

## Self-taught potter turns out practical art on his wheel

Crewson Corners potter Larry Davidson didn't start out as one but his interest and love for the craft has turned him into a full-time artisan. His work has been getting much critical acclaim from those who appreciate fine work partly because it is practical as well as decorative.

Davidson, 30, a Guelph native, who turned to pottery from social work, moved to the hamlet of Crewson Corners two years ago, where he opened a showroom and shop.

Self-taught, Davidson works exclusively with salt glazing—a method of making pottery used by the pioneers. At the beginning of the process there's not much glaze on the pots but with 80 pounds of salt added in the glazing kiln, it turns into a gas which forms the glaze pattern.

Davidson's work has been influenced by both the Japanese and English as well as historical periods and individual potters. The Japanese influence came from six months working in Mashiko Japan, about 70 miles from Tokyo. Mashiko is a pottery town with

400 potters practising the art. While in Japan Davidson lived next door to one of the world's best known potters, Shoji Hamada. Pottery is an art in Japan, he says, while here it is considered a craft. Buyers in Japan pay as much as \$600 for a piece from a potter's wheel.

The English influence on his work comes from Bernard Leitch, who also studied in Japan, a nursery for budding potters.

Ironically his most memorable experience in Japan revolves around a snowstorm not a potter's wheel. Mashiko gets very little snow. One day when it did snow Davidson and two Americans also working there, started a snowball fight.

"The Japanese loved it. They never saw anything like it before," he says. However, when one snowball tore through thin paper walls and landed on an expensive plate curiosity turned into animosity.

"They didn't think that was too funny," he recalls.

Davidson says pottery was consigned to a



premature death at the turn of the century with the introduction of so much mass produced products. Now it is making a come-

back as people appreciate the work of artists. "Pottery, like any art, is an expression of personality," he explains.

He says business at his Crewson Corners shop, where he lives with his wife and son, is brisk with tourists stopping and customers returning. His work has been shown only at a few galleries, including a small show in Toronto recently, but he has just started getting interested in showing. His work will be shown at the University of Guelph from November 20 to 22.

Crewson Corners is situated on Highway 7 about two miles west of Acton straddling the border between Halton Hills, rural Milton and Eramosa and Erin townships, both in Wellington County. The front porch of the converted store is the showroom for Davidson's work as well as pottery from all over the world, including teapots and kettles from Japan which remind him of his Japanese experience.

His showroom is open each day from noon until 6 p.m.

### Omagh

## Presentation in Centre for newly marrieds

By Mrs. Cecil Patterson  
The regular euchre (held every second week) was held on Nov. 18 at Boyne Centre with eight tables in play. Prize winners were Mrs. D. Dowling, Mrs. J. Wilkie, Mrs. J.C. Marshall, J.C. Marshall, Wilmer Mason, Alfred Ford, Next one on Dec. 2.

A presentation party was held at Boyne Centre on Thursday evening Nov. 20 to honor recent newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Patterson.

The evening program was euchre with prizes for high scores to Mrs. J.C. Marshall and Gordon Rayner. Master of Ceremonies for the

evening was Mr. Henry Peacock, who in his usual jovial way told amusing anecdotes and on behalf of those attending congratulated the young couple and extended a welcome to the bride (nee Marion Noake of Watford, Ontario.)

Wm. Rayner and Clarence Ford Jr. presented the gifts, a handsome bridge set of table and four chairs in copper tones, and electric mixer, money and many good wishes.

Cecil and Marion expressed their appreciation for the beautiful gifts, and for the pleasant evening. The community party was

attended by friends and neighbors of the Omagh area and was organized by Mrs. Colin Marshall and helpers.

Lunch was served to bring the evening to a close. The young couple were married in Omagh Presbyterian church on Oct. 25 and have taken up residence at Cedar Hedge Farm, Fourth Line.

The Halton Jr. Farmers presented Cecil and Marion with a beautiful swag lamp as a wedding gift at their meeting on Monday, Nov. 17.

Local 4-H leaders Mrs. Cecil Patterson and Miss Nancy Lawrence attended the 4-H Home-

making Club Leaders' Provincial Conference which was held at the Holiday Inn, Downtown Toronto on Nov. 18, 19 and 20.

Guest speakers were Dr. Marion Powell, Faculty of Medicine, U. of T. Mer message was "Meeting adolescent needs" Mrs. Phyllis Merklejohn, education consultant, Miss Jane Moon, management consultant and Dr. Dennis Shacker speaking on "Leadership is Communication." Also attending were Mrs. Gordon Bird of Ashgrove Club.

There were 273 representatives coming from all counties in Ontario and 4H ideas were exchanged. The ladies also had free time to enjoy the Royal Winter Fair.

Mr. Kenneth Lantz, deputy minister of Agriculture and Food was guest speaker at the luncheon on Nov. 19.

He emphasized the importance of 4H training for young people and thanked those attending for volunteering their time and leadership to make the program a success. This conference was very worthwhile.

Get well wishes to Mrs. Hugh Brown, Mrs. Ruth Brownridge, Mrs. Isabel

Downs, Delbert Downs, Mrs. Grace Anderson, Mrs. Alma Turner. Halton was well

represented at the Royal Winter Fair in the beef class for Queen's Guineas. Those showing their

fine calves were David McCann, Paul Wilkinson, Beverley Wingfield, David and Steve Lasby.

**THE HALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Inaugural Meeting of The Halton Board of Education will be held on Thursday, December 4, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington, Ontario.

Bill Herd  
Chairman
E.S. Lavender  
Director

## Plant advances explained to Mountain Union women

The Mountain Union Women's Institute enjoyed the scenic panorama at the home of Mrs. Allan Clements, where the October meeting opened with the reading of Laura Dixon's poem, "Harvest Time."

Mrs. Jack Robertson read an article about The Farmer before Frances Clements introduced the speaker from the local office of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Burke McNeill showed slides on tissue culture and explained that cloning was not new to farmers. He reminded the women that all the McIntosh apple trees came from that one original tree.

Seeds would produce a variety of plants but only cuttings and grafting would produce identical plants.

One reason for the research into tissue culture was to eliminate disease and viruses, although nothing is completely free of all viruses.

Mr. McNeill pointed out that methods of propagation had remained much the same for thousands of years until this revolutionary method of tissue culture was

developed, which would allow from 500 to 600 plants to be produced from one leaf, using a microscope and various solutions.

Tissue culture is being tried with apples in jolly old England and right here in Huttonville. African violets are being grown by tissue culture.

A lab in Italy produces 3,000,000 strawberry plants a year at a cost of

\$300,000. Mr. McNeill added that farmers are very inventive and are able to construct things at a low cost.

Mrs. Laura Dixon thanked Mr. McNeill for his slides and speech.

A report was given by the District Representatives, Winnie Harbottle and Laura Dixon, following which Frances Clements served a delicious repast.

## Church Services

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1412 Britannia Rd. West  
Minister: Brian Cox  
878-5896

Sunday, Nov. 30/80  
10:00 a.m. - Bible School  
Class for all ages.

11:00 a.m. - Morning  
Worship and the Lord's  
Supper.

7:30 p.m. - "Preaching of  
The Gospel"

Wednesday  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study  
"The Church of Christ salutes  
you." Romans 16:16

**ANGLICAN CHURCH  
OF CANADA**  
**GRACE CHURCH**  
317 Main St., Milton

Sunday, Nov. 30/80  
Advent Sunday

8:00 a.m. - Holy Com-  
munion

9:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m. - Holy Com-  
munion and Baptism Festival

9:30 a.m. - Senior Church  
School

10:30 a.m. - Junior Church  
School

Thursday  
10:00 a.m. - Holy Com-  
munion

**ST. JOHN'S**  
Nassagaweya (Guelph Line,  
N. of 401)

9:30 a.m. - Holy Com-  
munion

Church School  
**ST. GEORGE'S**  
Lowville (Guelph Line &  
Derry Rd.)

11:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer  
Rev. Charles Mastors,  
Rector.

Nursery and Church School  
**TRINITY**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
4272 Appleby Line

Sunday, Nov. 30/80  
9:45 a.m. - Bible School for  
all ages

11:00 a.m. - Sermon:  
Grieving the Holy Spirit  
7:00 p.m. - Sermon: The  
Letter to the Church at  
Thyatira

Tuesday  
7:00 p.m. - Trinity Boys and  
Girls Club

Wednesday  
7:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting  
and Bible Study  
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**MILTON GOSPEL  
HALL**  
306 Ontario St. N.,  
878-2022

Christians Gathered  
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Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, Nov. 30/80  
10:00 a.m. - Breaking Bread  
11:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
7:00 p.m. - Gospel Service

Wednesday  
8:00 p.m. - Prayer and Bible  
Reading

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Being justified by faith, we  
have peace with God through  
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5:1.

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Mr. Brian Stoll

Sunday, Nov. 30/80  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
10:00 a.m. - Adult Bible  
Study

11:00 a.m. - Morning  
Worship

Sacrament of Baptism  
Nursery Available

7:00 p.m. - Communicants  
Class

All Welcome

**EMMANUEL  
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245 Commercial St.  
Pastor: Dr. J.R. Armstrong  
878-3908

Sunday, Nov. 30/80  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
for Children & Adults

11:00 a.m. - Assembly &  
Worship. Sermon:  
"Rediscovering the New  
Testament Church"

7:00 p.m. - Evening Praise  
and Bible Study. Sermon:  
"Prepare to meet thy God"

Tuesday  
9:45 a.m. - Coffee Hour and  
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7:00 p.m. - Family Night  
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878-2064

Sunday, Nov. 30/80  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning  
Worship

Also: Children's Church  
6:00 p.m. - Family Prayer  
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship

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9:00 a.m. - Ladies Prayer  
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9:45 a.m. - Family Worship  
11:00 a.m. - Morning  
Worship

Advent Sunday  
Sermon: "A call to renewal"  
11:00 a.m. - Church School

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**BOSTON and OMAGH  
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CHURCHES**  
Rev. Larry A. Welch  
878-3888

Sunday, Nov. 30/80  
**BOSTON**

3rd Line, Halton Hills  
9:30 a.m. - Church School  
and Divine Worship

**OMAGH**  
Britannia Rd. West  
11:00 a.m. - Church School  
and Divine Worship

**MILTON  
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Sunday, Nov. 30/80  
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10:30 a.m. - Junior Church  
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