



How it's done

A member of the adult crafts class which has been Monday evening in Hillcrest Mall Auditorium with YMCA instructor Althea Taylor, Lynda Sawyer, 31 Oak Avenue, is pictured above as she puts together a pinecone wreath for Christmas.

(Photo by Hogg)

Shares craft talents

Althea Taylor of Westwood Lane, Richmond Hill, is a woman of many talents.

Recently in a 10-week craft program sponsored by the local YMCA she has been sharing them with others.

Her Monday night demonstrations have included the making of macrame flower pot holders, wall plaques ornamented with dried flowers, crewl work.

The series, which concluded Dec. 1, ends appropriately with instruction on the making of Christmas decorations.

The Y's program worker for decentralized programming in the area, June Burnie, reports another series of adult crafts is planned for the new year — same time: Monday evenings; same place: Hillcrest Mall auditorium.

You can make wreaths for indoor or outdoor use easily and cheaply, simply or elaborately,

with a few basic materials.

Begin with a wire wreath frame purchased at a hobby or flower shop, various evergreen cones, assorted nuts with shells on, from 90 to 100 feet of 26 gauge wire (the amount of wire needed depends on the size of the wreath frame), and wire cutters.

An assortment of cones — scotch pine, white pine, spruce, fir, hemlock, etc. makes for an interesting wreath. Acorns and chestnuts, too, if you can find them, add to the natural look. To these you can add walnuts, almonds, hazel nuts, and so on.

If the nuts are soaked in hot water before they are used, it will soften the shells for easier handling.

Begin with one type of cone (for example, Scotch Pine). Cut wire into six to eight-inch lengths and wrap each length around a cone, twisting the wire tightly to give a secure hold.

Completing rim

Put the cone in the outside wreath rim, attaching it to the rim with the twisted wire. Repeat this procedure until the outside rim is completed. Work the inside rim in the same manner, making sure the tops of the cones are facing away from the frame.

Fill in the middle rim with various cones and nuts. Long cones may be broken to form rosettes. Drill holes in the nuts to insert the wire for tying. Drilling will be easier if the shells have been softened in the hot water.

Finishing touches
The finished wreath may be left natural, or may be sprayed with clear plastic, gold, silver or white paint.

A bright ribbon, artificial holly, or ornaments may be added for color.

Loop a piece of wire at the top of the wreath from hanging on a door, a wall, or over a fireplace.

Youth arrested in bomb hoax

The alert action of a Bell Telephone operator resulted in the arrest of a Richmond Hill youth last week on a charge of making alarming telephone calls.

Police said someone called operator Dorothy Dixon of Toronto and told her there was a bomb in Bayview Secondary School, then hung up.

However, operator Dixon kept the line open and called police. They, in turn checked a Richmond Hill home and found the line still open there.

Arrested was Collin McGregor, 16, of Markham Road.

Armed robbery
Police also reported an armed robbery Dec. 7 about 12:20 a.m. at

Woodbine Truck Centre in Markham.

Police said a man drove into the centre and asked the attendant to check the oil.

While that was being done, the man got out of the car and produced a small calibre rifle.

He then asked the attendant for money and received \$350.

He took the attendant to a storage room, where he proceeded to tie him up.

He also found an envelope with \$659 in it and took it.

The man was thought to be a Negro. He was wearing a blue parka with fur trim, dark pants, brown gloves and a dark balaclava.

He was driving an older model blue Olds or Buick.

Two assaulted
A woman and one of her male companions were assaulted by another man in an incident at the Richmond Inn Dec. 2.

Police said Marilyn Phillips, 37, of North Taylor Mills Dr., was in the inn with two male companions when another man entered and struck one of the men with her.

The three then left and when Mrs. Phillips got into her car, the man

appeared again and smashed the car window.

He also slammed the door several times on Mrs. Phillips and ripped off the collar of her coat, police said.

Kenneth Phillips, 37, of Willow Beach, has been charged with common assault.

Pool hall pugilist
Another unusual assault took place Dec. 1 in King City.

Richard Hayes of Dennison Road told police he was playing pool about 10:15 at the King City pool hall, when a youth came up to him and struck him

for no apparent reason. Hayes fell to the floor and his assailant then kicked him in the head.

Hayes was taken to hospital and treated for his injuries.

Fore!
The golf season may be over, but the fanatics still linger on, apparently.

In an incident at Summit Golf Club, Yonge St., Richmond Hill during the weekend, police said two golf carts were driven around the premises and severely rammed several times.

Damage amounted to \$1,600.

96 townhouses for Richvale

Ninety-six townhouses on two blocks west of Castle Rock Road and south of Weldrick Road will be built next year by Cadillac Fairview Corporation, it was reported to Richmond Hill Council's Nov. 29 meeting.

The two clusters will be divided by a walkway leading to a park area.

The block at Weldrick and Castle Rock will

contain 45 units on 2.698 acres, each with its own garage.

The block at Shaw Boulevard and Castle Rock will contain 51 townhouses each with its own garage on 3.04 acres. Each block will have its own fenced play area with equipment.

The townhouses will resemble those now nearing completion

elsewhere in BAIF and will contain a mix of three-storey and two-storey units. They will be condominiums with fenced privacy space.

It is estimated the selling price will be in the mid-50s.

The committee accepted the applications and instructed the staff to prepare the site plan agreements.

Thieves hit parked cars

The contents of cars were the targets of various thieves in the area last week.

Dolores Whiteman, North Taylor Mills Drive, Richmond Hill, reported the theft of her wallet containing \$260, from her car Dec. 2. It was parked at the rear of St. Mary's Church, Yonge Street.

May Davis, 58 Walmer Road, told police her purse, containing \$85 was taken from her car while it was parked at 10030 Yonge Street, about 8:40 a.m., Dec. 1.

North York Chev-Olds and Willowdale AMC, both of 7200 Yonge Street, Thornhill, and Bakers Sales and Service, 9144 Yonge Street, lost tires and rims to thieves from cars parked on their respective lots.

Break-ins
Police also reported break-ins and thefts from several homes and business places in the region.

One of the heaviest hit was Belle Abramson, 72 Laureleaf Road, Thornhill, who lost a total of \$6,090 in cash and jewelry to thieves.

At Stop 'n' Shop Discount, 261 Baythorn Dr., Thornhill, a break-in netted thieves a quantity of train and airplane sets valued at \$432.

At Colossus Foods Limited, Rayette Road, Concord, four sets of Olympic coins, valued at \$220, were taken.

Unusual theft
Most unusual theft of the week occurred at the home of Ronald Kingston, Conc. 3, King City. There, thieves stole a

stereo and TV set, plus a black-and-tan Doberman Pinscher, for a total loss of \$1,060.

Thieves, who visited the apartment of Barry Larkin, 150 Colbourne Ave., Richmond Hill, also were looking for variety, it seems.

Taken were a TV set, two rings, a 40-ounce bottle of rye and a money clip. Total value: \$810.

Taken from a house under construction on Stegman Mills Road in Kleinburg, were several cartons of marble and ceramic tile, valued at \$331.52.

A total of \$489 in cigarettes, cameras and perfume, were taken from Savex Drug Mart, Heritage Plaza, in Markham.

Two Thornhill residents, Daniel McDonald, 18, and Anne Marie Atkinson, 21, both of 20 Clark Avenue, were arrested on the weekend in connection with the

break, enter and theft of Leibrecht Animal Hospital, Yonge Street, Thornhill, last October.

At that time, \$100 and several vials of narcotics were taken.

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