Campbellville woman wins top art award

By Ann Hauprich-Nielsen A Campbellville woman with a keen interest in the imagination and an arm full of talent came out tops in her division at a highly diver-Toronto-Dominion complex last week.

Sjanie Bethlehem of Twiss Rd. received the award of Illustration category for her collection of work which highlighted a giant waterbug about two feet in height.

Mrs. Bethlehem was also judged on her pen and ink rendering of a dragon fly, an interpretive drawing of an rendering of an apartment Lamaist art in the form of six colorful illustrations suitable Royal

Museum. Bethlehem's collection were Edi borough, Ruth McKinley, Yost and Globe and Mail art editor Jim Purdy.

Asked why she chose bugs as the subject of most of her award winning collection at "Springboard 77", Mrs. Bethlehem said she has long been fascinated by the insect world and is even considering going into the scientific illustration field when she graduates from Sheridan

next month. She said it took her about 200 hours to complete the giant waterbug because she had to make a prototype out of it in cardboard first.

Mrs. Bethlehem made the insect 13 times its original size using a dead waterbug she found near her home as a

explained, "but when you blow them up, people can suddenly see their beauty.

photographs insects using a macro lens on her camera, then studies the colored slides and observes the insects in life before embarking on a major art project.

"I sort of scout around and magazines that contain information on insects," she The 35-year-old mother of

three is in her third and final

year of study at Sheridan

College in Oakville.

Prior to starting the course in 1974, she only had her Grade 8 education and had no previous instruction in art. Yet, at the end of her first year, Mrs. Bethlehem was to receive the Academic and Proficiency Award for her division and received an honorable mention for her

Communications Art Show. Bethlehem achieved an A-plus status in English and photography during her years at the college.

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She said she was accepted at Sheridan solely on the basis of the paintings and other art work - including authoring and illustrating three children's books which she had done during her years as a housewife.

Mrs. Bethiehem said she hopes to do freelance work when she completes her course at Sheridan in May or may take work in a studio if she can commute.

"The thought of going out into the business world to sell my talents still scares me a bit," Mrs. Bethlehem confessed. "I've been painting and drawing for my own enjoyment for se long, it will be quite a change suddenly trying to market my work.'



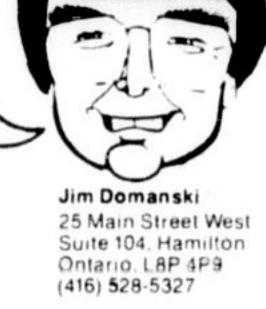
SJANIE BETHLEHEM of Campbellville, a third year Technical Illustration student at Oakville's Sheridan College, displays some of the drawings, paintings and other art projects she has completed in recent years. A separate collection of Mrs. Bethlehem's art work — including a giant waterbug - won her the award of excellence in her category at "Springboard 77" in Toronto last week. Her award winning collektion will be on display at the Toronto-Dominion complex until April 15.

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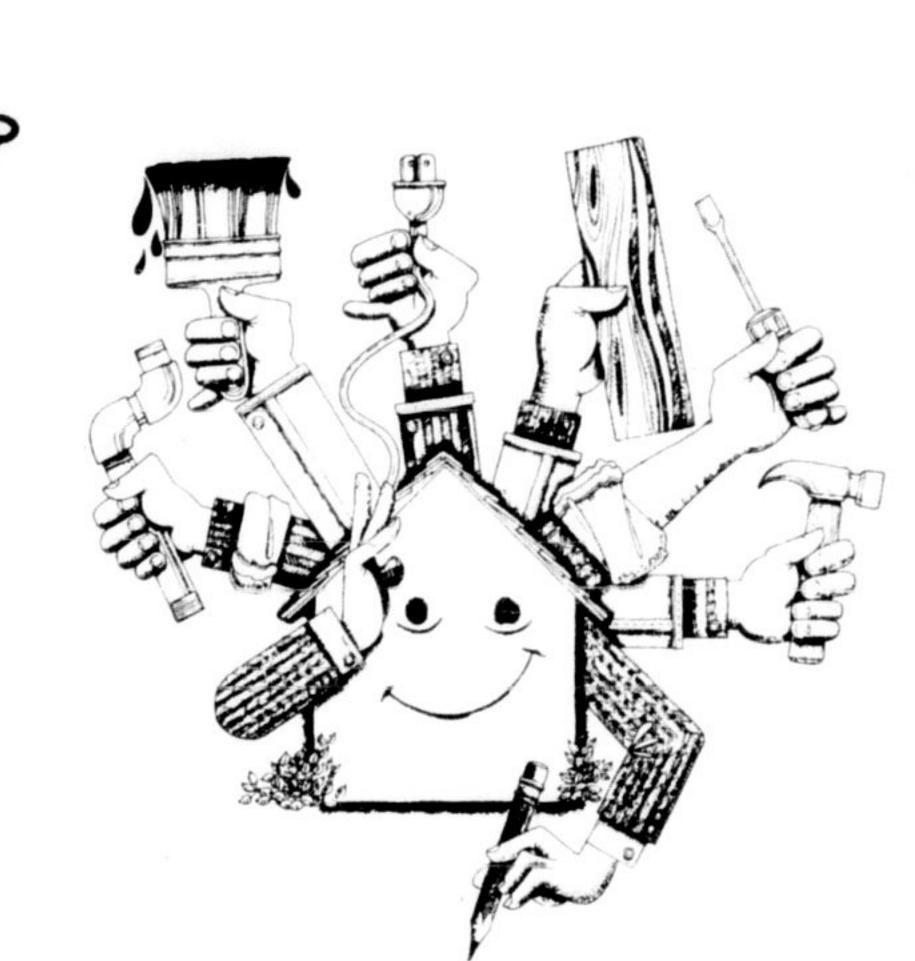
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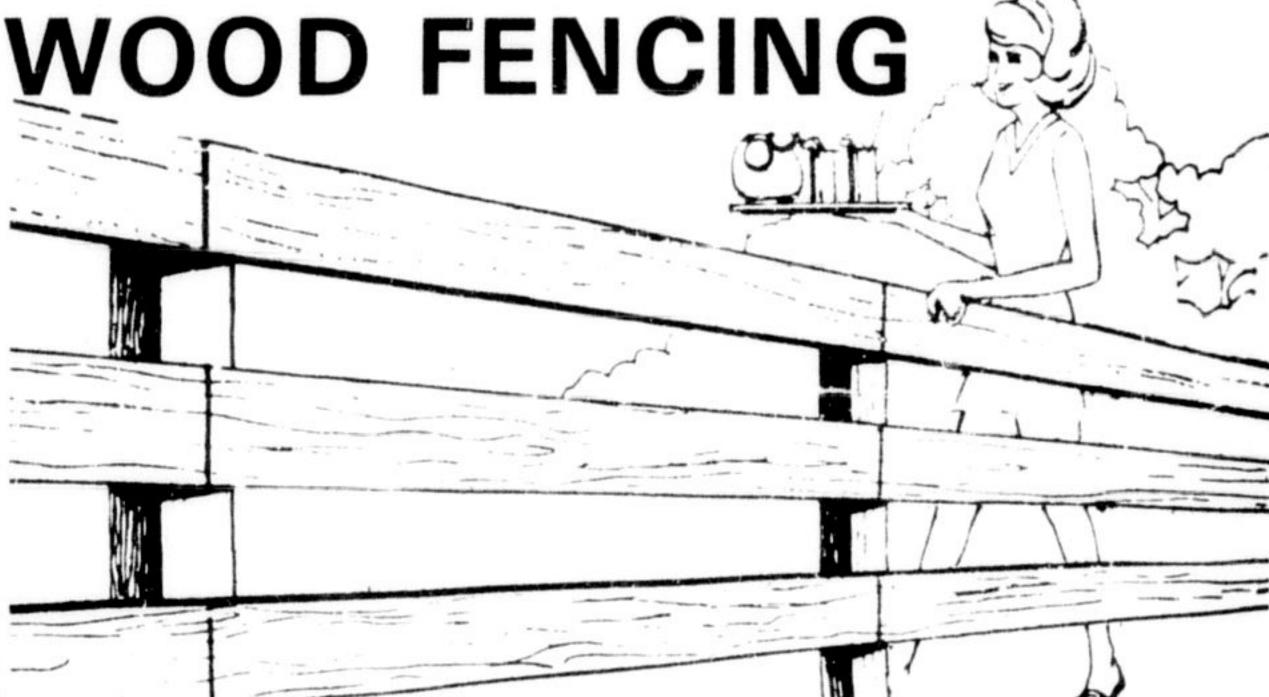


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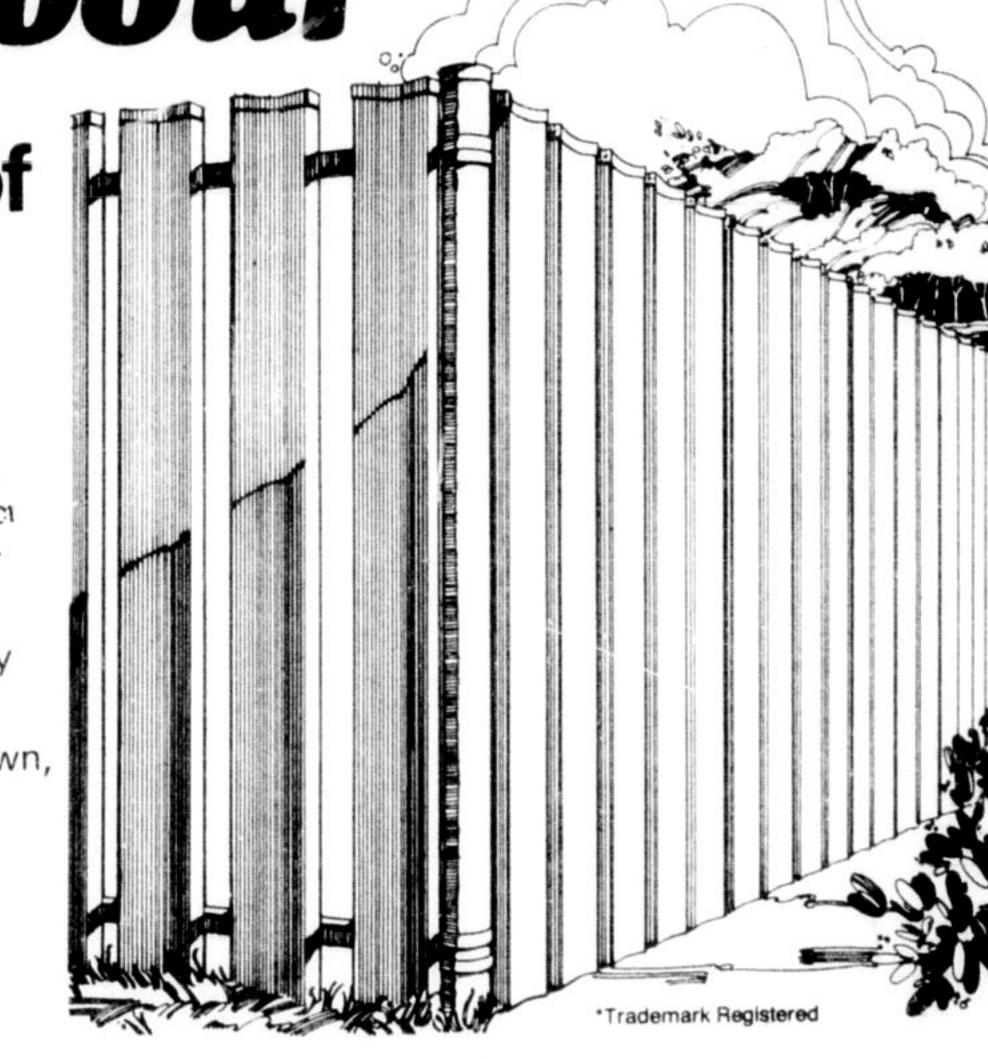
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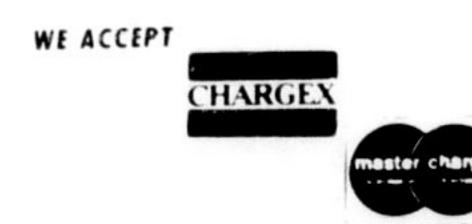
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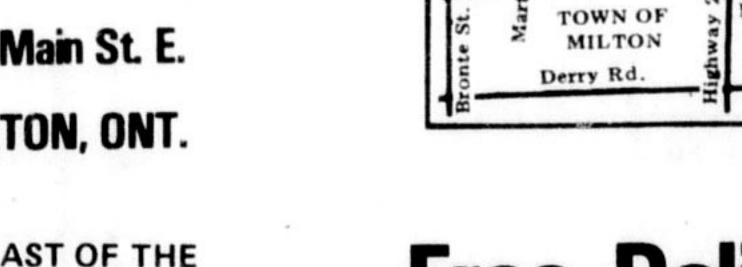


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