

## Body of work

by Gert Neilon

It is always the hope of any artist that his work will be appreciated, both at the present time and in the future. And so it is with the Georgian Bay Art Society (GBAS), the desire to develop a valuable body of artistic work to be preserved for this region's posterity.

Ever since the club's inception in 1979, the group has worked hard to display its best efforts, especially when presenting work to the public. Once again, members of the GBAS are working diligently to be able to hold a show and sale on June 27 at Budd Watson's Gallery on Hugel Ave. in Midland.

Although some members have moved away or returned to school, most have remained to devote themselves to capturing the beauty of Huronia in their chosen media.

The GBAS' current group is comprised of both professional and amateur artists. For example, Gladys Robinson, who works in oils, watercolours and pastels, is presently exhibiting at Galeria Gale on King Street in Midland. Jan Kee, who has been an artist for over 40 years, produces beautiful pen and ink sketches of Huronia. Pat Eplett exhibited her watercolour paintings at the Budd Watson Gallery in 1986 and was very successful.

In spite of Paul Kirkup's busy schedule as a teacher, he still finds time to paint in oils and to hold the position of president of the art club. Although Gert Neilon has always been an artist at heart, she only started to paint seriously, after retirement. Landscapes are her specialty, in oils and watercolours. Joyce Cannon is a very creative artist. Her appreciation of art is depicted in landscapes. Cannon works in oils and is venturing into watercolours. Francis Forget has been painting wildlife and landscapes in oils, acrylics and watercolours for a number of years. Sheila Henderson is another artist who has been painting in oils and watercolours for many years. Anne Proulx joined the GBAS in 1986 and brought a refreshing outlook to painting by specializing in batik art.

The art club meets every Wednesday night from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Senior Citizen's building on Hugel Avenue in Midland for those who want to paint or to participate in discussion about art. Occasionally, educational art films are shown. From time to time, the group takes field trips, some of which include sketching, photography and painting-on-location. The products of these field trips will be displayed at a show.



### Local governors

All of the stage at the front of Port McNicoll's community hall was used last Wednesday night, during Local Government Week. Residents turned out to hear and question their council, and to be informed about an

OPP Crime Watch program. On the stage, front row, were junior council members Chris Burns, Sherry Juneau, Sheila Staford, and Toni Jackson, with Clerk Ted Walker at far right. Back row from left were Coun-

cillors Regis Quesnelle, Eleanor Lattimore, Pat Armstrong, Reeve John Moreau, Deputy Reeve Ross Cameron; Deputy Clerk Helen Duncan, and Lil King (PUC).



### Aiming for the flame

The Russ Howard Rink has been in Calgary this week at the Olympic Trials. Despite its

victorious title as World Champions, the rink must still prove it is the best of the curling

world to represent Canada at the Winter Games in Calgary next February.

## Tory hopefuls

The nomination meeting for the Muskoka-Georgian Bay Progressive Conservative Association is to be held in Gravenhurst on Thursday evening.

The selection of a candidate to represent the P.C.'s in the next provincial election is slated for the Gravenhurst Centennial Centre.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. with the voting commencing at 8 p.m.

Members are requested to bring their membership cards to facilitate registration. Past members in 1985 or 1986 may renew their memberships prior to the start of the meeting.

Four individuals are run-

ning for the candidacy. George Beatty of Gravenhurst, Allan Moses of Port Carling, Edith Nichols of Bracebridge and Bruce Stanton of Port Stanton.

According to Association President Keith Montgomery, over 1,300 members have already signed up, with the final total expected to exceed 1,500.

Special guests at the meeting will be Alan Pope and Tom Long, president of the Ontario P.C. Party.

There is no registration fee required to attend this meeting and refreshment, as well as transportation will be available.

## Festival coming soon

The Midland Y's Men's Club, in conjunction with the North Simcoe Arts Council and area music teachers, will once again be inviting young musicians and vocalists in our community to compete for scholarships and awards in the 41st Annual Midland Y's Men's Music Festival. The festival will be held this year between April 27 and May 8 at St. Paul's United Church in Midland.

The organization and supervision of the Music Festival has undergone many changes throughout its forty year history. This year Dr. David Hurst, Music Festival Chairman, has been assisted by Mrs. Ruth Weldon. Working as a secretary on a full time basis, Mrs. Weldon has shouldered the year long responsibilities. Starting preparation for this year's festival back in June, 1986 she has organized and compiled this year's syllabus and program as well as making all other necessary arrangements.

Over 1,000 contestants will compete in the Music Festival before five highly qualified and professional adjudicators in the categories of vocal, piano, instrumental, guitar and accordion. To off-set a projected \$3,000 deficit in this year's budget for this non-profit event, the Midland Y's Men's Club is currently conducting a fund raising campaign to assist in deferring a portion of the costs involved, like facility rentals, adjudicators fees, certificates and trophies.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. David A. Hurst, Music Festival Chairman.

## Minister

Minister of Citizenship and Culture Lily Munro might be in Midland on May 11.

The minister tentatively is scheduled to be present for the official opening of the renovated Midland Public Library.

She also likely would be meeting with the North Simcoe Arts Council.

The official opening of the library will be held on May 11, whether the minister can attend or not. The opening will be at 5 p.m.

## Spreading message

Jehovah's Witnesses feel they must keep offering their message to everyone.

How do they manage to keep it at year after year?

Part of the stimulus are conventions such as the one attended, this past weekend by the area congregations. The theme of the two-day program was, "Joyfully Enduring Trials Gains God's Approval." About 1900 Witnesses and visitors from this area of Ontario attended.

Alex Munro, spokesman for the local congregations, said of the program, "It's not easy being a Christian in this world, but we must follow the footsteps of Jesus Christ. He overcame trials and obstacles. So can Christians today. We're

determined to serve God and our fellow humans joyfully."

The highlight of the program was a talk by the Witnesses' district supervisor for southern Ontario, Douglas Held. His theme was "You Can Enjoy Life in Peace Now." Economic, racial, political, religious and military frustrations disturb the world, yet Christians can and do live peacefully in this world. Help your neighbours look forward to living forever in a paradise of peace on this earth, he urged the audience.

Twenty-seven persons most in their late teens or early twenties were baptized as new evangelizers.

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## Overdue books

Have you tackled your spring cleaning? If you have found any overdue Midland Public Library books please return them to us. Presently, there are no fines on overdue library books at the Midland Public Library.

The following is a list of new available at the library as of Thursday, April 16, 1987.

Fiction: Catch the Wind by Harriet Segal; American Eden by Marilyn Harris; Kiden by David Handler;

The House on Bostwick Square by Velda Johnston; State Scarlet by David Aaron; and Equinox by Kurt Maxwell.

Non-Fiction: Icebound by Leonard F. Guttridge; The Conway Twitty Story by Wilbur Cross; The Masters: Golf's most Prestigious Tradition by Dawson Taylor; Close Pursuit by Carsten Stroud; Mother, I Have Something to Tell You by Jo Brans; More Advice from the Back Doctor.

## YMCA Fitathon

The Midland YMCA will be holding a Fitathon Fundraiser April 28, from 6 until 9 p.m.

Day Specialties Company Limited, has very generously donated over 60 feet of mirror, for use in the Y's Fitness, Karate and judo programs. Pledge dollars earned from the Fitathon will help offset the cost of installing and protecting these mirrors in the Y gym.

The Fitathon will be a fun-filled family night, you will not want to miss. The event will consist of five separate exercise sessions; each session will include two enthusiastic leaders.

great music, prize draws, twenty minutes of light to moderate aerobics (with proper warm-up and cool-down exercises), and a ten minute rest and juice break.

The Y encourages members and non-members, children and adults, and the fit and not-so-fit, to participate in any or all of the sessions.

Interested persons should contact the YMCA for further information and/or pledge sheets. "Y" not slip those running sneakers on, and come out and join us... just for the fun of it!

## Upcoming news

Wednesday, the attempted extradition of Bill Player of Elmvale from Florida to Ontario continues.

Thursday, Conservatives in Muskoka-Georgian Bay will elect one of four candidates to be the Conservative candidate in the next provincial election.

An exhibition of the artwork of the late W.J. Wood of Midland opens in Huronia Museum.


Next Monday, the taxpayers of Midland will learn details of the town's 1987 budget. The increase above last year is expected to be 5.2 per cent.

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