

# Arts & Entertainment

Art in Victoria Park

## Show to feature works of over 25 local artists



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With the opportunity of putting their masterpieces on display in a picturesque setting, artists' hearts will be singing right along with the birds at tomorrow's Art in Victoria Park show.

The third annual event, put on by the Fine Arts Society of Milton (FASM), will feature more than 25 local artists who will showcase and offer for sale some of their works.

The show, which is free, will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the park, which is located in front of Town Hall on Brown Street.

Dave Repchuk, a participating artist and member of the FASM executive, said the show will provide a great day for both the artists and visitors.

What he's most enthusiastic about is the wide variety of art the show will present — from paint-

ings to stained glass to sculptures, he said.

This, in turn, draws a widely varied audience.

"Young and old, people who are somewhat interested (in art), people who are very interested... there's a good range of people," he said.

This year's theme, which will be reflected in the artists' collective works, is summer. Like last year, visitors will have a chance to vote for their favourite piece of art.

The show provides an opportunity for public validation of artists' work, Mr. Repchuk said.

For the public, it provides snapshot glimpses into talented artists' minds.

Among Mr. Repchuk's displayed works will be unique acrylic paintings that incorporate poetry written by his wife, Tracy.

"It goes way back," he said, explaining how the couple's talents merged. "I was always into art and photography, and my wife was always into poetry and painting."

He'll also have some water-

colours displayed and some pieces from children's books for which he has partnered with his wife to create.

All in all, Art in Victoria Park is a show not to be missed, Mr. Repchuk said.

"It opens up the brain a bit. You can take a walk in the park and (enjoy) human creation."

Doug Elliott is another artist who will be displaying his art tomorrow. A member of FASM for seven years, Mr. Elliott works with oils and has a passion for portraiture and landscapes.

"When I was a kid I like to draw and paint, but when I got older I put away childish things (and focused on a career). After 'freedom 55', I began to paint again," he said.

Allowing the public to see what he's done is always enjoyable, he said, adding there's not much point for artists to fill their houses with their own pieces if nobody else sees it.

The show will run at roughly the same time as the Milton Farmer's • see ARTISTS on page B2

Artists Doug Elliott (left) and Dave Repchuk display a small sampling of their oil and acrylic works in preparation for tomorrow's art exhibit.

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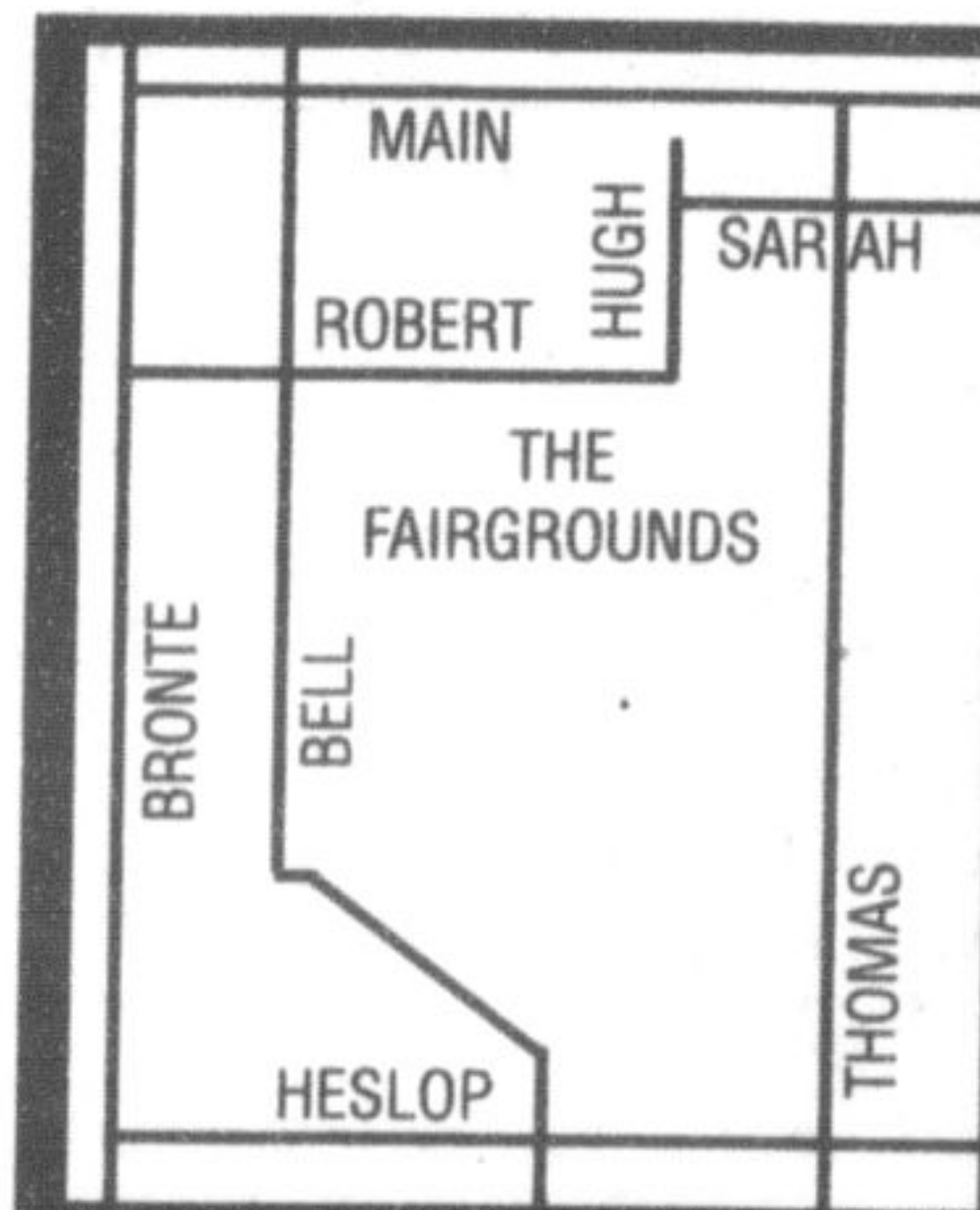
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