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Pot of glass at rainbow's end

Bonnie and Jillian Salzsauler are out to make life more colourful for customers at their new *Glass Rainbow* custom stained glass shop.

The mother and daughter team have graduated from the common "sun-catchers" which hang in windows to large, custom designed windows and doors. They'll also tackle lamp shades designed to customers' specifications.

The business opened three weeks ago and has already enjoyed a good reception.

"We've had a lot of requests," says Jillian.

One of their first tasks was to contact interior designers working in the area. Stained glass is being revived as an accent for home exteriors and is becoming popular for use in kitchen cupboard doors.

Thanks to a computer scanning system, patterns taken from wallpaper, fabric or other samples can be easily reproduced. Jillian says they can do virtually "anything within reason".

Bonnie began working with stained glass as a hobby, first signing up for a course, then learning on her own. Jillian also took formal classes in the beginning.

After creating many sun-catchers and other projects mostly given as gifts, the two women decided to make their talents pay off. Bonnie, who had been in business before with her husband, was ready to again join the ranks of independent business operators.

"We'd always planned to have our own business," recalls Jillian.

Like the shoemaker whose children have holes in the soles of their shoes, Jillian and Bonnie have yet to revamp their cupboards with stained glass. They say their customers tend to choose floral patterns for the kitchen, as well as birds.

Jillian recommends backlighting the stained glass doors by installing lights inside the cupboard. The cost of custom cupboard doors ranges from \$60 a square foot for a simple design to \$100 a square foot for something a little more intricate.

Jillian and her mother plan to make home visits to measure and install their creations or to make repairs on existing windows. They'll also repair stained glass lamp shades and other items made from the coloured glass.

Glass Rainbow is at 885 Main St. East, Unit 2.

Immigrant entrepreneurs

The Halton Multicultural Business Association has announced its slate of monthly meetings for the coming season.

Chantel Ramsey, manager of the Business Immigration Section of the provincial Ministry of Industry, Trade and Technology, will provide an overview of two immigration entrepreneur programs at the October meeting.

The morning sessions run from 7:30 to 9 on the last Tuesday of the month. The annual membership fee of \$100 also covers the cost of a continental breakfast at the eight meetings in 1992-1993. Members may bring guests, who will be asked to pay \$10 at the door.

Meetings are held in the auditorium at Halton Region's administration centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville.