Special-interest courses offered water and waves by

Anne Proulx of Port McNicoll got serious about the craft of batik seven years ago, when she was pregnant and bored. "I was alone in a new community," she explains, "and my parents sent me batik materials for Christmas and I have been doing it happily ever since."

Anne is one of several resource people autumn teaching special-interest courses at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons. Sponsored by the Friends of Sainte-Marie, the courses traditionally attract substantial enrollment. This fall calligraphy, basketmaking, and batik dyeing are on the agenda and registration is now under way.

Batik, which started in Indonesia, is the art of dyeing a pattern into a fabric in which parts of the cloth not intended to be dyed are covered with removable wax.

Anne Proulx has used the technique to create fabrics which she has made into wall hangings, curtains, clothing and lampshades.

"Anything you can do with fabric, you can do with batik," she says. "There is a special fix you can apply to make the colour washable."

One of Anne's most successful pieces is a wall hanging of wild geese done in shades of blue. "I took the design from a black and white photograph," she says. "You can take any basic shape and base a design

on it. You let the wax do the work for you."

In the wild geese piece, Anne indicated

cracking the hardened wax.

Anne Proulx's course

in batik begins Thursday, Oct. 10 and runs for eight weeks. The sessions will be held in

the Interpretive Centre kitchen at Sainte-Marie from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Greek cuisine

Souvlaki for 350? No problem. Put Bob Tesseris, James Pantos, George Fotopoulos, John Georgas and Chris Doulas in a kitchen and leave them alone. Last Saturday evening these five were in the kitchen of the Midland

Civic Centre, getting ready to feed the crowd at the first dance sponsored by the Greek-Canadian Association of Midland and Penetanguishene.

All Saints dinner

event at All Saints spaghetti between 5:30 Anglican Church is being held tomorrow evening at the church parish hall on Peel Street.

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