

Milton arts festival ready to take town by storm

A well-placed work of art can dress up a room. Just imagine what it can do for a town.

Find out this weekend during Milton's debut Celebration of the Arts festival, held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. in downtown Milton.

Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 for students and seniors. Children under 12 are admitted free. The tickets act as a passport, providing an in to all indoor events.

A Saturday morning ribbon-cutting ceremony complete with the musical toolings of Father Mark Curtis will launch the event at the Farmer's Market.

Then it will kick into high gear with live performances throughout the weekend at Knox Presbyterian Church and St. Paul's United Church, both on Main Street.

The Jacqueline Smith Highland Dancers will be there, as will local inspirational rockers Cyn D and John Jamieson, baladeer Robert Goderre, country tunesmith Alanna Bell, and folksinger Ken Walsh.

Other entertainment includes the theatrical stylings of the Milton Players, organist Chris Fischer, pianist Liv Schachter and vocalist Karen Caruana.

The Memory Lane Orchestra will also perform, as will A Cappella Showcase, Women of Note, Song Spinners, Men II Boys, Monette Gould Voice Studio and the Milton Choristers.

Kicking up their heels will the Milton Cloggers and the Milton Steamers Square dancers and Dance Elite.

For fine arts lovers, a juried arts show and sale and crafts show and sale will be held at Town Hall and Hugh Foster Hall

throughout the Thanksgiving weekend. It will feature the work of some of Milton's best known artists, many of whom will be on hand to answer questions.

Newcomers to the arts scene will have an opportunity to shine courtesy of the Emerging Artists Show, sponsored by the Fine Arts Society of Milton (FASM).

This will be a debut show and sale for some of these artists, said FASM president Marion Detlor.

But Celebration of the Arts offers more than fine arts, music and theatrical performances.

Proving that the spoken word is also an art, three professional storytellers will weave their spell Saturday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

In the ancient tradition of storytelling, these tales are designed for adults and

older children.

But children aren't left out of the celebration. Kids will be enthralled by the stories presenting by the Milton Public Library 10:30 a.m. at Graham Hall in St. Paul's United Church.

The storytelling hour will be followed up by a one-hour cartooning for kids workshop, hosted by local artist Maureen Casteller.

Even body art is represented — but only the reversible kind. Artist Val Irwin will appear at the Farmer's Market Saturday morning and in Victoria Park that afternoon to bedeck willing bodies with her temporary tattoo designs.

The Celebration of the Arts festival is co-sponsored by Arts Milton and the Milton Rotary Club.

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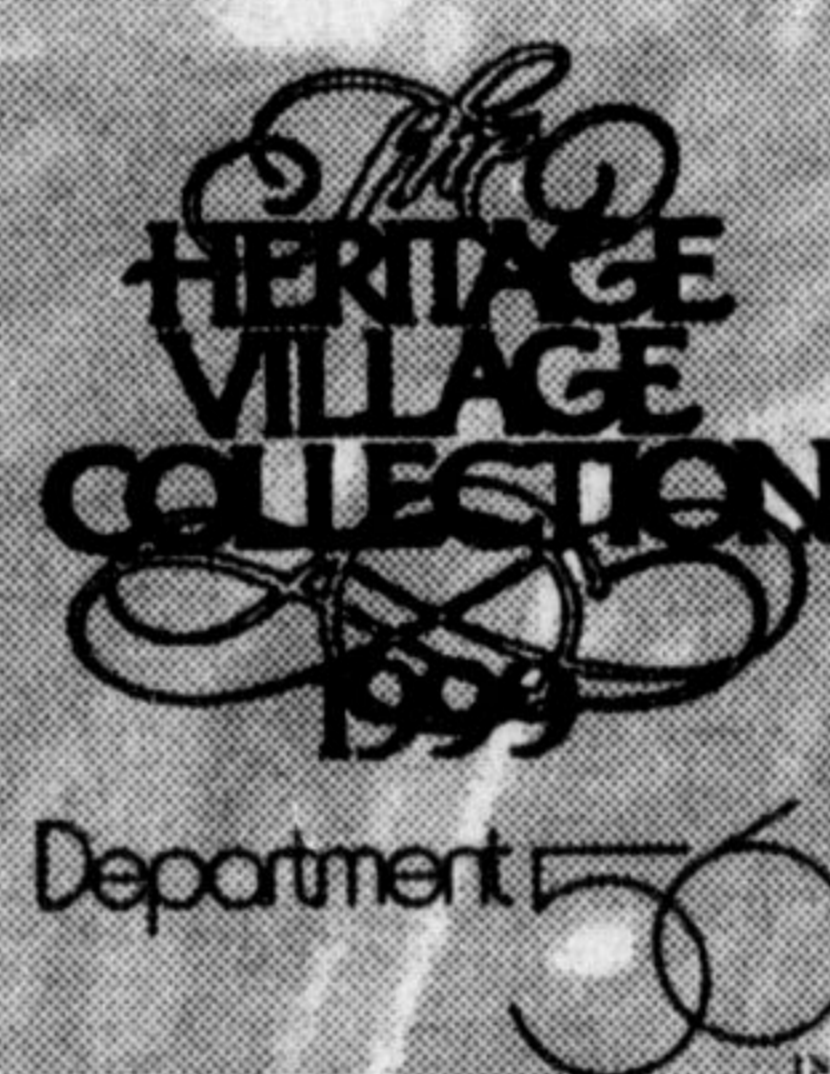


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