

New club is formed in Vaughan

A glowing overnight snow house, grave markers dating back as far as 1820 and 1851, sturdy Arctic dogs, empty abandoned oil drums, breath-taking, treeless snow scapes and dramatic Eskimo portraits were only some of the pictures shown to the members of the recently formed naturalist club at the Kleinburg Library.

Eric Mitchell of the Kaiser House Gallery in Kleinburg presented his pictures and described life in the high Arctic.

He spoke from personal knowledge gained over the 15 years he served as a Hudson Bay Company factor at various Arctic posts.

Subsequent to the introduction of Eskimo Art to southern Canada by artist James Houston, Mr. Mitchell also established the agency to promote and distribute this now popular art form.

He is a consultant on Eskimo art.

Earlier in the evening Gayle Watson of Schomberg reported on the recent international conference she attended in Toronto, about acid rain (or precipitation).

Gayle, a technician with the Ontario Hydro Fisheries Research Laboratories, told of some of the serious effects acid rain is having on agriculture, animal and aquatic life and how all Canadians are affected directly or indirectly by this growing environmental problem.

Gayle will have some of the conference reports at the January meeting.

Dr. Gordon McBean, meteorologist of Kleinburg was a conference participant.

At a brief business meeting of the club prior to the program, members voted to adopt the name "The West Humber Naturalist Club".

This seemed most suitable as a descriptive name covering the west branch watershed of the Humber River, where most members live.

The next meeting will be held January 24, 1980, at the Kleinburg Library beginning at 8 p.m.

At that meeting an executive will be elected, membership fees accepted and club activities for the coming year planned.

For further information call Marg or Art Rusnell at 893-1538.

Montages subject of Bain talk

Keith Bain was the guest speaker at the York Regional Camera Club last week.

His subject was "Duplicating and Montages".

With the aid of slides he was able to demonstrate the effects that could be obtained by making a montage, or how to improve a slide by duplicating and possibly enlarging the focal point of the picture.

Some photographers feel they cannot alter a slide if it is to be entered in competition.

"Not so," said Mr. Bain. "Slide photographers have the same freedom to improve their work in the dark room as photographers who deal with prints."

The next meeting of the camera club will be December 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Richmond Hill High School.

The speaker will be Vic L. Richards talking on "Flash Photography".

If you are planning to take pictures of family and friends during the festive season come along and maybe get some suggestions on how to improve your flash photographs.

Entries for the Fall Photographic Contest must be submitted at this meeting.

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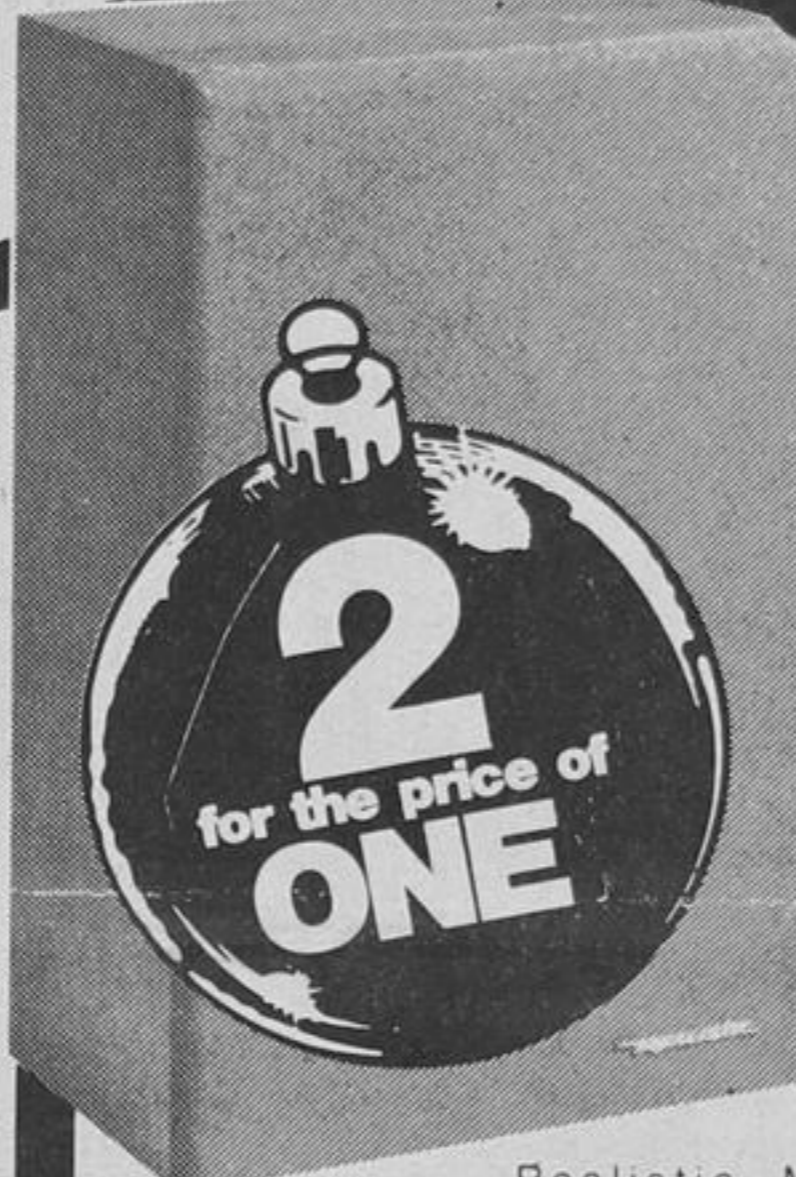


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