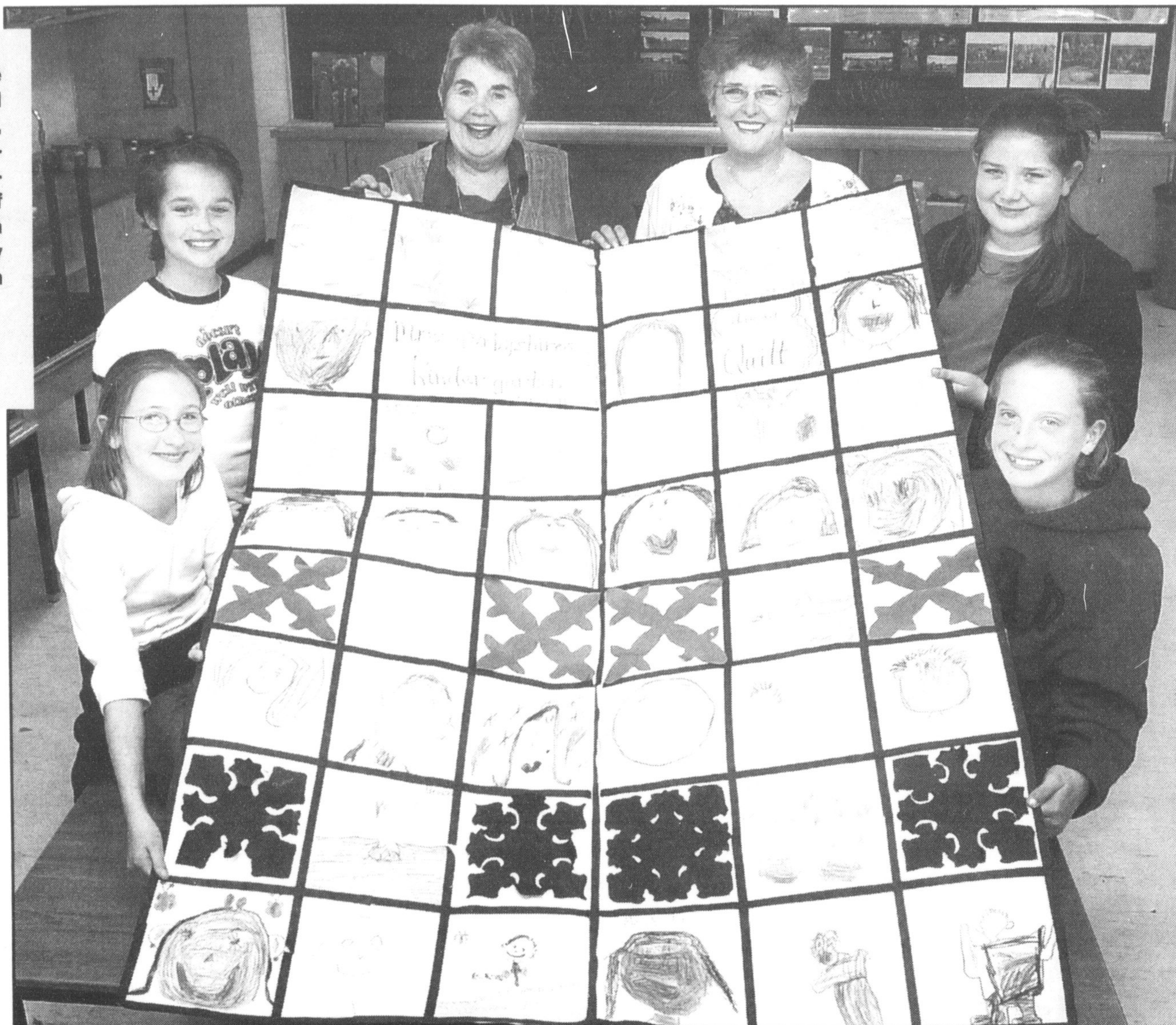


Lifestyles

Global Art Project members (at top) Elizabeth Kiddle and Susan Cottrell-Raby join Our Lady of Victory School students (clockwise from bottom left) Samantha Harvey, Kayla Mallais, Emma Kowal and Breanne Kluge in showing off artwork from Pahoia, Hawaii. The artwork was created by a kindergarten class and sent to Our Lady of Victory as part of the program. The Milton-area women are long-time Global Art Project participants — eagerly anticipating what international treasure they'll receive in the program, held every other year.

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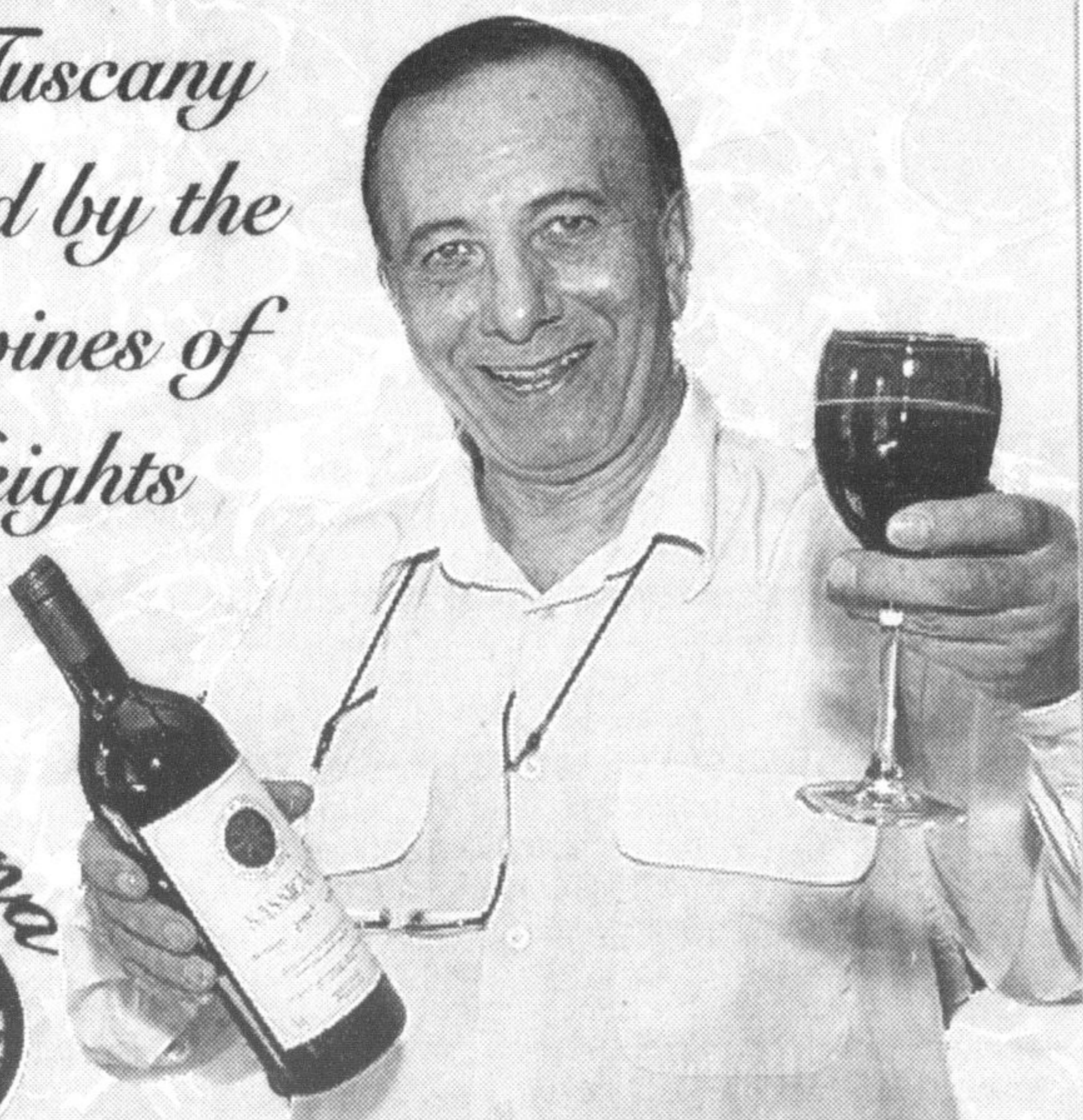
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Global Art participants receive worldly treasures

Trio delighted with art from around the globe

By FANNIE SUNSHINE
The Champion

When Elizabeth Kiddle, Noelle Stutt and Susan Cottrell-Raby picked up their packages at the post office, they had no idea what piece of art awaited them.

The three recently took part in the international Global Art Project, which pairs two people together from anywhere in the world to exchange pieces of art through the mail. The project, started by an Arizona woman eight years ago, must express global unity.

"I received a beautiful painting from a 17-year-old girl in Taiwan," said Ms Kiddle, adding she's taken part in the project for six years. "The painting is of the Earth with two feathers floating around in the cosmos. I sent her my painting of Afghanistan."

Although she's been participating in the exchange for several years, she said she still feels the same excitement going to the post office as she did the first time.

"It's such a splendid experience. I still feel the joy."

Ms Stutt, a grade 6 teacher at Our Lady of Victory School, said her class exchanged art work with a kindergarten class in Hawaii.

"My students made international things, like hockey players from different nations and flags. We received a quilt made out of paper from the kindergarten class.

It's hanging in the hallway at the school."

After reading the story about the Global Art Project in The Champion in February, Ms Cottrell-Raby said she decided to take part in the exchange.

For her art piece, she knitted a cupped hand with six stones sewed into the palm and placed a piece of crystal on top of the stones.

In exchange, she received a cactus from a woman in Arizona with several photos hanging from the plant, which were of a handprint, a new born baby, a boy reading and the desert. There's also a banner on the side of the cactus and a windchime near the top.

"I've found this absolutely incredible," she said. "I'm touched beyond words. It's a wonderful thing to be part of."

New cookbook helping seniors

A new cook book is helping the Milton Seniors Activity Centre to meet the needs of local seniors.

The book — dubbed "Timeless Treasures" — is a collection of 300 recipes submitted by local seniors. Recipes include appetizers, salads, soups, main dishes and deserts. Funds raised through the sale of the book will be used for the betterment of seniors' activities.

Copies of "Timeless Treasures" cost \$8 and are available at the Milton Seniors Activity Centre (500 Childs Dr.) or by calling Maisie MacKay at (905) 878-5133. The book will also be for sale at the Milton Farmers' Market tomorrow.