



Master of his craft

He's a master of several art techniques and has worked at many laboring jobs "to get to know the people" he portrays.

Thornhill artist Leonard Hutchinson, 80, has an impressive collection of prints on display this month at Thornhill Community Centre library.

Artist still busy at 80, has exhibit in Thornhill

By Marilyn McDonald

THORNHILL — Anyone who says most modern art would make wonderful drapes, likes camping, searches Sam's for Barbra Streisand singing classical music and comments "it cured my arthritis" after falling 190 feet down a hill while hiking, gets my vote for lifetime membership in the human race.

Obviously others feel the same way. The sporty red car in Leonard Hutchinson's driveway is a gift to the 80-year-old artist from a new-found friend who stopped over on her way from Minneapolis, headed to Nepal for meditational purposes.

Hutchinson, who has a collection of over 60 prints, both black and white and colored, ready for an October exhibit in Thornhill community centre library, produce art for and about people.

"Art must be related to people," he said. "I've got a sort of social philosophy all through my art."

Van Gogh's idea Hutchinson says he got the idea from reading a pamphlet written by Vincent Van Gogh.

Like Van Gogh, he wondered why everybody, not just the rich, couldn't own a work of art.

"I got that idea and it's run through my mind since I was quite young."

Thus armed with the courage of his convictions, Hutchinson learned lithography, etching and wood-block printing, reproducing his oils and pencil sketches to create "original works of art, signed by the artist."

Many are colorful, strong and solitary scenes of the Ontario countryside. The most powerful and compelling

tell the story behind the faces, homes and families of workers, laboring in fields, steel mills, logging camps and — the artist's favorite — fishing boats.

From the mines of Manchester, England, which he left in 1913, to the tobacco fields of Tillsonburg, Ontario, Leonard Hutchinson has been there.

Gained experience He actually worked at the jobs depicted in his drawings "so I could get to know the people".

Much has moved Hutchinson, who describes himself as a humanist — from the children asking for food in his print "Have you got anything to eat, mister?" to the men fishing through the wind-swept ice of Lake Simcoe — not because they were enjoying a day of diversion in a heated hut — but for food to survive.

Perhaps his most recent heartbreak came when his wife Grace decided to make a life of her own.

"I wondered what I'd done wrong," he says.

One glance at a black and white print by Grace Hutchinson, hung in the hall of the Doncrest Road home they once shared, shows that while he may not have done anything wrong, this gentle man influenced his wife to a degree which a free-spirited woman might resent.

Hutchinson's very-much-loved daughter Lyn came to the rescue with reassurances.

The Hutchinsons are still separated, but above all, they're still friends.

Parents protesting 'values' education

AURORA — A total of 35 briefs — some of which called for the outright banning of teaching values education in the schools — was presented to York County board of education last week.

A packed house at a public meeting heard Donald Cameron of Vaughan, chairman of the values education committee, admit that he hadn't known the values education program was a regular part of the curriculum in some schools.

Cameron said he thought the programs were only experimental and his committee had been working for the past two years to come up with a policy covering them.

While not disputing the objective of the programs, many parents expressed alarm at the method in which they were being carried out.

According to one Markham parent, the method left "much to be desired. It is our opinion the family unit is the place to have the subjects noted above discussed and taught," she said.

"Since we all recognize the failure of most parents in this, and other areas of education, it would be wiser to create

special classes for parents on values education to supplement the parents teaching of their children at home."

The same writer said values education — or the teaching of morals and values relating to "interpersonal, religious, humanistic or supernatural facts of life and society" — could be approached from as many different positions as there were teachers, and the students were not yet mature enough to make "a balanced, rational choice".

Administration criticized

Another writer, this time from Sharon, said that, while their children had been "blessed with some outstanding teachers," the latter must be confused by the "examples of and direction coming from the administration."

She said the administration would have them believe the teachings of Kohlberg How to Assess the Moral Reasoning of Students — and others were the means of implementing policy statement, when they instead reflected the shortcomings of society and failed to "feed the natural idealism of young

minds". The writer also asked that there be no more "secret" surveys for any purpose.

"We no longer feel we can trust an administration that cannot trust us," she said.

A Queensville woman, who asked that "everything dealing with values education be utterly removed from our school system," cited an example of what she said was her own young son's confusion and subsequent anxiety as a result of participating in a class project of moral reasoning.

She said each child was supposed to suggest a problem and the class as a whole would deal with it. Her son, who had just sold two of his rabbits for practical reasons pretended he wanted more.

The "problem" then "snowballed" until, from a "happy, obedient" young boy, he now became "unhappy, belligerent and demanding", convinced by the group discussions that he did have a problem and was being treated unfairly at home in the handling of it.

She said that when she finally found the reason for her son's anxiety, she was able to explain to him that he needn't tell his guidance teacher he had solved his problem when asked. "He sighed a sigh of relief, the problem burst like a balloon and we were once again our normal, happy family."

Moral reasoning? She said her own reading of the Kohlberg book had made her "hair stand on end".

She said its moral reasoning was: "if you haven't got money to buy it, steal it; if a person is not useful to society, kill them; never report on a law offender; rebel against your parents and all in authority".

Other comments: "At the most it is unfair to burden the teachers with such an awesome undertaking... unlike new math, (it) cannot be rectified if we find 'it doesn't work out'."

"What I have thus far seen of moral values education has been a waste of my tax dollars, gave the wrong guidance, created confusion and disobeyed the Education Act, 1974."

"The children should be taught to look to their own consciences to guide them, remembering God's laws and the teachings of Christ."

Catholic schools get money for buildings

RICHMOND HILL — York Region Roman Catholic separate school board received approval for a \$3,450,000 building program at a meeting with the ministry of education Monday.

The money will be used to finance additions to two schools, Holy Name in King and St. Joseph's in Markham, and to build a new school at the St. Michael's location in German Mills replacing the existing relocatable school there.

These schools will be ready for occupancy in 1977.

The meeting came as a result of the board's endeavor to arrange financing for an addition to Holy Name School.

The addition will accommodate pupils from Sacred Heart School, also in King, which has been judged structurally unsound.

Pupils from Sacred Heart now have been moved to three locations in the region but will attend Holy Name next fall when the \$900,000 addition is completed. The addition will add 196 pupil places to the school, bringing the total to 406.

The largest portion of the allocation, \$1,300,000 will go to St. Michael's School on Simonton Boulevard where a new school is planned to accommodate 485 pupils and replace the existing "six pack", or six-room accommodation, and seven portable classrooms now at the site.

St. Joseph's School on Parkway Avenue in Markham will receive an allocation of \$1,250,000 to add 341 pupil places to the overcrowded school bringing the total there to 551 places.

Ed Joyce, the board's superintendent of business and finance, said the capital program was approved with the assurance that St. Paul's is to be located on William Roe Boulevard in Newmarket, will only be delayed temporarily and will be ready for occupancy in 1978.

Approval given to subdivision

RICHMOND HILL — A 43-lot subdivision is planned for the southwestern part of Richmond Hill, east of Bathurst Street and south of Carville Road.

Town council has given two of the required three readings to a zoning bylaw authorizing the Richmond Glen subdivision of some 33 acres.

It is to consist of 43 lots, each having 19,600 square feet.

Council asks review of town energy use

RICHMOND HILL — A thorough review of the town's fuel and hydro consumption has been ordered by Richmond Hill council.

The move came at a Monday council meeting during discussion of Energy Conservation Week, proclaimed by the provincial government for Oct. 31 to Nov. 6.

Council agreed to advertise the proclamation locally, and to ask town staff and the public to consider ways they might contribute to energy conservation.

Observance of the week is being promoted by the government's Energy Management Program, established in 1975 with the target of saving \$1 billion a year on energy bills by 1980.

The government itself is one of the heaviest energy users, and it has set a savings target of \$500,000 a year. Already, energy costs have been cut by 15 to 40 per cent annually in several buildings.

Private residences use 18.5 per cent of the energy consumed in the province each year.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1976 8 p.m.

Note: All offices of this Association will be open for candidates and nominations will be accepted from the floor. All candidates, nominators and seconders must be members in good standing of the Association and be registered on the books of the Association as of October 13, 1976. Only members of the Association as of October 13th will be entitled to vote at this meeting.

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