

Arts celebration in Uxbridge

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The township of Uxbridge is only 12,000 strong, yet its many arts-minded residents have earned the community's reputation as a cultural hotbed.

Among Uxbridge's rolling hills live and work such painters as John Richmond and his wife Lorraine Surcouf, Sally Wildman, Jennifer Lawson Shanks, Wilhelmina Kennedy Douglas Boutillier and Dave Ward, along with sculptors Jane Buckles and Ron Baird — just to name a few. These internationally-acclaimed artists are joined by a collection of local craftspeople and artisans that one would need a catalogue to list in its entirety.

And much of the area's picturesque landscape and abundant wildlife is featured in the work of Goodwood native Marc Barrie, generally considered by art experts as one of the top three or four nature painters in North America. Uxbridge Township is also home to the largest private collection of Eskimo sculpture in the world at Juliane and Hans

Hanus' Heritage Place on Brookdale Rd.

As well, the community treasures its past link with famous members of the Canadian arts world. Novelist Lucy Maud Montgomery and artist David Milne both resided around Uxbridge earlier in the century, while renowned pianist Glenn Gould spent a lot of time visiting relatives there.

Continuing to boost the area's various claims to artistic fame is the 2nd annual Uxbridge Celebration of the Arts (UCA), an extravaganza of music, film, theatre and visual arts set to unfold at venues throughout the community Sept. 18 and 19.

Ron Tindley, proprietor of Uxbridge's Hobby Horse Arms pub/restaurant, is founder of the

Celebration and remains a driving force as chairman of UCA Inc.

After a successful inaugural in 1986, organizers are hard at work planning an even bigger and better follow-up event.

Mr. Tindley, other UCA members hope to make it a bonafide tourist attraction which draws its audience not only from Uxbridge but Whitechurch-Stouffville, Pickering and surrounding communities.

Schedule

A schedule of UCA events has been finalized by artistic directors Roz Pritchard (theatre), Tom Baker (music), Christopher Chapman (film) and John Richmond (visual arts). Attractions are: Friday, Sept. 18 — Official open-

ing of Uxbridge Public Library addition at 7:30 p.m. Ceremony includes dedication of library mural, and presentations by relatives of Lucy Maud Montgomery, David Milne and Glenn Gould.

— Costume Ball at 8 p.m. in Uxbridge Music Hall featuring Herb Knox and his Big Band Nostalgia. Saturday, Sept. 19 — Craft Show and Sale, runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in park behind library. Anyone wishing to display original work should contact Jan at 852-5278 or Barbara at 640-8338.

— Theatre workshops in skills ranging from mime to improvisation will be held all day at the Music Hall.

— Films will be screened from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in library's Tokai Room. During afternoon session, Mr. Chapman will present pro-

ducer Don Haig with the Ontario Film Institute's annual award for outstanding contribution to film.

— Visual Arts Show at Royal Canadian Legion branch 170, plus Studio Tour of Heritage Place and other area attractions. Bus leaves Hobby Horse Arms parking lot at 2 p.m.

— Actors, musicians, buskers, mime artists, dancers entertain on the streets of Uxbridge during the afternoon.

— Trio Vivant concert begins in the Music Hall at 8 p.m.

Tickets for Uxbridge Celebration of the Arts events are now available at the following locations: Yellow Brick Road, County Mercantile, Hobby Horse Arms, or call the Celebration Hotline at 852-7716.

Steam show

A hot air balloon, courtesy Alex Williamson Motor Sales and General Motors will be a feature attraction at the Uxbridge-Scott Museum Steam Show this weekend.

The dates are Aug. 29 and 30 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Donations will be accepted for rides. All proceeds will go to the Historical Society's Microfilm Project.

Mike Filey, well-known historical writer, will officially open the show, Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Persons who may have Mike Filey books in their homes are asked to bring them along to be autographed.

A collection of historic postcards will be available for viewing, Sunday. Well-known genealogist Bill Britnell will also attend.

There will be craft demonstrations both days along with musical entertainment and refreshments.

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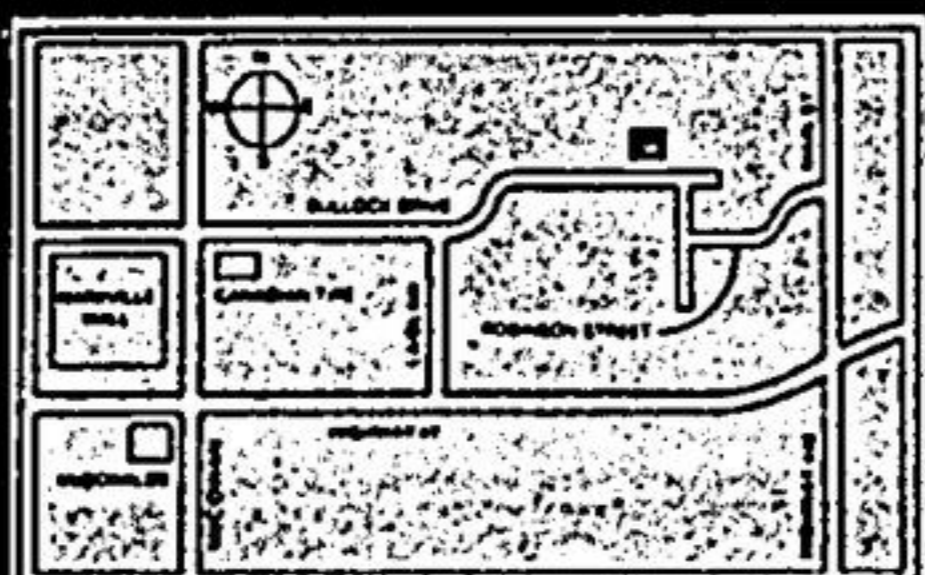
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