

Talented seniors part of '325 Club'

By KATE GILDERDALE

Seniors living in the apartments at 325 Elm Road don't believe in sitting around to let the grass grow under their feet.

Resident Kaye Farnsworth estimates almost half the occupants are involved in the 325 Club, an organization which dates back to the mid 1970s.

"It started when one of the Ontario Housing ladies visited the apartments to interview everyone and see if they were happy," recalls Florence Pearce. "As she went to each apartment, she noticed what the crafts people were doing and felt it was a shame not to let others see their work."

The representative suggested they organize craft shows, and asked Mrs. Pearce to take charge.

What followed was the beginning of a flurry of creative activity, which produced a variety of crafts including quilts, rugs and paintings.

When they held their first show, they decided to put in one table with items for sale "because we didn't have a cent, even for postage," laughs Mrs. Pearce. They earned about \$100. Later it was suggested a resident's club be formed for various activities at the complex.

For a while, they organized two annual bazaars. Now they hold one each fall, notes resident Ann Hathaway. She remembers when they made a quilt with the names of all residents in the building on it, which Norm Faulkner at the sales barn bought for \$500.

During each bazaar, one club member volunteers the use of his or her apartment as a tea room.

The bazaar has always been popular and the only advertising they do is at Parkview Village and apartments, in Parkview Home and at the Home Support office.

Mrs. Farnsworth claims the reason for this is because they don't want to attract too many people due to space limitations.

"I look after all the notices and signs," notes Mrs. Pearce. "The baking is one of the biggest draws at the bazaar."

Mrs. Hathaway says she really enjoys the day. "You meet people you haven't seen for years."

According to Mrs. Farnsworth, last year's bazaar brought in over \$700; the year before they made \$880. The money goes into the club's bank account and pays for "extras" such as a large rubber hose for the garden, fresh flowers and supplies for their get-togethers.

Club members organize euchre on Monday nights, and hold various get-togethers throughout the year, including a spring luncheon, to be held this year on April 12, and a Halloween tea. Once in a while they'll enjoy a pot luck supper together. They welcome local school children who visit them on Valentine's Day and they've also hosted tupperware and jewelry parties.

Weekly coffee mornings are a popular event, with people chipping in towards cost of the coffee and cream.

"As long as everyone enjoys it, we'll do it," stresses Mrs. Farnsworth.



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Students write on

By KATE GILDERDALE

Judges at Goodwood Public School's 1989 Literacy Guild Conference faced a difficult task in selecting primary and junior students to represent the school at an area conference April 26.

Stories and poems were submitted in primary and junior divisions, with five winners selected from the former, and three from the latter, out of a total of 27 entries.

Richard Hannah, principal of Uxbridge Public School, and one of the three judges, praised the calibre of writing.

"I'm not going to tell you how tough it was to judge," he told the students. "You know how long it took us to decide, so draw your own conclusions."

The selections were based on quality of writing, content, how the theme was developed and how it made the reader feel, he said. Creativity and originality were also taken into account.

The following students were selected from the primary grades: Toomas Parratt, Kindergarten; Andrea McLeod, Grade 1; Christie Dickson, Grade 2; Tamara Solski and Michael Hudson, Grade 3. Winners in the junior category were: Rachael Cogar, Grade 4; Amanda Farquharson, Grade 5 and Aaron VanNostrand, Grade 6.

Also taking part were: Michelle Tindale and Tyler Jeffrey, Kindergarten; Lieah Crust and Ian Frauts, Grade 1; Lyndsey Hoover, Chad Norton, Sarah Stewart, Melanie Segal and Lisa Bruce, Grade 2; Teresa Assinck, Grade 3; Maureen Larkin, Brian Trifiletti and Judy Koonstra, Grade 4; Jennifer Harris, Julianne Snow and Shayna Segal, Grade 5; Colleen Segriff, Michelle Norton and Eddie McDonald, Grade 6.

The area conference on April 26 takes place at Uxbridge P.S. and will involve about 175 students from Kindergarten to Grade 13. A total of 14 elementary schools and four secondary schools will be participating.

Old and new at exhibition

Complementary clothing, accessories and jewelry exhibitions will open at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum in Vandorf and Latcham Gallery in Stouffville Sunday, April 2 from noon to 4 p.m.

This will be the first time the two institutions have organized simultaneous exhibitions that reflect contemporary and historic approaches to a single theme.

The contemporary "Body Ornamentation" group exhibition will be at The Latcham Gallery April 2 to 23. On April 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. refreshments will be served during the opening reception with participating artists in attendance wearing their uniquely designed clothing or jewelry.