

Baker glad to be back

Carol Baker, the new Chamber General Manager has been on the job since Monday, and says "It feels great to be back."

Baker brings to this position six years of past experience with the chamber, experience with Huronia Historical Parks, a major Huronia Tourist Attraction, and management with a busy local hotel.

Baker wants to strengthen community involvement with the chamber, to work closely with various boards, com-

mittees and council for the betterment of all, increase public awareness of chamber activities and to promote the area as a first-class tourist destination.

"This area is wealthy in history, tourist attractions

and quality of life," says Baker, and we must build on these resources.

She is looking forward to working closely with the board on many on-going projects and states that her door is always open.

Reynolds resigns

People who have applied without success to sit on the Midland Public Library board will be considered again as the town council prepares to fill a vacancy.

The resignation of board member Lynn Reynolds

was accepted by the council at its most recent regular meeting.

Reynolds in her letter of resignation said that overtime sometimes made impossible her attendance at library board meetings.



Congratulations

The Huronia Association of the Mentally Retarded had an Entertainment Night last Thursday, with music and a short play titled, When I'm Washing Windows.

After the play, the performers (Joseph Duquette, Cameron Hughes, Anne Faragher and Wendy Holder) were presented with flowers.



One of a kind

Rhea Green, co-owner of Collingwood-area Canadian Antiques and Art gallery, brought samples of the art she and her husband offer for sale to Midland last

week. They pick an artist who is one of the best in a field of art, both Native and non-Native artists, ranging in style from naive to abstract.

Believes in her artists

Rhea Green is an art gallery co-owner who doesn't like wildlife art. But she and her husband own work by a Canadian wildlife artist whose originals she believes are as good as Robert Bateman's, and whose prints are superior.

The Greens are unusual for art gallery owners in that they buy the art which is on display in their Collingwood area gallery. They pick only one of the best in each style of art, "rising stars and stars." Because everything on display is purchased, "I have to be pretty sure that I like it." The Greens live with what they buy until it is sold, weeks or years later. "Because I own it I have to like it first."

People buy art both for pleasure and as an investment. Rhea Green sug-

gested, "Your tummy has to be happy before your head is happy."

Canadians are less sophisticated in terms of art and culture in general than Europeans, Green said. Art galleries in Europe are as common as milk stores here. Europeans are exposed to art at an early age. Young Canadians are not exposed to

enough art, she said.

The Greens buy pottery and sculpture as well as paintings and prints. When they buy a painting or a print, though, they buy it without a frame. "Some of the artists, they do great work but they're lousy framers," Green said.

Green came to Midland last week to address the Midland Rotary Club.



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