

Neubachers host weekend art show

By Jane Muller
Twice a year, in the spring and fall, Fred and Gerda Neubacher open their home to some special guests who travel from as far away as Montreal to buy what the couple create on canvases.

The Neubachers, born in Austria, studied art and met in Switzerland. Since coming to Canada 14 years ago they have established themselves as well known Canadian artists.

They were Milton residents for seven years and for the past two years have lived on the outskirts of town in an original two storey log house which they had moved from the Ottawa Valley area. Their paintings, created through the use of acrylic paints, re-

flect their rural environment.

Their paintings sell for from \$195 for a small size to the \$3,000 range for the large canvases.

One visitor commented it didn't seem fair to have so much talent in one family, but those who admire the work of this European-born couple don't regret the situation. Those who ventured to the Neubachers' home set well back on their seven acre lot came by invitation only.

They are buyers of Neubacher paintings in the past and people who have admired the couple's work at the many exhibits where their work has been shown.

The Galleria in Hous-

ton, Texas, The National Art Centre in Ottawa and Point Claire, Montreal are among the locations the Neubachers' art has been displayed.

Both are high realism painters and create the effect of three dimensions, inviting the viewer to enter the scene shown in perfect detail.

"I am always working at it, always improving," Gerda said. "You learn at every bend and I don't think there is ever a stop to it."

Gerda Neubacher has recently had her paintings transferred to collector plates. The set of four are paintings done of her two sons who are now age 10 and 16.

The many paintings offered for sale Saturday and Sunday were created

from sketches in one room of their rustic home. The main floor room is bright with natural light and the couple—who work side by side—paint at their individual wooden tables, each in front of a window.

The house is furnished in keeping with its early Canadian roots with wooden tables, chairs and cupboards from the same period. The main floor is complete with two stone fireplaces.

The family enjoy their privacy and their country cabin tucked in the woods provides this, for the most part. Gerda said there are those who drive in for a look, just long enough to disturb her concentration, then they drive out leaving nothing but a cloud of dust.



Students plan career day. One of the most difficult decisions facing young teenagers is which career to choose. Grade 8 students at W.I. Dick School have found a way to help by forming a Guidance Club which organizes a career day. Kim Pottie, (left) Marnie Lougheed and Rhonda Reynolds are among the 20 club members.

Students planning their future careers

Each year about this time a group of Grade 8 Students at W. I. Dick School get together to plan their futures.

The Guidance Club consisting of about 20 students has one major task a year—to organize and plan for career day, Wednesday, May 27.

Club chairman Marnie Lougheed explains, "Students from Grade 8 will be going to different locations where they would like a career. They are visiting businesses from Toronto to Kitchener."

Students must have their own means of transportation, where necessary.

The students representing five classes of Grade 8 will visit such places as Global Television Network to watch a show being taped, University of Guelph's veterinary college, House of Hair in Milton and traffic court.

Miss Lougheed will visit local kindergarten classes as she is considering teaching this

age group as her career.

The group have been meeting Thursdays after school since April 9 to plan for this annual event. The day is intended to give students a chance to see career people in action and weigh their career choices partially on this experience.

Three history speakers

The second meeting of the 1980 season of the Milton Historical Society will be held Thursday May 21 at 8 p.m. at the Halton Region Museum. The Society has planned an interesting evening featuring three guest speakers, covering a variety of topics of historical interest to the Town of Milton.

The first speaker, 11

year old Rosanne Marchesich, will address the Society on the early doctors of the Town of Milton, a speech which won her a prize in a local public speaking contest.

The second speaker, Ross Calder, President of the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers' Assoc., will speak on Steam-Era's 20 year history in Milton and its

plans for the future.

Thirdly, agricultural historian Alan Skeoch of Mississauga will be speaking on the development and downfall of the agricultural implement industry in Ontario.

These three topics, and the accompanying films and slides promise to enlighten and entertain all Society members.



Semi-annual sale. Fred and Gerda Neubacher opened their home to invited guest Saturday and Sunday to sell their acrylic paintings of local rural scenes. The couple and their two sons live just outside Milton and have established themselves as well known Canadian artists.

Volunteers pool thoughts on service

Coping with relationships between male and female volunteers, a lack of effective communication between agencies and volunteers and whether or not to inform parents about volunteer terminations were three major concerns of Halton Association of Coordinators of Volunteer Services.

The association members met recently at the Burlington Cultural Centre to discuss problems and pluses of volunteer programs and to offer suggestions for improvement of the system.

Jane Gilbert, Interim Executive Director at the Oakville YMCA YWCA, told the group although she doesn't tell youth volunteers "you can't fall in love this summer", male/female relationships are difficult to handle.

"That's a real concern to have to pull someone into your office and say 'this is not acceptable,'" she said.

Although no one could offer a solution to this concern, the co-

ordinators did come to a general consensus parents must be involved in some cases where problems in volunteers are of a serious nature.

A Youth volunteer with the Oaklands Regional Centre, Anna Cambone felt parents should only be contacted in a case where something such as stealing had occurred and only after the individual had been spoken to and given another chance.

Muriel Somers of the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital pointed out in some cases it is the agency's obligation to tell the parents there have been problems and the volunteer is being let go for the good of the volunteer.

She added if the parents were told the volunteer was stealing they might be able to help the child and stop him or her from doing it again.

Patrick Whitley, a teacher in charge of the community involvement program at the Halton Board of Education, stressed good communication as a solution to many of the difficulties

facing agencies, volunteers and their parents.

"Often the agency supervisors think they're communicating well and the students think they're communicating well but so much is left unsaid," he noted.

He added talking with volunteers may take some time, it will help improve relations and prevent problems from occurring.

"Some agencies take for granted, after a while, some of the terrific things student volunteers do," he said. "They're doing very specialized work."

Agencies must provide their volunteers with reinforcement and tell them what they're doing right, and what they're

doing wrong, Whitley pointed out.

All members of the Halton association at the meeting felt volunteering is a good opportunity for the region's youth and the agencies they serve.

Advantages for volunteers include job experience, meeting new people, community involvement and awareness of careers.

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