

Arts council could benefit more

Dozens of local artists have come forward in the past two weeks to add their name to the impressive list of local talent that is being assembled by the North Simcoe Arts Council.

Arts council President Kamran Khozan said this week that the number of area creative people is far

higher than the most optimistic estimates of the arts council.

"The response has been tremendous. It shows there are many people in the community who can benefit from the arts council. And many of the artists were people we had never heard of". I believe we

have an even larger pool of talent in the area that will be able to take part in our activities".

"The call for local talent issued by the arts council last month drew responses from as far away as Base Borden and Lisle. Musicians, painters, art teachers, a dance school

operator and several crafts people have responded to the arts council campaign.

"There are a surprising number of musicians in the area doing every type of music from old-time fiddling to rock and roll. Some are amateurs but many are professionals, with years of performing experience in the area and across the province" Mr. Khozan said.

The arts council now has about 2000 individual and group members and has sponsored several successful concerts in the area. It was formed to develop the arts as a job creating program sponsored by the North Simcoe Community Futures Pro-

gram, a federal job creation initiative.

Last week, about 30 names were added to the artist inventory list. Work on the list, which will be used by the arts council to promote local artists and craftspeople, was to have ended at the middle of February but Mr. Khozan said work will continue on the list until at least the end of the month.

"With the kind of response we have been getting it would be better to continue to give all of the artists time to find out about our work and get in touch with us", Mr. Khozan said.

The inventory will be available to all individuals and groups who are looking for the products or services of local talent. As well individual artists will be publicized in NSAC pro-

motional activities.

Artists responding to the NSAC drive have been supportive of the arts council's work and many artists say they see a need for the artist inventory.

County gets raise

Representatives from the 34 municipalities at Simcoe County Council have voted themselves a raise.

At last Tuesday morning's session, the members approved a report calling for an increase of \$2.80 in the per diem received by each of the councillors bringing the rate up to \$86 a day.

Individuals appointed to the various committees of county council will also have their per diem raised to \$43.

In the same report, council also gave the go-ahead for a \$500 increase in the annual salary for the Warden. Simcoe County Warden Eldon Bell will receive \$14,100 for 1987.



Best foot forward

Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre has a supply of snowshoes for both experienced snowshoers and novices. Above, a Wye Marsh naturalist takes a visiting class of students wearing snowshoes on a walk along one of the Centre's many trails.

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The program is open to all municipal non-profit, private non-profit and non-profit co-operative organizations.

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This program helps non-profit agencies to create affordable housing for households in need of housing assistance. These include families, senior citizens or physically, developmentally and psychiatrically handicapped persons able to live independently.

For project proposals in this category, completed preliminary applications must

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Some of the units will be specifically targeted to low-income singles.

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Housing with support services.

A portion of the units will be set aside for groups interested in developing housing for people with support service needs. These include physically, developmentally or psychiatrically handicapped persons, the frail elderly, battered women and other socially disadvantaged persons.

Groups interested in developing this type of housing are invited to special orientation sessions - to be held in February at each Regional Office of the Ministry of Housing.

Preliminary applications indicating an intent to develop a housing project with support services are to be submitted by March 31, 1987. Eligibility depends on the degree and nature of care provided.

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