

DESIGNING WOMAN

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The decorative screen is currently undergoing a renaissance, due largely to its adaptability and to its dual function as architectural element and work of art.

Whether used to fill an awkward corner, block an unattractive vista or adorn a wall, the decorative screen fits comfortably into both traditional and contemporary rooms.

Another reason for the screen's resurgent popularity is that some artists have begun to specialize in this medium, painting its multifolded surfaces in bold images. In fact, it now seems that a brightly coloured screen

often enjoys greater acceptability in the home than do framed, flat canvases painted in a contemporary style. Perhaps this is because a screen can have all the aesthetic attributes of a painting while also serving as a distinctive point of architectural interest.

It is in Japan that screens are most highly developed in both their decorative and functional roles. On a recent trip there, I was once again impressed by the screen's status as serious art.

The Japanese screen is made of paper and is bordered with decorative silk, its wooden frame often reinforced and embellished with metal. The paintings themselves are in a linear and silhouetted style,

with the subjects generally being nature in its various forms as well as human and animal figures.

Although originally designed to be self-standing, in Western interiors the Japanese screen is frequently hung on a wall. If that is to be our preferred mode of display, the question then becomes how best to place so striking an object.

Since Japanese art is distinguished by its flat, two-dimensional quality, the appearance of the wall on which it is hung becomes very important. I favour either a textured or highly lacquered background in order to establish some contrast with the screen itself.

The photo shows how a contemporary Japanese screen

is painted in the traditional manner used to form a luxurious backdrop to a casually elegant setting. The scene is a San Francisco townhouse with its original interior brick walls painted white.

Here, a gold-leaf and brightly coloured screen was mounted in semi-folded position which adds dimension to its background. It is nicely complemented by the McGuire Company's teak-stained rattan furniture which has been covered in raw silk. These pieces add another natural texture to a simple but richly detailed room.

To me, this is a most tasteful way of displaying a work of art that will never become dated in its appearance or fail to enhance a nondescript room.



Port McNicoll

by CLARA POWER

Twice the night before the Christmas Parade and all through the Village not a creature was stirring...until the cars containing members of the Parks and Recreation Committee members and volunteers converged on the Public Works Yard. The silence was shattered by hammers, saws, staples, groans, and fir (trees) flying. The questions: Is the house, the tree, etc. anchored securely for the trip to Midland Arena?

Will it rain, or snow? Up at dawn (at least 8 a.m.) to get the float into Midland. Get the rest of the decorations on and anchored, including the giant Christmas Card that all the people in Port McNicoll signed at the Library.

Looking good - Looking even better when the people are on the float.

Then on parade down King Street. The kids and families, with their smiling faces, eagerly awaiting Santa Claus.

Then dismantling the float, and the sad feeling that the Parade is over for another year. But it was great fun! And what about next year!

All the month of November the Cub Group have been busy. They have been learning knots; planting seeds; and making jar hangers with slips that were brought from home. Nov. 28 was a Review of the Month's Work which also included a Physical Fitness Work Out to help earn a Fitness badge.

Mrs. Robina Fair brought in the following item: The Women's Missionary Society of Bonar Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ellen Cannons. Mrs. Multreda Coughlin chaired the meeting and welcomed the ladies, thanking Mrs. Cannons for hosting the meeting and reading a poem "God's Design".

Devotions were taken by Robina Fair. Report was given on four members who were ill. Hymn 770 was sung,

followed by the W.M.S. purpose in unison. Treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Richardson gave a very encouraging financial report.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Happy Birthday was sung for those members having a birthday in November.

The next meeting will be on Dec. 11 at Mrs. M. Coughlin's home, when the Christmas programme will be taken. There will be a special collection for the Scott Mission at that time. Election of officers for 1985 followed, with past President Mrs. Eleanor Zummach presiding.

Officers for 1985 are: Past President - Mrs. Irene Herbert; President - Mrs. Multreda Coughlin; 1st Vice-President - Mrs. Eleanor Zummach; 2nd Vice-President - Mrs. Irene Herbert; Secretary - Mrs. Robina Fair; Treasurer - Mrs. Dorothy Richardson; Asst. Sect. Treas. - Mrs. Shirley Kelly; Birthday Box - Mrs. Florence Archer.

The Study Book, chapter 17, "The Greatest Story Ever Told" was taken by Mrs. Ellen Cannons and Mrs. Helen Splane. Hymn 571 was sung, followed by prayer by

Ellen Cannons, and the meeting closed - followed by a Social Hour.

Mrs. Cannons served lunch, assisted by Dorothy Richardson. The Teen Christmas

Dance will be held at the Recreation Centre on Dec. 7.

Come on out and join the fun. Prizes! Did you know we have resident D.J.'s in Port McNicoll. That's right.

We have Dee Quesnelle, Lisa Coughlin, Jeff Henderson, and Bernard Robichaud. Don't know which one will be hosting this dance, but you can phone and find out.

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GASTRONOMIC EXTRAVAGANZA

New Year's Eve 1984

Join us for a **6 Course Gourmet Dinner**
By reservation ONLY

2 SEATINGS
EARLY BIRDS - 70.00/couple, 6:30 p.m.
NIGHT HAWKS - 85.00*/couple, 9:00 p.m.
*includes bottle of imported sparkling wine (for Nighthawks only)

MENU

CHOICE OF 1
Shrimp Cocktail
Smoked Salmon with Capers
Seafood Vol-au-Vent
Escargot Gastronomique

CHOICE OF 1
Lobster Bisque
Gazpacho Andaluz

Salad Mimose

CHOICE OF 1
STEAMED LIVE LOBSTER
garlic butter, rice, fresh vegetables

WHOLE CORNISH HENS
wild rice, fresh vegetables

QUAIL AUX RAISINS ET AU MORILES
wild rice, fresh vegetables

PRIME RIB AU JUS
baked potato, Yorkshire pudding, vegetable

CHOICE OF 1
Pear Belle Helene
Souffle Glacier au Grand Marnier
Strawberries Romanoff
Creme de Caramel

Choice of after dinner Liqueur 1 oz.
with Tea or Coffee

For those who do not wish to have the liquor included, the price will be deducted from your bill

Victoria Harbour

by CLARA POWER

On Nov. 27 the Mini Bonhomme Committee met at the Municipal Offices.

The Co-ordinating Chairman is Gerard LaChapelle. Joel Bruseau is the Secretary-Treasurer. Also represented was the Lion's Club, the Leo's Club, Fire Dept., Legion, Harbour Diner, Public School, St. John's United Church, Senior Citizens, the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary, Parks and Recreation, and many more eager volunteers.

There was a clarification as to what events would take place, and where they would be held.

The next meeting on Dec. 12 will be an information meeting. Anyone with ideas,

willing to volunteer, please come out at 7:30 p.m. to the Municipal Offices.

The Mini Bonhomme will be held Feb. 1, 2 and 3, 1985, with the parade being held on the Saturday.

St. John's United Church Choir joined the Vasey and Ebenezer United on Dec. 2 to hold their Pastoral Charge Carol Service at Ebenezer. It was glorious joining in the singing (and humming) of old favourite Christmas music, and listening to the three choirs joined together in making a joyful noise. There was a time of refreshment after, when we all met for lively conversation.

Any resident, or organization, having any items they would

like to see printed in the Midland Times, please feel free to call me at 534-7200 - or if written - drop them off at the Library and Rosemary Hawke will accept them.

Parking bylaw gets nod

A new parking regulations bylaw allowing parking in certain locations at Huronia District Hospital was approved Monday night at a regular Board meeting.

The new regulations will allow for patient and handicapped parking along the front row spaces nearest the hospital.

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