

Local artist exhibits work at Gibson House

An exhibit of wall-hangings by Mrs. Gweneth Caldwell of Elgin Mills Road, Richmond Hill, opened at Gibson House in Willowdale Saturday and will be on display until February 2.

Mrs. Caldwell began her craft work with the hooking of rugs. To perfect her art she has taken several short courses at the Rittmermere studios in Vineland in the Niagara Peninsula.

She dyes and bleaches her own material, chiefly wool, and has developed the medium into a distinctive art form. Her subjects include landscapes, animals and birds, especially owls. She concentrates her interest toward endangered species, and in the stance and mien of her presentations she manages to make a direct appeal to the observer.

The former Gweneth Bateman, Mrs. Caldwell was born and grew up in a house on Bathurst Street in King Township. She is a member of Kingcrafts, and with her husband, Gordon, has lived on Elgin Mills Road for more than 15

years. The frames for her creations are made by Mr. Caldwell and are designed to set off the theme of Mrs. Caldwell's works.

Chair pads as well as wall-hangings are included in the current exhibit at Gibson House, 5172 Yonge Street, behind Willowdale Post Office. It is open to the public from 9:30 am to 5 pm daily and from noon to 5 pm Sundays. Some of the hangings are for sale.

On exhibit at the same time are a number of quilts done in contemporary design by members of North York Red Cross, using new materials and new techniques.

The exception is a quilt, well over 100 years old, loaned by Mrs. Kate Hayden, 95, of Elmhurst Avenue, Willowdale. It is turkey red and white and the rows of stitching are no more than half an inch apart. Mrs. Hayden remembers sleeping under it as a child.

This part of the show is under the direction of Mrs. Audrey Harris, Mrs. Caldwell's sister, who has been quilting convener of the North York Red Cross since World War II. The quilts are not for sale.

Other exhibits of interest to quilters are a number of autographed squares dated 1871 which have been in the family of Mrs. Pat Taylor of Downsview, a Gibson House Volunteer, for generations.

Visitors will also be able to see quilters in action as Gibson House volunteers work on their own quilt, "Crown Of Thorns".

An added attraction is a display of partially finished pieces, all pre-dating 1867, from the Gibson House's permanent collection of early Canadiana.

Price of admission to the Gibson House and galleries is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Here are scheduled events in southern York this week

Handling family problems

"Making an Agreeable So-and-so out of a Disagreeable So-and-so", a talk by Dr. Bunny Lacombe, psychologist with York Central Mental Health Unit, will open a series of four evenings dealing with "Handling Family Problems". The series, sponsored by Richmond Hill and Thornhill Family Services, begins January 21 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium at Hillcrest Mall. Subsequent sessions will be "Sexual Decision-making" with speaker Dr. Carlford Broderick on February 17, "Family Dynamics" with Stan Shapiro on March 17, and "The Insecurity of Marriage" with Mary Sue McCarthy on April 21. Series tickets are \$4, or \$1.25 at the door for each session. For further information call 884-9148.

Snowmobile races

The Richmond Hill Kinsmen Club is having its annual snowmobile races on Sunday at Yonge Street and Elgin Mills Road (behind Twin Hills Mercury). There will be races for all classes of machines. The Kinettes will be serving barbecued food and refreshments. Spectators are welcome. Proceeds will go toward cystic fibrosis research.

Non-profit organizations planning programs of interest to readers in Southern York may submit items for this column to Social Editor Margaret Lade, "The Liberal", 10101 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, 884-8177 or 881-3401. Deadline is noon on Friday.

Co-operative nursery school in new home

I am sure that everyone will be pleased to hear that the Glen Avon Nursery School (discussed in this column a few weeks ago) has been able to re-locate in a church in Willowdale.

The members of this co-operative nursery school feel this location will be ideal since the rental of the room will be on a long term basis giving the required permanence.

Anyone wishing to inquire about this community service may get in touch with one of our local members, Lois Schklar (889-9222).

A number of people in the community have expressed the feeling the growing number of cars being parked on the northern most part of Bayview Fairways, are becoming a hazard.

The parked cars, during the day, endanger the children attending the school directly opposite.

When the school buses arrive, the motorist has

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double trouble. Not only must he try to squeeze between the buses and the cars but the combination of the two make it impossible to see children who are attempting to cross the road.

At night these cars are barely visible and the ones parked directly on the curve are particularly dangerous.

Most of these homes have room for at least four cars: two in the garage and two in the driveway.

So please, if you park your car in the roadway, make every effort to change your habit and park it where neither your car nor your child will be hurt!

The Markham Sno-Mobile

Club has held its first two outings of the season. Both days were extremely successful, with the weather and snow conditions co-operating fully.

The first outing was held at Buckhorn Lake just north of Peterboro, and the second at Durham County Forest, near Uxbridge. The day at Buckhorn helped to get the summer kinks out of the snowmobiles. By the time of the Uxbridge outing though, all the snowmobiles and snowmobilers were "ready and rarin'" to go. Approximately forty enthusiastic club members participated.

Ballet People interested in

enrolling their children in ballet or gymnastics classes should do so now, as the second term is commencing.

Scouts

A new dimension is now being added to the world of Scouting.

The pre-cub age group (five to seven year-olds) may now join a "Beaver colony." The boys should really enjoy this hour-long get-together where the theme is sharing. The group will meet every Friday at 4 pm in Bayview Fairways Public School.

The colony needs support to get moving. If you and your son are interested in joining, please contact Paul Foster (881-2903).

Brownies

Last week 10 girls (teenies) were enrolled in the 4th Thornhill Brownie pack. Parents were present and enjoyed watching the enrolment, as well as the games the Brownies participated in later.

Skating and a sleigh ride have been organized as winter outings for the Brownies. Now all that is lacking is the snow.

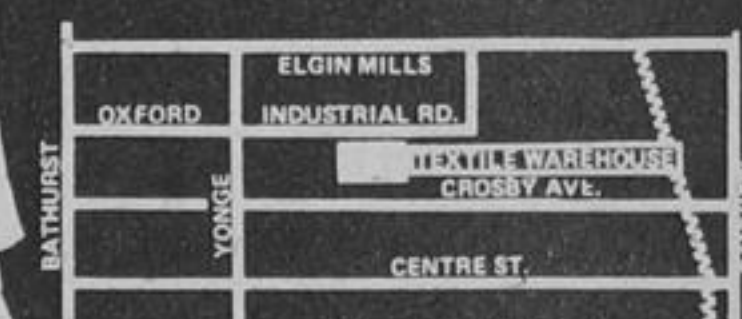
Final note

I need your support. If I am to continue writing this column as a community service, I need some show of community interest. Surely something has been happening in the German Mills-New Leslie area! Let's hear from you! You may not think your activities are worthy of mention, but please let me be the judge. P.S. — Whatever happened to the Bayview Fairways Ratepayer Association?

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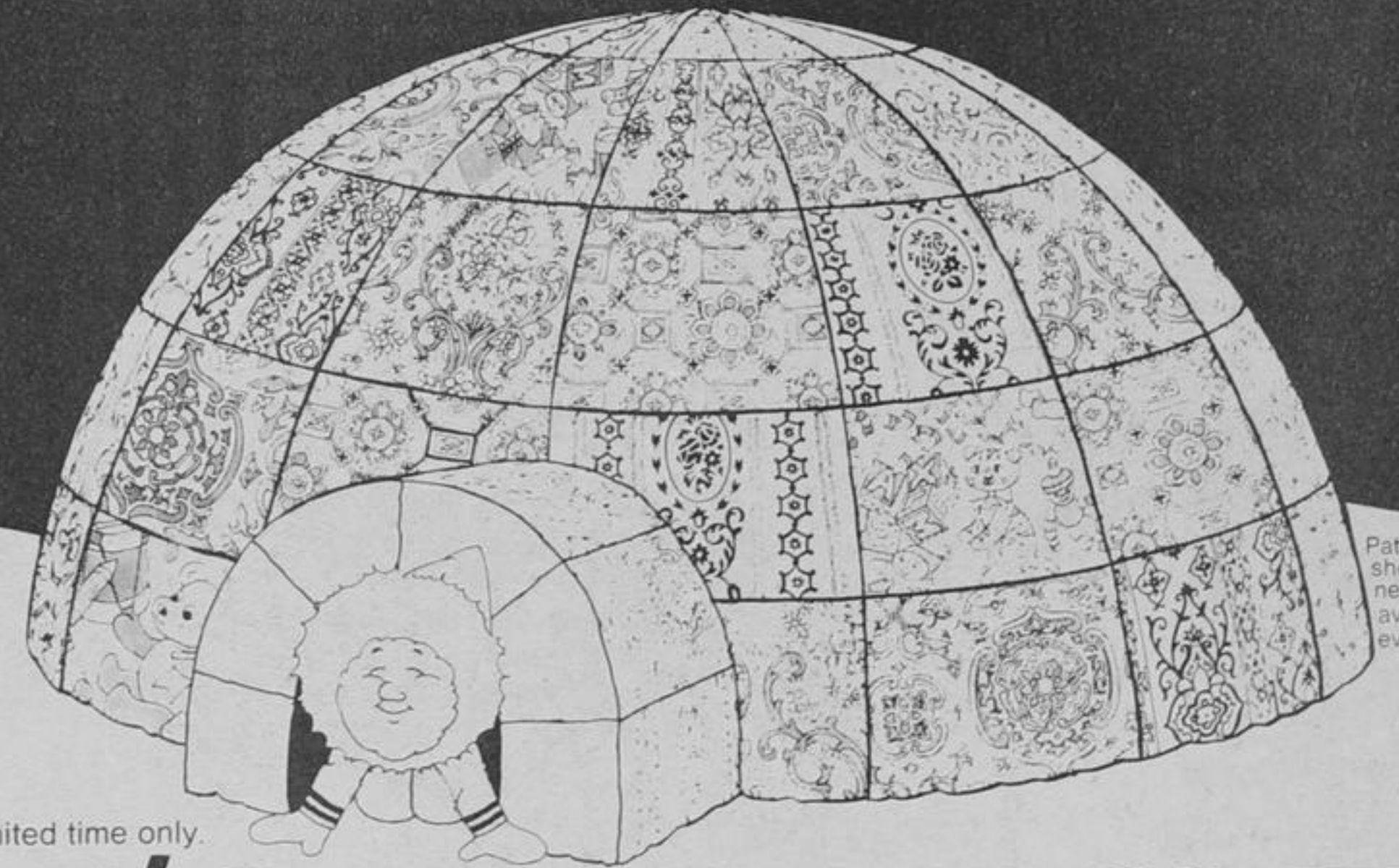
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