

# OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

## Christmas House Tour a success: organizer

Dear Editor:

As promised after last year's tour, the United Way of Milton's Christmas House Tour committee successfully worked to overcome long line-ups and has regained the status of "the Christmas tour without the line-ups."

More than 1,000 ticket holders viewed the six houses with virtually no more than a five-minute wait. The day tour, evening bus tour, new cars in the house driveways (courtesy of Wallace and Milton Chrysler), advertising in the ticket brochure, lunch at the Harrop and the raffle items provided by Cyril Steven Interiors allowed us to make a profit of \$30,000.

The interior and exterior decorators spent considerable energy and expense to showcase their skills and provide a product for the ticket holders' enjoyment. I'd like to recognize the generosity of the following companies: Diane Keith Decorating & Display Consultant, Danielle's Florals, Taylor

Nurseries, Dorland-Haight Galleries Inc., Kalena Flowers, Craft Tree, Marantha Log House, Crispin's, A Country Mile, The Root of It All, Springridge Farm, Van Dongen's Tree Farm, Pickets & Primrose, Crawford's Country Gardens, Real Life Interiors, Beverly Grant Interiors, Fern Ridge Landscaping, Pure Interiors and Country Depot.

To minimize decorating costs, the decorators borrow from the community. If an item can't be borrowed, a discount is sought. The following businesses provided items that aided in producing the spectacular Christmas decors: Di Girolamo Greenhouses, Langholm Nurseries & Garden Centre, Clembrook Christmas Farm, Bello'cchio, James Campbell Christmas Exteriors, A Clean Break, Halton Hills Window Cleaning, Roto-Static Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning, Marcucci Costume Rentals & Sales, Milton Players, J.P. Tree Farm, Infusion

Catering & Event Design, Nurseland Farm, Sure-Lock, Tieleman Interiors, Terry Rowley Mechanical, Emerald Isle, Unique Frame + Art, Main Street Lighting, Lotts n' Lots, Hunter Lords, Bailey's Heating & Cooling, Delacourts, Swiss Chalet, Subway and Bergsma's Home Decor.

The homeowners were obliging and the United Way appreciates their participation. As stated on our ticket, produced by Quik X Transportation Inc. and printed by a benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous, if a homeowner, florist or decorator would like to participate in the 2003 Tour, please call the United Way office now at (905) 875-2550, as planning the tour takes almost a year.

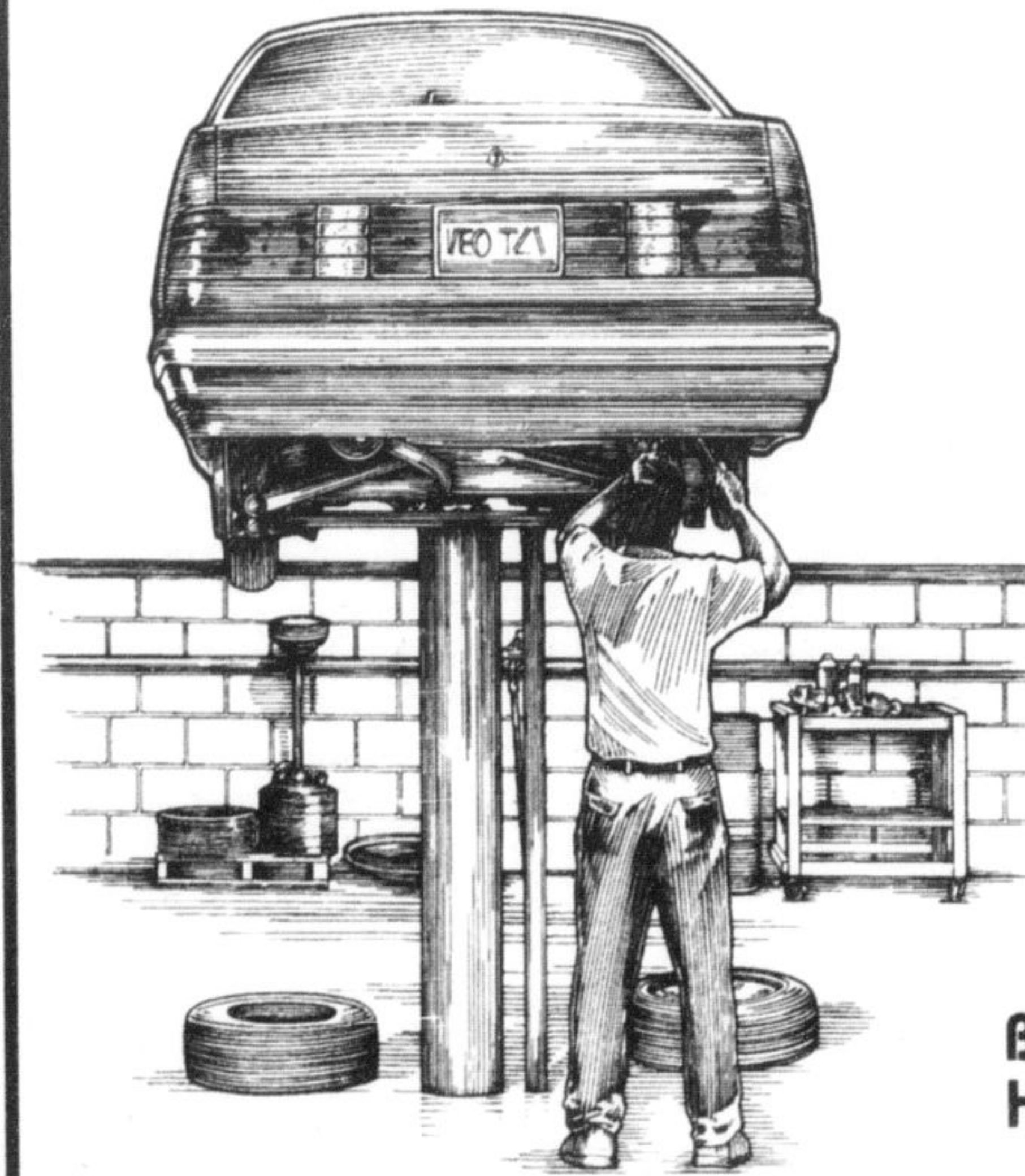
I'd like to thank this great community of Milton and the many tour committee members for making this fundraiser a success.

**Christy Babcock,**  
Volunteer chairperson  
Christmas House Tour

Do you have an opinion on a community issue? How about writing a letter to the editor? E-mail your letters to [miltoneid@haltonsearch.com](mailto:miltoneid@haltonsearch.com) or fax to (905) 878-4943.

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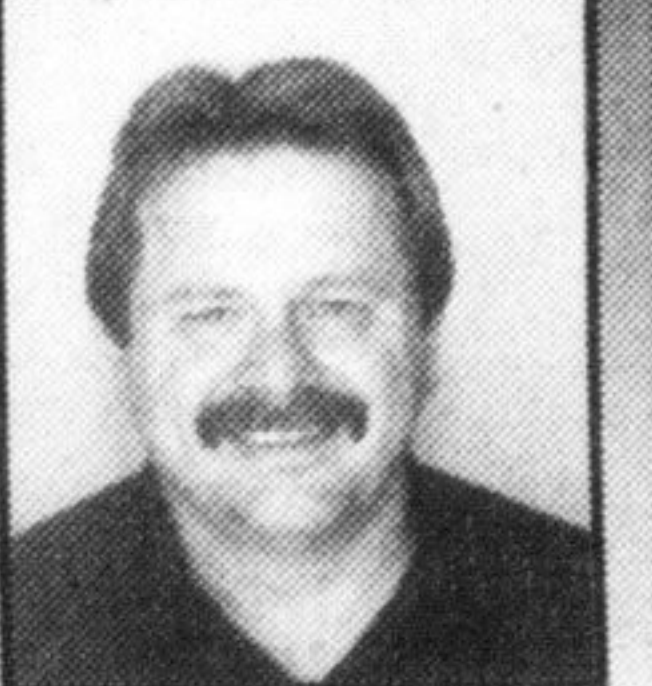


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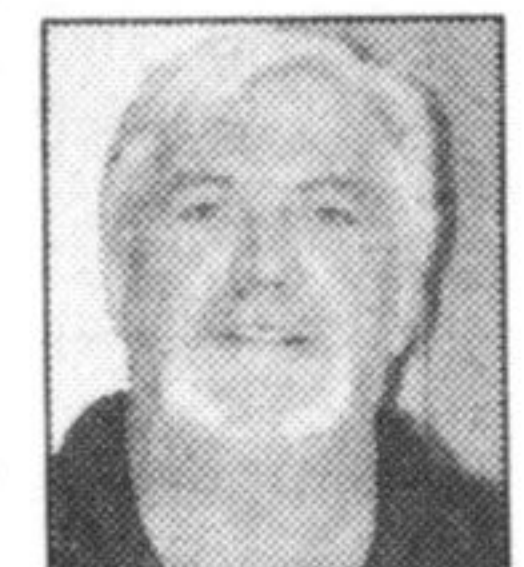
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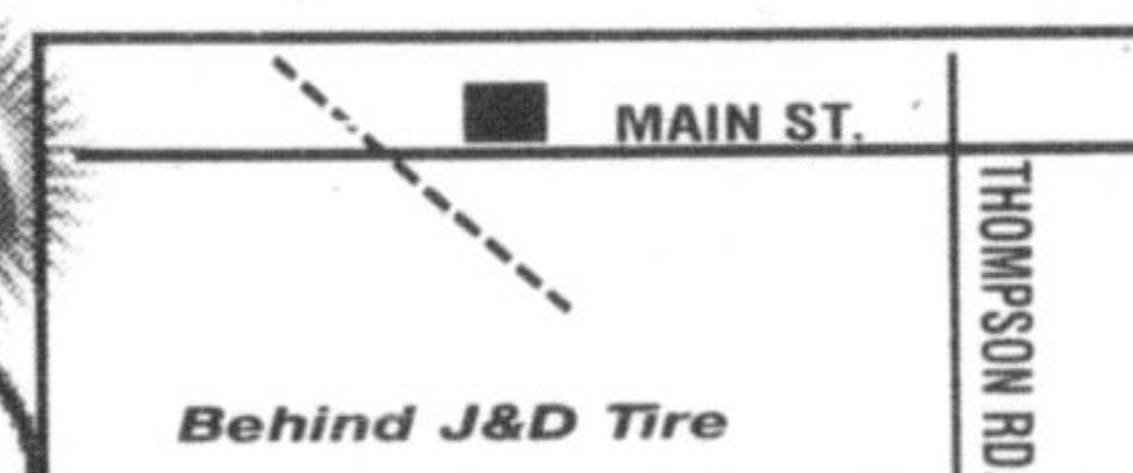
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