

What a doll!

By Nazneen Sadig
Lois Schklar of Cypress Point Court will be making Thornhill's contribution to the Mariposa festival a unique one.

A doll maker of unusual talents, she will conduct a doll making workshop for children on June 24, 25 and 26. At the same time she will exhibit her dolls and some of them will be for sale.

The workshop which will be held once a day at the Toronto Island, will enable children to make dolls using varying techniques.

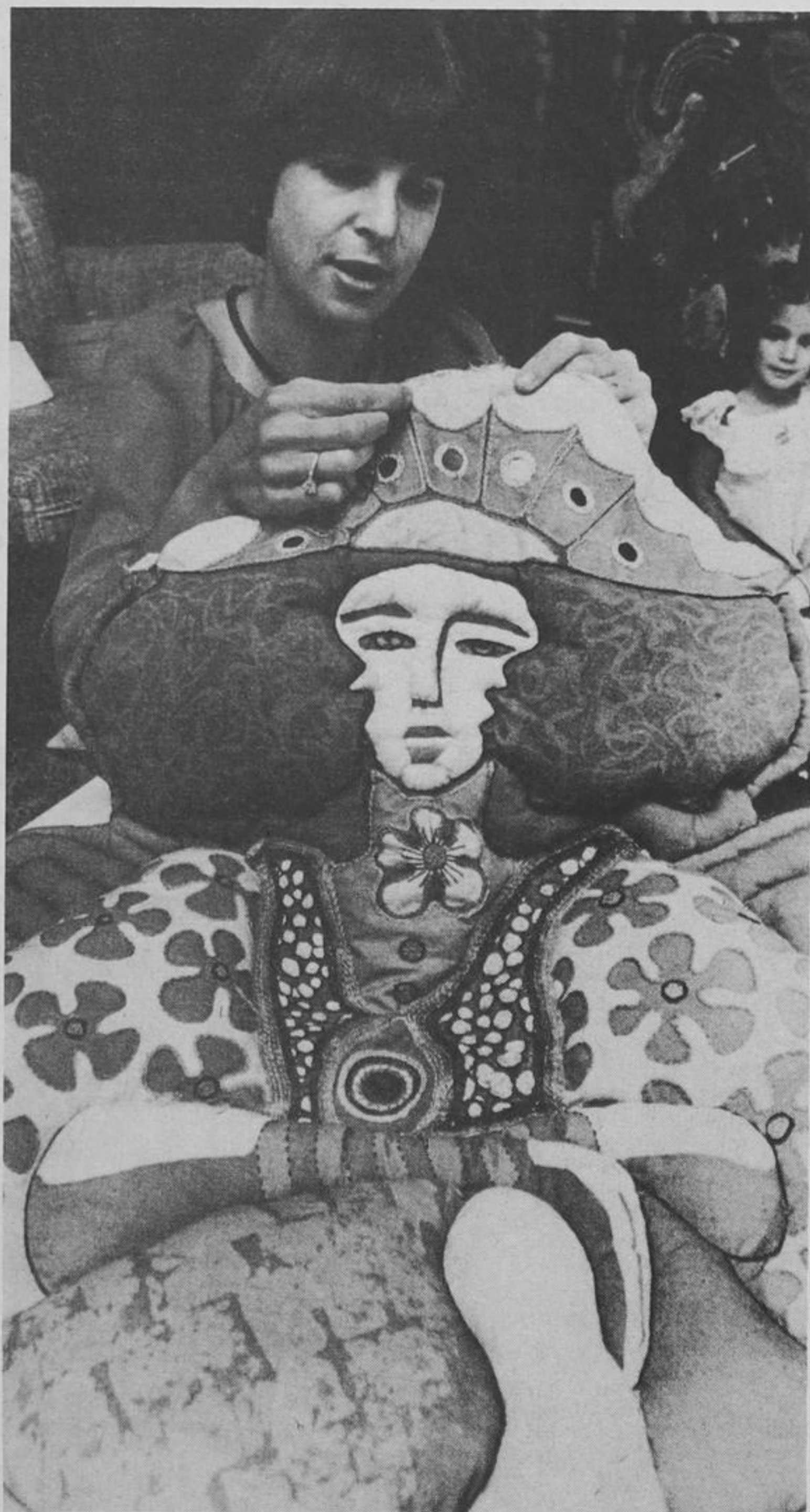
Fabric dolls made with iron on crayons, paper dolls made with brown paper shapes and stuffed with newspapers, and bottle dolls decorated with fabric all innovative form of scrap art which appeal to the imaginative child.

Lois Schklar's batik dolls, which started as a homespun project in a fellow artists garage, are by no means the traditional play doll. As an art work they almost become sculptural wall hangings.

A combination of batik which is a process of waxing and dying fabric by stages, embroidery and trimmings, the attitudes of the dolls seem to be influenced by South American art work.

The faces are quite stark and pose intriguing questions of the artists symbolism.

American born, Mrs. Schklar immigrated to Canada five years ago with her husband Steve. A graduate of the Atlanta School of Art, she is also a member of the York Guild of Potters and has



Lois Schklar and daughter... batik dolls are art form

(Photo by Roggi)

exhibited at their craft shows.

A petite brunette and mother of three children, she created her art form with the involvement of children in mind. She recalls her own pleasant associations with fabrics

as a child.

Responsible for volunteer art projects at Bayview Fairways public school, she has contributed in significantly artistic forms. Functioning as a mother, wife and artist

she feels her husband's encouragement a vital factor in her achievements. Plans for the future centre around the creation of a portrait doll — a photographic process where the portrait is applied directly to a silk screen.

Student bus behaviour "dangerous, serious"

A group of school principals has asked York County board of education for more support in dealing with delinquent students riding in school buses.

In a letter to the board last week, the principals said solid support was necessary to maintain a safe transportation system, as well as to teach a "sense of responsibility" to the students.

The group specifically cited smoking as one of the main problems, although pointing out "other forms of misbehaviour are often more serious and dangerous."

Either way, the driver was expected to handle all situations, while driving the bus in an exemplary manner.

In dealing with any offence committed by the students while on the bus, "the most effective tool appears to be suspension

of transportation privileges for a period of

time," the principals said.

This should be carried out through a "graded punishment" carried out at the discretion of the principal, they said.

That would involve a warning to begin with, with parents being informed of the incident, with a three-day suspension of privileges for a second offence, and a five-day suspension for a third one.

Maximum suspension would be 10 school days and no more than one weekend.

"We see the onus on the parent to ensure the suspended child gets to school during the suspension period," they said.

They deemed this appropriate, as parents bore responsibility for children.

The principals said they needed flexibility to apply suspensions, withdraw privileges and discipline students as necessary.

The board approved the report in principle, with the request staff develop

Board looks at leave

A motion by Vice-Chairman Doreen Quirk of Markham to investigate board policy on leaves of absence for its teachers, was approved by York County board of education Monday night (June 13).

Mrs. Quirk said she was concerned about the number of such leaves occurring while so many teachers were out of work.

The policy will be examined by the staff relations committee and will report back to the board by the second of September.

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