

# Search for Miss Acton at Fair pageant Friday, Sept. 18

By Frances Niblock

Personable, quick witted, friendly and an Acton booster. Those are some of the main characteristics that the judges for the Miss Acton pageant will be looking for in contestants at the 47th annual contest that takes place on September 18 at the Acton Fall Fair.

During her one-year reign, Miss Acton represents the Acton Agricultural Society at various community events and at Ontario fair association events.

"I have four confirmed (contestants) right now which is a very nice number. Usually we don't have that many confirmed two weeks before the event, so that shows me that there is a lot of interest this year," pageant chair Natalie Tuitman said on Monday, adding that the girls who have signed up so far have said they are looking forward to the experience and to representing Acton.

Tuitman said in a pre-pageant interview the judges will look for contestants who carry themselves well, can easily engage in conversation and are approachable.

"They will look for some-



**2008 PAGEANT: Newly crowned Miss Acton Fall Fair Justine Martin is flanked by first runner-up Justine Marin, left, and second runner-up Larissa Schaubregitner, right, in the 2008 pageant. -Ken Baker photo**

one who is at ease when approached by the public, someone who is poised, interested in Acton and able to put others at ease," Tuitman said.

Contestants meet with pageant organizers and judges on the Wednesday and Thursday before the pageant for a makeup demonstration, inter-

views, and a run through of their speeches and a chance to check out the stage in the Dufferin Centre where the pageant will be held.

During the pageant, the contestants are introduced to the crowd while their biographies are being read, they walk the stage wearing business attire and a glamour look and answer questions from the judges.

Tuitman, a runner-up in the 1995 pageant, said it was a great learning experience that allowed her to gain confidence and self esteem, learn more about the community and make a new set of friends that she might not have met.

Tuitman said while the contestants do dress up with elaborate hair and makeup,

the event is not a beauty pageant.

"What we want is the beauty personality. We want the girl who can talk well in a crowd - we don't call it a beauty pageant, it's a contest and we want a winner who can represent Acton the best," Tuitman said, adding unlike some other fairs in Ontario that have a contest for a fair ambassador, there's no move to open the pageant to males.

Tuitman said that once again local merchants have been very generous with the prizes that they've donated for the contestants. For the first time, the Agricultural Society sent out requests to local merchants and businesses for donations, instead of each committee approaching businesses individually.

The reigning Miss Acton, Justine Martin, will not be at the pageant to turn over her crown and robe - she is currently in Switzerland going to school as an exchange student, so her first runner-up, Rachel Moore, will handle the duties of the out-going Miss Acton.

The pageant is open to females aged 16 to 22 who attend Acton High School, or live in the Acton, Limehouse, Ballinafad or Rockwood area.

Tuitman said they would accept entries until the Wednesday, September 16 pre-pageant meeting at the Dufferin Centre in Prospect Park.

For details visit Blooms Away Flowers or e-mail pageant officials at missactonfallfair@hotmail.com

## Region Chair at Fair

Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr and members of Regional Council will attend upcoming fall fairs in Acton, Georgetown and Milton. Along with Carr, the mayor and regional councillors will be available to answer questions residents may have or provide them with information about Halton Region's program and services.

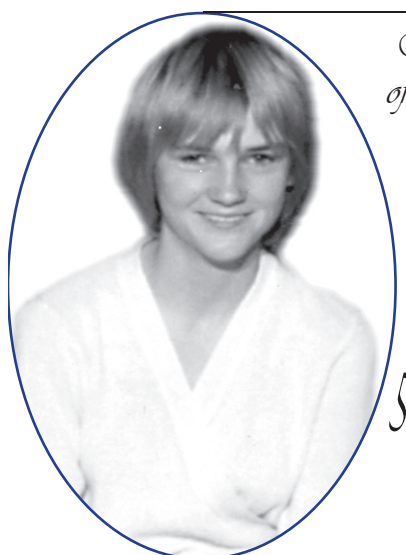
Chair Carr, the mayor and regional councillors will be at the Halton Region booth on the following dates and times:

Georgetown Fall Fair - Saturday, Sept 12 from 2-3pm,

Acton Fall Fair - Saturday, Sept 19 from 2-3pm,

Milton Fall Fair - Saturday, Sept 26 from 2-3pm.

"As members of Council, it is important for us to hear directly from the people we represent," said Regional Chair Gary Carr. "The fall fairs are a great opportunity to meet with residents face-to-face to hear what they have to say and to answer their questions."



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