



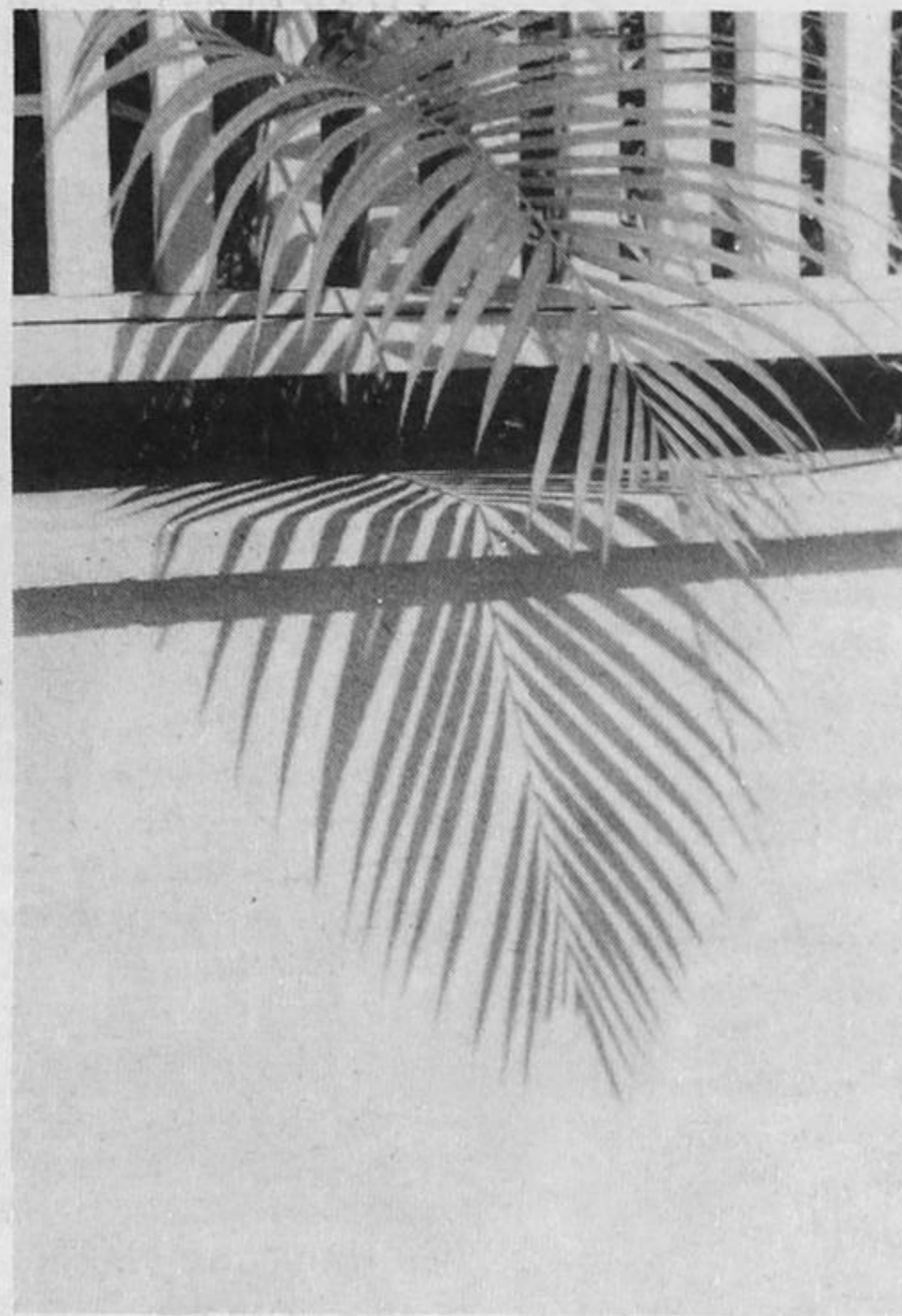
We have reached the end of an era, exciting for many who have worked in and enjoyed our libraries during the past twelve years. In the early 1970's several dedicated residents strove to obtain library service in this area. As a result of their efforts Rideau Lakes Union Library began to operate in 1975 and Pat Little was appointed as co-ordinator of the union of six libraries. These grew and flourished, largely due to the incredible energy and enthusiasm projected by Pat. There were countless volunteers in those days and a devoted staff all busily promoting library services.

At the centre of this activity was a human dynamo whose only concern was to find books, and people to read them, and she did! We were short of funds and books, and space was scarce, but we had Pat, and as many of you know she is a very persuasive lady. She bought books, fixtures and fittings at bargain prices. Far and wide people were persuaded to move, build, paint and donate what we needed. Library users began to flock to our doors. Now we operate on computer and offer very fast service, books are requested from all over Canada. Pat's intelligence, energy and organizational ability were responsible for the fine service we have today. Pat has resigned to accept a new challenge and with her must go some of the excitement. We wish her everything that is good in the future, a super library in which to relax, or perhaps one to re-organize?

Thanks a million Pat!
Now to welcome Lorraine Porter, our new co-ordinator. A resident of Elgin, Lorraine taught at Rideau District High School from 1977-86. In their heyday she was a leading actress with Lakeland Players, has been active in the Nursery School and has

now joined the volunteer staff of North Leeds Lantern. We are delighted to have you with us Lorraine. Last but by no means least, sincere thanks to Elgin librarian Marjorie Keates who has shouldered the burden of her own duties and those of co-ordinator for the past four months. Everything ran smoothly and it is good to know that Marjorie can now return to some peaceful moments in her beloved garden.

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Entitled "Green Wall", this scene from a Key West street was captured by roving photographer Deborah Stagg.

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Area Artist Honored

Local artist Deborah Stagg was awarded a first prize for her photography at 26th Toronto Outdoor Art Festival last month. The Festival is an annual event featuring the work of hundreds of artists from across North America. Judges awarded the \$500 Kodak prize to Deborah in recognition of the excellence of her work.

Deborah has worked as a photographer at her country studio in Harlem since 1980. Her black and white prints are hand-tinted for rich and subtle colour effects. Subject matter ranges from soft and intimate floral images to strong graphic abstracts of classic automobiles. Deborah explores the linear subtleties of styling in the forms of fenders, grills and hood ornaments. The Toronto award targeted this body of work. The artist is currently developing a new car series, enticingly entitled: "Midnight Driving". This award is an important boost for Deborah in the competitive art world. A true devotee of her art, she plans to use the prize money to purchase equipment. She continues to actively exhibit her work with a busy itinerary including: the Rideau Valley Art Festival in Westport, Frameworks and Cornerstone Galleries in Kingston this fall, and a studio Open House planned for Sept. 19 & 20.

For further information contact Deborah Stagg at 272-2109, preferably in the evening.