

Fashion, art and sculpture

Thunder Beach artists strike again

In a strengthening tradition of home grown North Simcoe art, four painters, a sculptor and a fashion designer are pooling resources for a day-long show coming up in July. Sandra Wilcox, who is

gaining notoriety for her sometimes flappy but never unflappable summer designs, is the key organizer behind the July 23 exhibition and sale. The location is the Thunder Beach Club House on

Green Point Road, near her own home. Apart from acting as a forum to show and sell art, the event will raise money to fix a leaky roof on the club house. Wilcox and the other ar-

tists were busy planning the day on a cold, damp and dreary Saturday morning of last week.

Between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the big day there will be no less than three fashion shows of the Thunder Wear line.

Rod Prouse, a Lafontaine area artist, will represent the interests both of himself and his friend, John Hartman. Hartman, who may or may not show up on the day of the show, lives near Prouse (the two held their own art show last year).

Prouse calls himself a wildlife artist, but his work is a departure from the normal connotation of the label. "People who are realists," he said Saturday, "have cornered the word (wildlife artist) but it's not fair - we can all paint Canada, and it's full of wildlife."

Artist Randal Prom of Penetanguishene is a landscape artist by his own description. But again, im-

ages of pretty forests and fields conjured by that label may be misleading. "I'm sort of a pop landscape artist," he said. "I use some bright colors that sort of pop out at you."

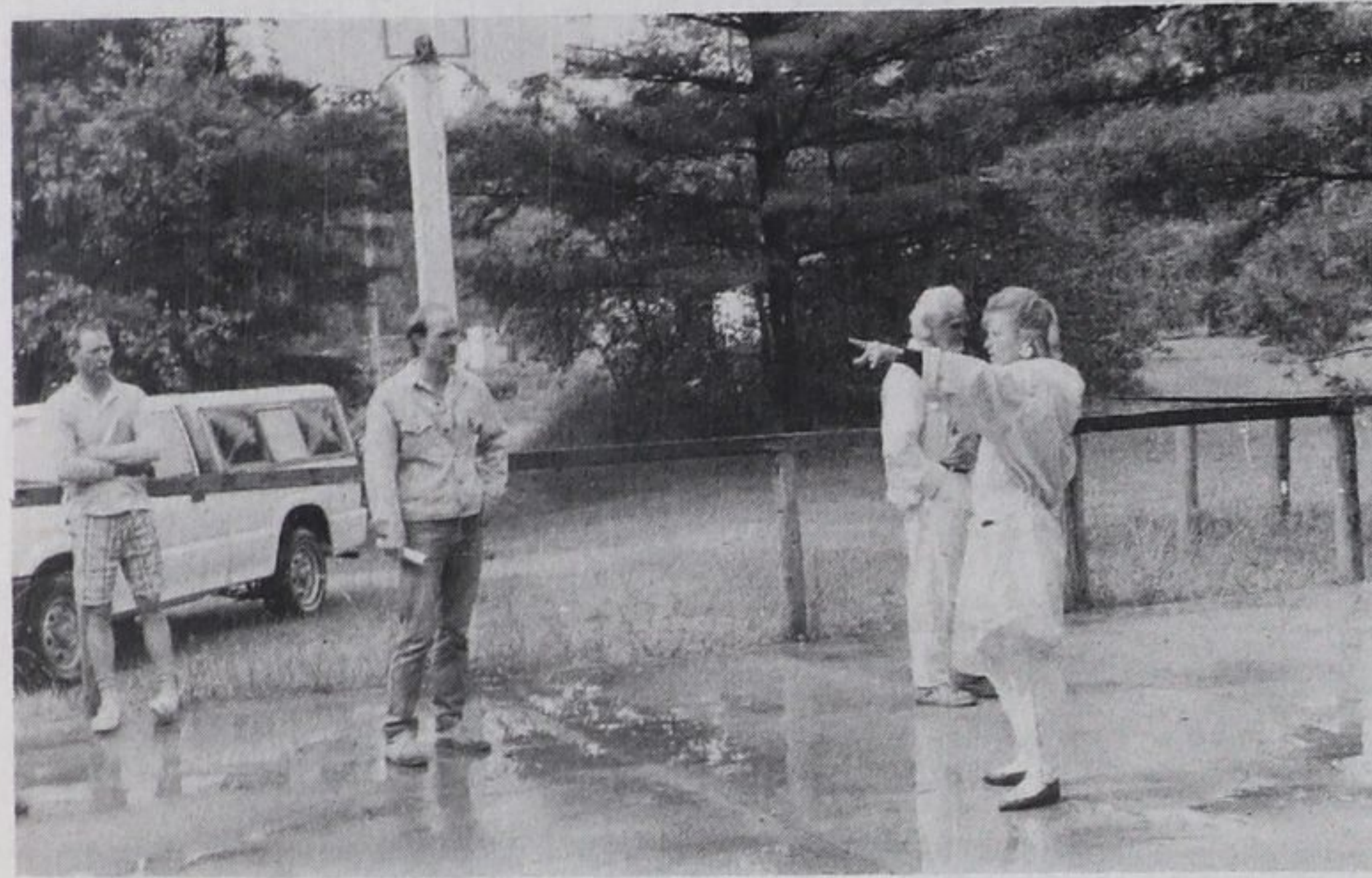
Rita Kvedaras, a Soviet-born woman married to Wilcox's father, likes big

paintings. Educated as an architect and an artists in the U.S.S.R., she is an abstract artist who uses "large geometric shapes." Kaleidoscope paintings is the name she uses for them.

Finally, Frank Shulman is perhaps the most

unusual of all the artists to be featured at the show. Shulman's primary tool is a chainsaw and his medium is wood sculpture. He has a long resume and a reputation as solid as his work.

There is a \$5 admission charge to the show.



Making a point

Sandra Wilcox shows Randal Prom the ideal location to display some art. A group of Thunder Beach - area artists are holding a show in July.

Two dead, four hurt in weekend crashes

Two serious accidents on Highway 69 on Monday and on Sunday left two men dead and four people injured.

A head-on collision between a car and a tractor-trailer in Georgian Bay Township at 1:10 a.m. Monday resulted in the death of Gerald LeBlanc, 58, of Alban, Ont., and Donald Edward Francis, 22, of Echo Lake, Nova Scotia. A passenger in the tractor-trailer, Gordon Francis, 41, also of Echo Lake, was flown to Sun-

nybrook Hospital in serious condition.

The northbound car entered the southbound lane occupied by the tractor-trailer, the OPP said.

On Sunday in Baxter Ward three people were taken to hospital after a collision at the intersection of Highway 69 and District Road 34 at 10:45 a.m. Gerard Miller, 33, and Margaret Miller, 62, of Toronto, were taken to Huronia District Hospital.

Ken Jenkinson, 57, of Etobicoke, was flown to a Toronto hospital. Jenkinson was trapped in his car

for some time, the OPP said.

Both accidents are being investigated.

Critic's Corner

by John Stoddart

Industrial light in Toon Town

Roger Rabbit is the star cartoon character in Toon Town, an animated town attached to Hollywood circa 1947, in the film Who Framed Roger Rabbit?

It seems Roger just can't concentrate on his lines; his mind is always fooling around with his wife.

The silly animal decides to hire Gumshoe Eddy Valian (a poor man's Philip Marlow) to get the goods on Mrs. Rabbit. Eddy gets on the case, but soon finds himself in the middle of murder, blackmail and other assorted mayhem.

With the movie Who Framed Roger Rabbit?, Amblin' Studios (which brought you the magic of E.T.) returns with a Steven Spielberg production based on the book, Who Censored Roger Rabbit? In any previous period of film history this film could not have been made, but

thanks to I.L.M. Productions (Industrial Light and Magic), the magic of live actors and animated characters sharing the same stage becomes reality. The film is fascinating to watch, seeing the new technology at work. But the story is a 1940s detective pot boiler with Bob Hoskins as an overweight Humphrey Bogart. PG. Rating: ** 1/2

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