A myriad of art forms on display in Studio Tour

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ing, wood, stone and metal sculpture, photography, carvings in glass and wood are featured on the free, self-guided tour that drew at least 400 art lovers last year.

ostrich eggs, signs and Victorian screen doors.

That's not bad for an affair that at one time seemed little more than a pipe dream.

"I used to go on other studio tours and it never occurred to me

"But here we are. We didn't want to get left behind."

Now art is blooming all over the place, partially thanks to the formation of FASM three years ago.

"Our membership is now up to 80. We've just taken off," said a delighted Ms Detlor. "People are taking lessons. They are finding each other."

And the Studio Tour will allow residents to find them, too.

A tour brochure lists the phone numbers and addresses of participating artists along with a small profile of their work.

Brochures are available at the Milton library and tourist information centre as well as the Town's senior and leisure centres.

Unique Art and Frame, Artistic Frame, Campbellville's Ice House Restaurant, Mohawk Inn, Lott's and Lots of Fine Baking, the Lowville General Store and the Garden Studio also carry the brochures.

The tour allows residents to meet with artists personally and get a broader cross-section of their style than would normally be available at a gallery. And it is cheaper, pointed out Gwen Gent, a potter who helped coordinate this year's event.

"If you want to buy, you aren't getting the gallery mark-up. It's usually a much less expensive route to go," she said. "It is often cheaper than a print."

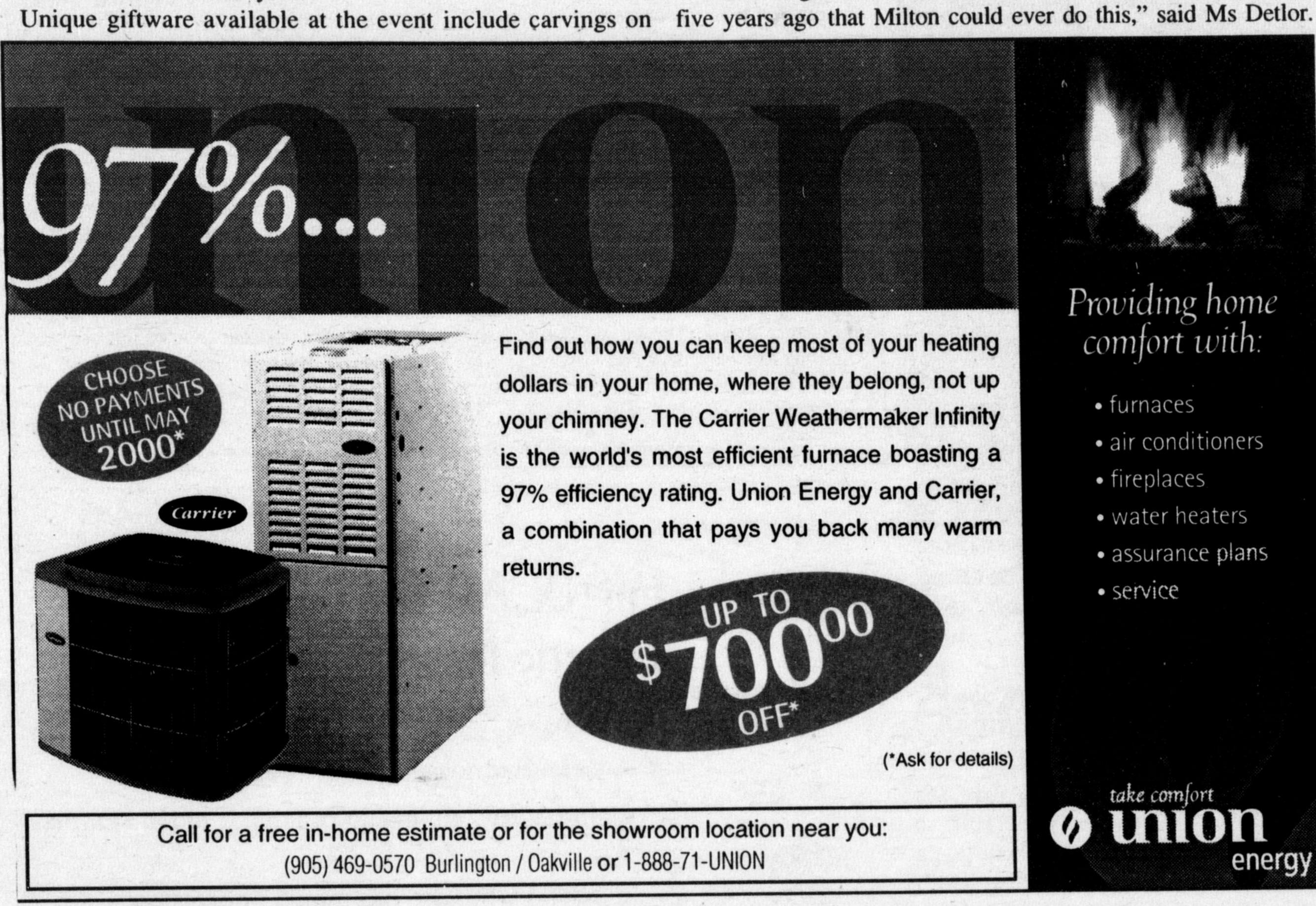
And it is easier to get a feel for a woodcarver's artistic process while wading through a river of wood chips, pointed out Ms Detlor.

"It is so much better for people to come out and get the atmosphere," she said.

She took part in the tour last year and had hundreds of art lovers view her work.

"It is a wonderful way of getting your profile raised in the community," she said. "People are still talking about last year's tour."

The response was so great, there has been talk of expanding the tour to two weekends, said Ms Gent. But any longer than that could put a strain on the artists, who usually have to scale back their production to accommodate the crowds.



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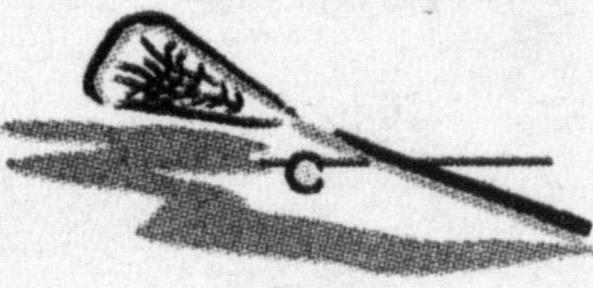
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