

**Craftnotes**

# Guild is 15 years old

By **BETTY RIGSBY**  
The Markham Guild of Village Crafts is 15 years old this month. Happy Birthday!

The years have seen a great many changes in Markham as well as in the Guild. For so long both were village oriented and now both are well on the way to becoming metropolis minded.

Change is the way of things in the world today, but the changes in Markham come so rapidly its hard to keep up with them. The new people moving in bring new needs and ideas and wants.

At the Guild we try to provide the friendship so necessary to strangers new to town and help them learn new crafts and carry

on with the old ones. We are always looking for something new and this too is indicative of the world today.

Last Tuesday we held the monthly general meeting a panel of Guild member 'experts' gave methods of the proper way to finish projects for that professional look.

It was also a birthday party — cake, candles and ice cream — even at 15 we still like to do things the old way.

Mark Saturday, May 31 on your calendar. The Guild will be holding its annual Garage Sale.

New courses are planned — adult sewing for beginners (in the evening) and teen sewing for be-

ginners (held after school). If you are interested in either course, call Els Fontyn at 294-1591.

Cartooning will be offered to students with a basic understanding of perspective and shading and the ability to 'get along' with others older and younger than themselves. Classes will run from May 10 to June 28, 10 a.m. to noon each Saturday. For further information call John Rigsby at 294-1482 between 6 and 9 pm.

**Crafty Tips**  
**Cut And Pierce Lamp Shades:** Karen Grimes is offering to teach those interested on how to make beautiful lamp shades completely finished inside and out. For further information call Karen at 474-1726.

Watch for the next Parks and Recreation brochure — the summer classes for children will be listed in it.

**Crafty Notes**

1. If you buy good quality scissors, use them only for their intended purpose. Keep them clean and dry and they will stay sharp indefinitely. But if they do get dull, have them sharpened by an expert. You can permanently ruin them if you try this specialized technique yourself.

2. If you have a youngster who likes to cut and paste, give him cotton swabs to work with. They are safe, disposable and easy to use.



Carmen Di Paola (seated) will head up the 1986 United Way drive in York Region. He's shown here with United Way President Kent Hill.

## New chairman for '86 UW campaign

Carmen Di Paola, president of Carmen Di Paola Real Estate Ltd. in Markham, will head York Region's 1986 United Way campaign.

The announcement was made last week by Kent Hill, president of United Way of York Region.

"Carmen's dedication to community activities in York Region is well-known," said Mr. Hill. "We are sure he'll make a dynamic contribution to the campaign."

Mr. Di Paola expressed enthusiasm for the task ahead noting that, "no one needs to be convinced of the worthy work done by the United Way's 30 agencies in York Region."

"The corporate community and volunteer workers are already

rallying around in readiness to launch the campaign," said the new chairman.

Agency budgets are currently being reviewed and the campaign goal for 1986 will be set shortly.

"Every agency budget will be carefully examined. Not one penny will be wasted," said Mr. Di Paola. "And all monies raised in York Region will stay in York Region to help provide human care services for those of us who live and work here."

Anyone wishing to help with the campaign can call the United Way office in Markham at 474-9974.

The 1986 campaign dates are from September 15 to November 21.

## De Castro paintings at Markham gallery

Selected paintings of Canadian artist Alberto De Castro, slated for exhibition in Paris on May 8, are on display until 6 p.m. today at the Bremner Gallery in Markham.

Eighteen paintings and some framed lithographs are for sale with prices for the paintings ranging from \$900 to \$7,500 and for the lithographs \$285 to \$550, according to gallery owner Paul Bremner.

Mr. De Castro, who lives in Toronto, is a "naive" style artist

meaning he exhibits a simple, informal style according to Mr. Bremner.

"It's not academic, it's not formal," he said. "I think he is quite a unique, original artist."

Mr. Bremner says it is the use of color and the family-oriented subject matter that makes Mr. De Castro's work popular.

"It's so pleasing to the eye in terms of color and the images," he said. "We're very proud to be hosting this exhibition that is going to Paris."

## Drug awareness is aim of parents' night

A drug and alcohol awareness program is being held for parents of students attending Brother Andre Catholic High School on Tuesday, May 6.

Sponsored by the school's pa-

rents' council, the seminar is also open to parents of students planning to attend next year. The program begins at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Andre school is located on 16th Ave. east of Hwy 48.

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