

Hard work is secret of Winterama's success

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Winterama just doesn't happen—it takes a lot of hard work and time to make the annual celebration a success. So says Pat Forget, 1984 Co-chairman of the Winterama Committee, in a letter to

Penetanguishene town council. And she should know. The Winterama committee met weekly since the first week in January and these weekly meetings will continue until March, when a "wrapup" meeting will be held and a standing committee formed to plan next

year's event. The work load of the Commerce office increases with Winterama as well. Forget told Council, receiving many phone calls and items of correspondence relating to the carnival. In January, the Chamber of Commerce office monitored 244 telephone

calls and ran 87 errands; from Feb. 1-10, 57 calls and 27 errands. Forget estimates that about 80 per cent of this business pertained to Winterama. Many of these phone calls were monitored on weekends and evenings, and work spread out of over a seven-day week.

The Chamber of Commerce secretary Joyce Sauve, spent a total of five days presenting a display of the Penetanguishene Winterama at the Mountainview Mall in Midland, comprising of two separate weekends. "We have had very

personal touch and many questions from the public were answered," stated Forget. "Public relations and advertising have gone out as far as Toronto, including radio and television stations. We know that these activities and efforts put

forth for Winterama will not only promote tourism in the town during the winter, but generate repeat visitors all year round. "Our aim is to slowly build future Winteramas with the aid of community support and participation," Forget's letter to Council stated.

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Old skills revived

Artisans skilled in heritage crafts used in Seventeenth Century Huronia demonstrated their knowledge to over 500 visitors at Sainte-Marie-among-the-Hurons Heritage Day Celebrations last Sunday afternoon. On the left is Doreen McCurry, explaining the

technique of block printing used by the French at Sainte-Marie to decorate fabric. Blocks were hand-carved from cherrywood and dipped in a modern oil-based dye to print designs on fabric. The original Seventeenth Century formula contained a toxic lead

compound. In the centre photo, Marie Brunelle, co-ordinator of Native programs at Sainte-Marie, shows Anne Hebert how the Ojendat wove baskets out of cedar bark strips. Brunelle will be giving a course in basket weaving techniques at Sainte-Marie later this

year. Christine Rollinson, in the photo on the right, displays different fibers soaking in dye baths made from plants available in the countryside around Sainte-Marie. Rollinson will be teaching natural dyeing techniques at Sainte-Marie in the spring.

Heritage Day at Sainte-Marie

Organizers of the second annual Heritage Day Celebrations at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons were pleased

with Sunday's events, as were close to 500 visitors who attended. "People brought many interesting things

in to be identified," said Fran Ferguson, Co-ordinator of programming for the Friends of Sainte-

Marie, "and one man brought in something which we believe may have belonged to one of the priests here at Ste.

Marie," she said. The mystery object, which she was reluctant to identify further until its authenticity is con-

firmed, was found in a swamp and was well-preserved.

A number of local experts were on hand at St. Marie on Sunday afternoon, to help identify visitors' treasures such as old stamps, coins, artifacts and weapons, Canadian art, books, magazines and newspapers. Canadian furniture and glass, stoneware, antiques, photographs and other objects of interest.

Also on hand Sunday were artisans of historic crafts who displayed their skills and let visitors try their hand at calligraphy, block printing, basket weaving, spinning and weaving, doll-making, etc.

Hurons have organized a series of interesting programs available to the public in 1984.

Cedar bark basket weaving will be taught by Marie Brunelle, Supervisor of the Native Program at Sainte-Marie, on Monday and Tuesday, March 19 and 20. Register before March 9.

Jamie Hunter, research curator at Sainte-Marie, will conduct three evening programs on artifacts in Sainte-Marie's museum collection. On Thursday, April 5, a study of 17th Century Huron smoking habits and pipes; on Thursday, July 19, 17th Century Medicine; and on Thursday, Oct. 4, 17th



He's a hero!

Ontario Provincial Police has honoured Wade Cadeau of Penetanguishene for his courageous action of one year ago, when he and his friend Terry Walsh braved the icy

waters of Sturgeon Bay to rescue three snowmobilers from drowning. His award is the highest commendation that the OPP gives to either civilians or officers.

Cadeau gets highest OPP award for bravery

A year after his act of heroism saved three people from drowning in Sturgeon Bay, Wade Cadeau of Penetanguishene was honoured by the Ontario Provincial Police for his bravery.

At a ceremony in Barrie on Feb. 22, Cadeau was presented with a framed certificate commending him for his courageous lifesaving action. The award is the highest given by the OPP and had not been presented in two years before Cadeau received it.

Cadeau's act of courage occurred on Sunday, Feb. 20, 1983, at

Sturgeon Bay near Victoria Harbour. He saw three people go through the ice while snowmobiling and he went to the rescue. Cadeau and a friend, Terry Walsh, found a 14-foot aluminum boat at the scene and dragged it over the ice toward the victims.

The rescuers went through the ice themselves, but managed to climb into the boat and reached the accident victims by breaking a channel through the ice. They reached the victims and brought them safely to shore, saving them from certain death in the icy water of Sturgeon Bay.

Special interest programs

During the afternoon, a variety of interesting films for both adults and children were shown. The Friends of Sainte-Marie served muffins, cold drinks and coffee, a sample of the refreshments served at the cafe in the summer for visitors to Sainte-Marie.

The Friends of Sainte-Marie among the

Century European weaponry used for hunting and defence. Register by March 27 for these courses.

Natural dyeing, using available plants and a variety of fibers including quills, silk, dog hair and raw and spun fleece will be taught by Christine Rollinson on Saturday, May 26. Register by May 18.