

# Baker's talents in demand

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Many lists are still long with chores that need to be tackled before Christmas arrives. Choosing holiday floral decorations and baking are two jobs that are usually last on the priority list, but there is one talented Markham resident willing to help.

Having raised four girls, Cynthia Lewis had always been versed in homecrafts. For 12 years Lewis has been working from her home, baking and artistically creating floral arrangements for all occasions. Both skills, which were started as hobbies, have turned into a full-time business

for Lewis. Over the years she has taken numerous cake decorating classes, and is now considered one of the top in her field.

"I travelled throughout the U.S. learning the craft and sponsored several teachers from abroad to teach different techniques," Lewis explained.

Lewis said baking is not complicated, but that cake decorating is an art form, one that is becoming more and more recognized.

"Techniques in North America are okay. They're nice, they're pretty and usually big and bold, but they can't compare with the decorating in Austria, South

Africa and the Philippines where they specialize in intricate, truly artistic cake decorating. There you will see the epitome of artistry in sugar," Lewis explained.

While weddings are the mainstay of Lewis' business, aptly named Artco's White Lace and Promises — which incorporates Lewis' love for art with words she believes are synonymous with weddings — much of her time prior to the holidays is spent baking numerous goodies.

Each item she bakes is decorated, from the personalized Gingerbread Houses, which range from \$20 - \$30, to Yule Logs, which have up to 12 slices

and are \$12.50. Lewis hand-paints fanciful faces on eight-inch reindeer cookies priced at \$5, and is still taking orders on her Christmas Cakes, which are sold by the pound.

"A fruitcake, if well wrapped and stored in a cool place, can last for years," Lewis said.

Lewis explained that she enjoys working from home, but says if she had to depend on the salary she would occupy a store, where she was once located, for further exposure. Her clientele in Markham, up to this point, has been gathered by word of mouth.

Lewis branched into flower arranging several years ago, mainly to accommodate bridal parties. She took courses from the Scarborough Board of Education and Seneca College, and spends half of her working hours creating a variety of arrangements, stocking arrangements in every color combination, along with Christmas decorations.



Cynthia Lewis is usually in demand around this time of year. Her baking creations often add a little extra to the festive season for her customers. Along with baking, Lewis arranges festive floral decorations. She's seen here working in the kitchen on one of her orders.

According to Lewis, the Oriental influence in flower arranging remains popular, with "free style, simple designs." Wreaths are big sellers for year-round use, as are straw hats adorned with silk flowers.

Lewis says silk flowers don't

require any special care, other than the occasional dusting, and will last for years. Arrangements can also be rearranged or put in different containers for a change of pace.

"Peach and black are popular colors this year and pink, especially dusty rose, is always in," Lewis said.

Lewis is often commissioned to do arrangements to suit a certain decor, with customers bringing a container to her and choosing flowers. She will also pay a visit to the customer's home.

Lewis travels to the U.S. several times each year, teaching students the art of cake decorating and has written two books on the subject.

While her Christmas treats are a sight to behold, her wedding and special occasion cakes including birthday, Christmas and Valentine's Day are works of art. Several of her designs include air brushed paintings, where she uses edible inks.

Many of her creations incorporate intricate sugar flowers, lace and beading.

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE SINCLAIR H. HAGERMAN HOUSE, LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 14TH AVENUE, EAST OF WARDEN AVENUE, PART OF LOT 6, CONCESSION 5 IN THE TOWN OF MARKHAM, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, known as The Sinclair Holden Hagerman House located on the north side of 14th Avenue, east of Warden Avenue, Part of Lot 6, Concession 5 as a property of architectural and/or historic interest or value under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

#### Short Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation:

The Sinclair Holden Hagerman House on 14th Avenue in Lot 6, Concession 5 is recommended for designation for its historical and architectural importance as a particularly ornate example of an Ontario farmhouse built by a leading pioneer family. The house is a well preserved example of mid-19th century architecture that has been decorated with picturesque and regency features.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty (30) days of the 30th day of November, 1988.

Dated at the Town of Markham this 30th day of November, 1988.

Christine Paimer,  
Deputy Clerk

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All friends are cordially invited to share in a celebration to be held at the Unionville Veterans Hall, 150 Main St., Unionville on Saturday, Dec. 17th, 1988 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Best wishes only.

## 1989 RATES

Markham Hydro Electric Commission has announced an average 4.5% rate increase for 1989 which if approved by Ontario Hydro will take effect January 1st.

Ontario Hydro has increased the wholesale cost of power to Markham Hydro by 5.1% but careful budgeting and effective financial controls has permitted the Commission to absorb a portion of the overall increase. This is the seventh consecutive year the Commission has held the rate increase below the Ontario Hydro wholesale cost increase.

The increased rates are necessary to maintain the Utility's financial integrity and will be pro-rated on all customer bills after January 1, 1989.

### MONTHLY RATE SCHEDULE

<b>RESIDENTIAL SERVICE</b>	
First 250 KWH	9.03¢
Balance	5.45¢
Minimum Bill	\$5.64
<b>GENERAL SERVICE</b>	
Demand Charges:	
0-50 KW	No Charge
Over 50 KW	\$4.35 per KW of Demand
Minimum Bill Under 50 KW	\$5.64
Minimum Bill Over 50 KW	
Based on Highest Billing Demand in Previous 11 Months	50¢ per KW of Demand
<b>ENERGY CHARGES</b>	
First 250 KWH	9.03¢
Next 12,250 KWH	5.98¢
Next 1,790,000 KWH	4.24¢
Balance	2.50¢

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