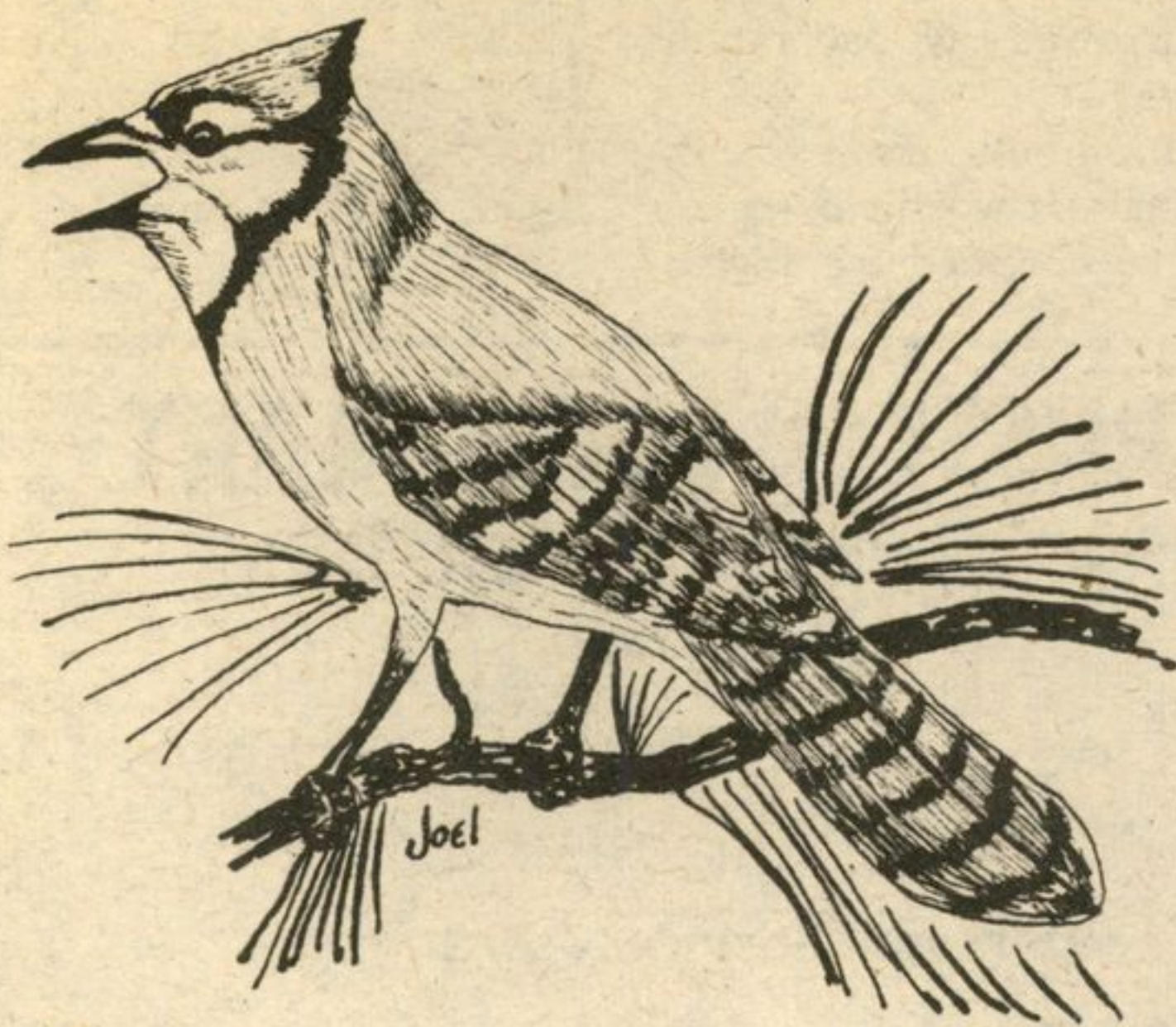


For Kids



These trees are for the birds

By Donna Nordenstrom

This is an ideal time of year to decorate a tree — for the birds that is. Before you begin this adventure, take the time to discuss with your children the problems birds face getting food in the

winter. Let the children suggest different foods they could use to decorate their tree.

But please remember; once you start feeding the birds in winter, you must continue until spring as they will come to depend on you

as a source of food.

These are some of the decorations our children made for our tree. They strung popcorn and cranberry necklaces — a young child may need a bit of help with this. As these are quite colourful, they should attract a number of birds.

We also dug out pine cones we collected at the beach last summer, smeared them with peanut butter, and rolled them in birdseed. This was very messy but lots of fun to do. Use a piece of string as a hanger.

Everyone throws out bread for the birds in winter. Well, here's a different idea. Thread toasted bread, doughnuts, bagels or rolls on a string to hang.

Birds need suet or fat to help them survive our cold winters. This is difficult to put out for them as dogs, cats, and squirrels usually get at it. An ideal way to put it out for the birds is to fill pieces of netting (from onion bags) with suet or scraps of fat from meat and hang them from your tree.

Of course the old standby is to

cut out the sides of a Javex bottle and fill it with the bird food.

There are many other related activities that children and adults would find enjoyable and informative. You might want to keep a chart of the different birds that come to feed.

There are many excellent books on bird identification in the

library. A younger child could keep a chart on the different colours or numbers of birds that they see.

Whatever you do, take the time this winter to help those feathered friends who choose to remain and make this bleak time of year just a little brighter. Have a heart, feed a friend.

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Have you any patterns you are finished with? Adult or children's? We have started a pattern exchange at the library.

Books

Adult: *Keeping parents out of trouble* — Dr. Dan Kiley; *Chiropractors — do they help?* — M. Kelmer; *A civil tongue* — Edwin Newman; *The tigris expedition* — Thor Heyerdahl; *Sacred places, British Columbia's early churches* — Barry Downs; *The ways of my grandmother* — Beverly Hungry Wolf; *The acquirers* — Peter Newman; *The Maple Leaf Gardens — 50 years of history* — Stan Obodiac; *Teaching your own pre-school child* — Kay Kuzma; *I haven't a thing to wear* — Judith Keith and *The toy testing report*.

Juvenile: *The biggest riddle book in the world* — Joseph Rosenbloom; *Farmer Fisher* — J. Coudrille; *A salmon for Simon* — B. Waterton; *The last puppy* — Frank Asch; *Ask Mr. Bear* — M. Place; *Richard Scarry's best Christmas ever*; and *The Family Christmas tree* — Tomie Paolo.

Paperback: *Ectasy's empire* — Gimone Hall; *Wild valley* — Charlotte Paul; and, *Seven rivers of Canada* — Hugh MacLennor

DRAWING CONTEST WINNERS

Judges donna Nordenstrom and Shirley Van Dusen had a difficult time choosing a top prize winner from the more than 50 excellent entries to *The Castor Review* Children's drawing contest.

The chosen winner in the 6 to 8 year old category is Alexandra Verge. Runner-up was TerriLyn Paulhus. Honorable mentions go to: Geoff Ross and Berni Kirby.

Eleven-year-old Kelly van Dongen won the 9 to 12 year old category. Close runner-up was Judith Hendley (ten). Honorable mentions to: C. Pariseau and Nathalie Pariseau.

Unfortunately, many excellent entries were submitted after judging was completed. Our two winners will be contacted very soon and \$5 awarded.



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On Sunday, November 28, a surprise pot luck supper and shower was held at the Greely Community Centre honouring Mrs. Helen Curling. Helen is leaving the Greely area to reside in the Senior Citizens apartments in Osgoode. No doubt Helen will be missed greatly in the Community Centre's events.

She has volunteered her help in the kitchen canteen at the weekly bingo's every Thursday night for the past fifteen years, and also at many other functions in the community.

She has been the live-in babysitter for Kay and Don Johnston for the past sixteen or more years.

We all wish her the best of health and happiness in her new home.

—Margaret Quinn

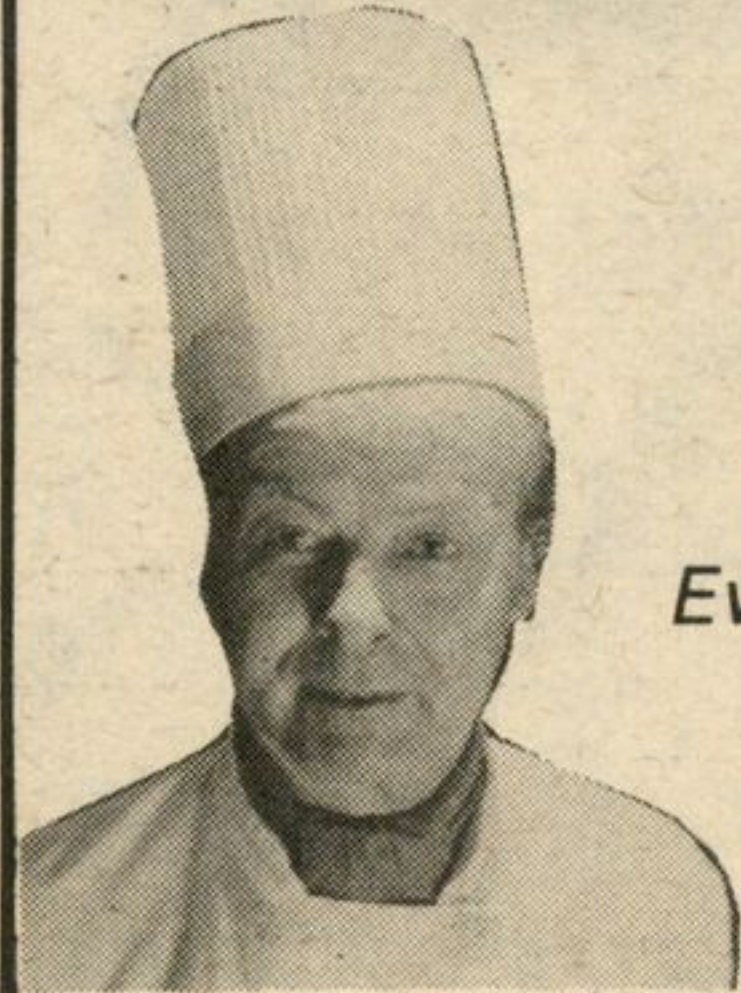
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