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**MUSIC MEDALISTS:** Local music students (from left) David DelaFuente, Tanisha Tapson, Christian Schomberg, Mark McGuire, Jessica Lockwood, Michael Evans and Sydney McEachern display the medals they earned as winners of the recent Ontario Music Teachers' Guild Funfest.

## TVOKids in town for antique tractor show

Hey kids, this weekend is your chance to have some outdoor fun and maybe even see yourself on TV.

Tomorrow, TVOKids will join families at Country Heritage Park, 8650 Tremaine Rd., for its All Colour Antique Tractor and Toy Show.

Popular TV hosts Jackie and Ryan, with their superhero guest Enviro Girl, will entertain with various activities and present live stage show performances, as well as give autographs.

Afternoon events will include pedal tractor and pedal harness horse driving.

TVO is participating in the event as part of the TVOKids Greenbelt Adventure, a joint project with the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation.

The first 400 kids will receive a free tote bag filled with TVOKids Greenbelt Adventure giveaways.

TVO will be taping at the park all day, and kids might see themselves on TV as part of 'The Space' after-school programming or online at tvokids.com.

TVO activities will run from noon to 5 p.m. tomorrow, although the park will be open for the tractor and toy show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The show will also run today from noon to 9 p.m., with lawn tractor pulls from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Activities throughout the weekend will include tractor parades, lawn tractor races (Saturday), vintage cars and trucks on display, miniature horses, a toy show and sale, a swap shop and a kids' scavenger hunt with prizes.

Admission costs \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$4 for kids aged six to 12 and is free for kids under six. A family package costs \$20.

For more information, call (905) 878-8151 or visit [www.countryheritagepark.com](http://www.countryheritagepark.com).

## Local arts community gaining momentum

*Arts Milton members launch aggressive membership drive*

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Arts Milton wants to make sure this town is one that sings, dances, performs, paints and creates.

After years of dreaming and lobbying, one key component in making that happen will soon be on its way — an arts and cultural centre, which will provide a forum for artists to share their passion with the public.

But with the centre poised to become a reality, it's important that the artists themselves be mobilized and ready to make the best use possible of the centre once it's built, said Arts Milton's new president, Tom Carson.

"Artists and arts supporters need to put their energies into building that facility from the inside out," Carson said. "We need a lot of momentum to get it up and running so it's not a big empty theatre."

With that in mind, Arts Milton — a non-profit, umbrella organization that serves and promotes visual, literary and performing artists — recently launched an aggressive membership drive.

Carson said he's hoping artists and arts organizations — of all sorts — along with those who simply

appreciate art and want to support it will become members of Arts Milton.

"It's time to come out of the woodworks and step forward," he said, so Arts Milton can truly be a representative of the artists in town.

A \$25 yearly membership fee includes a member's events posted at [www.artsmilton.com](http://www.artsmilton.com), regular updates on the new arts centre, his or her activities featured in Arts Milton's newsletter and more.

An additional \$25 gets a link from Arts Milton's website to the member's.

Last month, the federal and provincial governments announced funding of more than \$16 million toward the building of a cultural centre at Main Street and Thompson Road that will include a central library and a 24,000-square-foot visual arts centre with a gallery, exhibition space and two art studios.

The Town will provide about \$8 million for the project.

To qualify for the funding, the Town agreed to complete a substantial portion of the project by March 31, 2011.

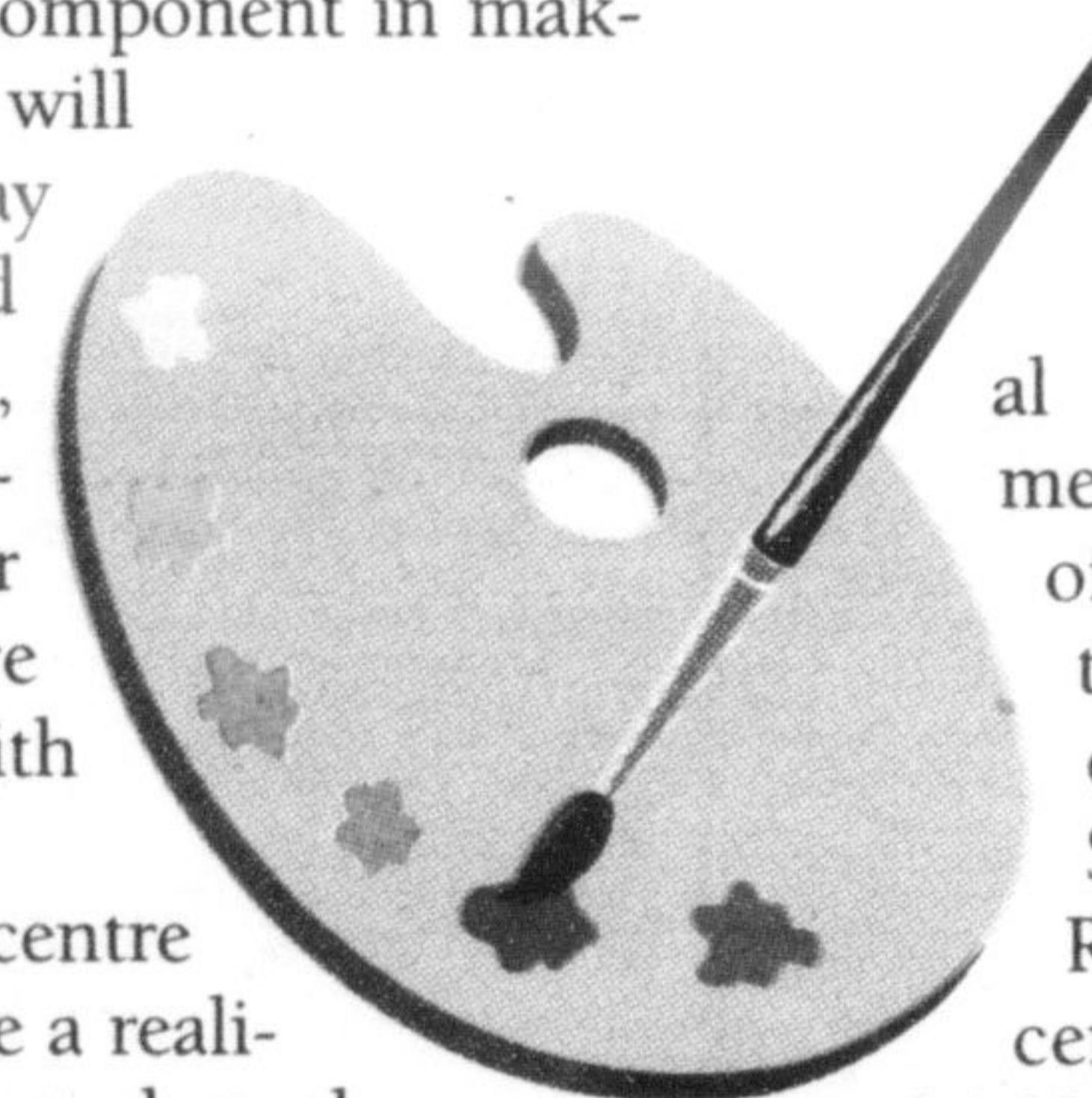
The Town has committed to building a 500-seat performing arts theatre on the site later that year.

"This has been a dream of members of Arts Milton for a long time," Carson said.

Arts Milton is kept fully informed of the centre's progress through a Town of Milton staff member who sits on the board.

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