical music and gives an introduction into musical theory from an appreciation standpoint.

If you have children in ballet classes or would like to



gain a better insight into what you see on stage, then we have plenty of resources to help you with the world of dance. The Video Dictionary of Ballet on DVD, for example, not only explains terms but also shows you how the steps

are executed. It is a great reference, and one your child can dance along to.

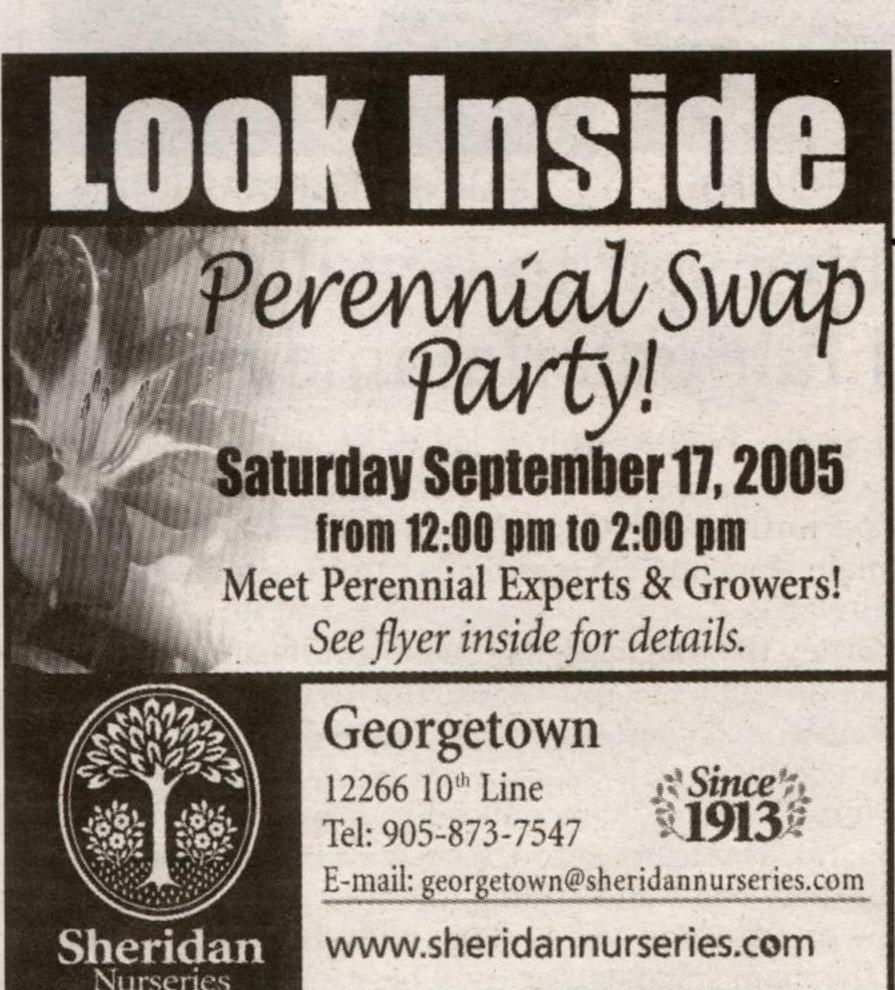
When you find yourself with a date for the opera, but find opera a little tricky to understand, don't panic. The library has books such as A Season of Opera by M. Owen Lee that can make it much easier. This book is a collection of commentaries that accompanied broadcasts from New York's Metropolitan Opera House. Each essay includes the story line of the opera, a description of the music, and a look at the

themes and the composer's intent behind the work.

When you can't go out to a performance, why not enjoy one in the comfort of you own home? The library has ballets, operas, concerts and more on videocassette and DVD, as well as a large collection of classical music on compact disc. For more information please contact either branch of the Halton Hills Public Library or visit our website at www.library.hhpl.on.ca.

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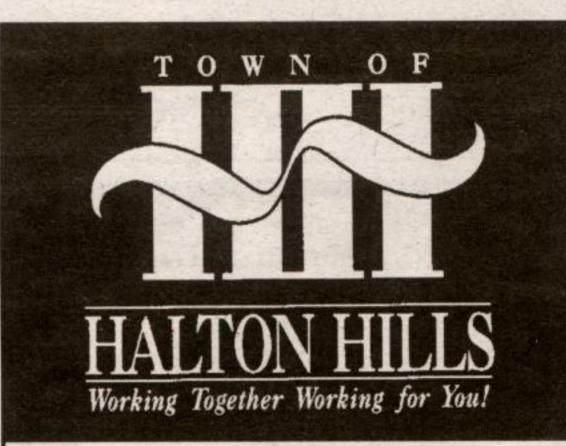
hard work and

dedication, but

you can live

smoke-free if

you try.



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The 2005 Georgetown Fall Fair will take place in the Georgetown Fairgrounds on September 10, 11 and 12. A park admission charge will be in effect: Parking \$3.00, adult admission Friday \$5.00, Saturday \$7.00, Sunday \$5.00, weekend pass \$15.00, children 7-12 \$3.00 and children 6 and under accompanied by an adult FREE. Please note that during the period from September 5-11, normal park operations will be suspended. Access to the Trafalgar Trail at Princess Anne Drive and Maple Avenue will be closed at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 9 and reopen Monday, September 12.

Please refrain from bringing backpacks and refreshments.

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