

Tickets available for fall tour

I'm glad summer's over but then again did we have any? I think I remember a week back in May when it didn't rain.

Never mind, the grass has never been greener and the lawnmower has never had more use — no need to water the lawn — Mother Nature took care of that but I think we're going to have a gorgeous Fall.

Maybe not weatherwise but the trees are already showing beautiful colors. This is one of the reasons Flo Niece has planned the bus trip to return through the Hockley Valley after our day visiting craft stores, antique shops etc.

Craftnotes

Betty Rigsby

Right now the colors of the leaves are so vivid even the rain doesn't dim them and the wet black trunks against all that riot of colour is breathtaking.

If you would like to come on this

trip with us, call Flo Niece at 474-1390. There are still a few seats left and it would be a nice break from your canning.

We have yet another opportunity for you. Ann Silverson's class

on Flower Arranging was so well received that she has decided to run a second class beginning Monday, Sept. 29, so if you would like to take instruction on this fascinating art, all you need do is call Ann at 294-3487 and get set for a "flowery" session.

The Guild is girding its loins for the Christmas Sale Nov. 15 in the Penalty Box Lounge. You will start to see notices blossoming forth shortly, and though it may seem to be rushing things to think of Christmas buying in September, our members have been preparing great handcrafted items

done with loving care and attention to detail since June. So mark Nov. 15 on your calendar. You won't be sorry.

CRAFTY TIPS

1. The small pieces of styrofoam found in pill bottles make inexpensive and practical tips for your knitting needles. No more holes in your knitting bag and no more lost stitches.
2. Has your barbecue grill seen better days? Why not use it as a bird feeding station during the winter — it's great fun to watch our feathered friends while they are banqueting.

Cousens' Corner

Last weekend over 1200 provincial Progressive Conservatives attended the Party's general meeting, the first one in several years.

There were three highlights that I would like to share with you...

The debate on free trade was of more than casual interest for me since I was the Moderator of the session and had to chair the session between Professor John Crispo of the University of Toronto and Mr. Clifford Pilkey, President of the Ontario Federation of Labour.

Few people had developed a position prior to the debate but there was little doubt that the majority of those present believed that Freer Trade with the United States will be a benefit to Ontario.

Professor Crispo pointed out how inconsistent it is for Bob White whose UAW has benefitted most from the Auto Pact is now crusading against freer trade... and also how biased the CBC and Toronto papers have been. Nonetheless the protectionism in the USA as a reaction to foreign trade might destroy the whole process for more open trade between Canada and the USA which in the long term would reduce Canada's and Ontario's opportunity to maintain the standard of living we have become accustomed to.

Our Federal Government also needs to make some commitments on how those Canadians who will be most negatively affected by freer trade and show them how they will be assisted.

The support being given to Mr. Grossman by all elements in the party through the campaign committee, the platform committee, the caucus and the party as a whole gave those present a tremendous sense of confidence for the future.

What was especially gratifying for me was to see the party renewing itself. The rivalries of the past leadership conventions have been set aside; the acceptance of the opportunity the party now has to provide responsible opposition yet building for the future was a sign that the party is alive and well, with a good sense of mission and purpose for the future.

There was a large contingent from the new Markham riding — Randy Barber, President of the Association; Andrew Grant, Past President; Jeanette Anbinder, Milliken; Pattie Grand, Thornhill; Bernie Abrams, Thornhill; Walter Ho, Milliken; Jerry Anbinder, Milliken; Alexandra Cork, Unionville; Senator Norman Atkins, Markham; Peter Atkins, Markham; Betty Leadbeater, Markham; and myself.

Donald Cousens, M.P.P.

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