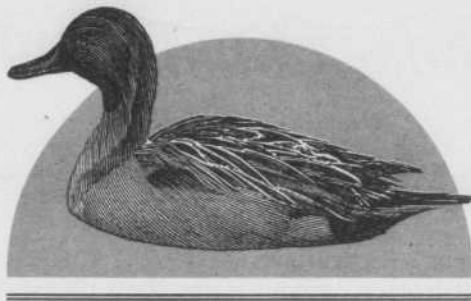


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So-n-Sews keep museum flourishing

*Stanbridge East
women gather for
work and pleasure*

By Caroline L. Kehne
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
STANBRIDGE EAST

Some people are incapable of being bored, instinctively creating activity around them.

May Darbyson and her fellow Stanbridge East quilters appear to fall into the latter category. Each Tuesday, an informal group of sewers and quilters gather in a basement room donated by the Town Hall and sew. All afternoon and again at night they make pillows, afghans, quilts, toys, children's cloths, dishcloths: in short, anything that can be sold to raise funds for Stanbridge East's Missisquoi Museum.

Darbyson says that the sewing began in 1995 when she purchased a 1930s-

vintage quilt top from Alice Blinn.

With the help of nine friends she finished the quilt and donated it to the museum.

"We enjoyed it so much that we wanted to keep doing it," explained Darbyson.

The sewers, adopting the name "the So-n-Sews" and soon found themselves with a workspace donated by the municipality in the basement of the Town Hall.

The basement gloom is offset by rows of brightly coloured fabric, some still on the bolt, some already cut into squares and neatly stacked, ready for quilting and walls lined with projects in various states of completion.

As much as she tries to dodge the title, Darbyson is recognized as a leader.

"They call me the boss, but I'm not the boss," she said firmly. "We all have the same rights here."

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Cleaning up Waterloo Lake

By Tanya Tkach
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
WATERLOO

Waterloo's newly elected mayor and council are determined to change the image of their town, with a rejuvenation effort they hope will turn Waterloo into one of the more attractive towns in the Townships.

Mayor Paul Masse, Bernard Brodeur deputy of Shefford, councillors Patrick Gallagher and Mrs. Marcil, and an entourage of caring citizens were involved recently in a public clean-up of Lake Waterloo. The clean-up crew found four parking metres, an old motorcycle helmet, tree branches, assort-

ed paper, bottles, and various plastic containers along it's shores on Saturday, May 29.

Last fall, a few owners of lakeside properties initiated a Waterloo Lake survival group organized to protect the lake's environment. Two months ago, councillor Gallagher formed a committee geared to involve the community in a public clean-up of the lake.

"Today it's an invitation to participate, it's just the first step," said Gallagher.

"Yesterday we involved 1,200 students working together to clean the refuse around the school and lake," said Gallagher.

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Colourful Crafts



TANYA TKACH/CORRESPONDENT

Edwige Zoma from Panier Perce selling baskets made in Burkina Faso, West Africa, at the Brome County Historical Society's Antique Show and Sale. For more, please see page 10.



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May 30

Missisquoi Museum Exhibition and Opening "Our Treasurers: 100 Years Since the Founding of the Missisquoi Historical Society", 2 River St., Stanbridge East (along Rte. 202). exhibition opens Sunday May 30 through October 10. Museum open daily, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (450) 248-3153.

June 3, 10, 17 & 24

P.R.R.P. Abercorn will hold a Bag Sale of good used clothing at 11 Church St. West, Abercorn, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lots of bargains.

June 4

Information Day for Seniors (in English) at Erabliere La Grillade, Rte. 139, St. Alphonse de Granby. (At exit 68 off Autoroute 10) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Featuring mobile museum, 30 exhibitions, speakers, entertainment, information booths. Themes: health, social services, living life to the fullest, gardening, painting, easy exercises. Free admission. Food and beverages on site. Wheelchair accessible. Organized by Happy, Healthy, Aging committee. For information call: (450) 263-4422 or (819) 566-5717.

June 5

Annual Buffet Supper at Creek United Church, 278 Brill Rd., West Bolton (Foster), 4:30 - 7 p.m. Casseroles, salads and squares. For more information, 243-5429.

Summer Writing Workshop (Bedford) for teens. Four Saturday sessions (June 5, 12, 19, & 26), from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m.. Explores writing, critical thinking, basics of fiction and non-fiction. Registration deadline: June 3. For information call (450) 294-3377.

The Royal Canadian Legion will hold a Roast Beef Supper and Dance at 120 Davignon, Cowansville. Supper, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Dance, 8:30 p.m. - 1 a.m. with Orchestra 'Solution'. Supper and Dance: \$10 per person, dance only, \$3 per person. Everyone welcome! Information: 263-3543.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 77, will hold a Beef and Pork (on the spit) BBQ Supper, 77 Lewis St., Waterloo, 5 - 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Half price for children under 10 yrs. Entertainment with Vel and Norm. Come and join the fun. All welcome!

June 6

Opening Tea at the BCHS Museum, 130 Lakeside, Knowlton, 2-4 p.m. Come see the new exhibits and then drop in for a cup of tea and a snack. Members are welcome to bring a friend. 243-6782.

3rd Annual Bennefit BBQ sponsored by the Town of Brome Lake Community Services in collaboration with the Knowlton

Pub at Knowlton Pub from 5-9 p.m. Tickets available at the Town Hall or TBL Community Center. \$10 adults, \$6, children 12 and under. Tel. 242-2020.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #158 will hold a "Western Breakfast, All You Can Eat" at 2 Curley St., Sutton, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$5 per person, children under 10, \$2.50.

Ensemble Cordes-a-vent presents an Estrival Concert on Sunday at Saint-Francois-Xavier Church, Bromont at 1:30 p.m. Francoise Turcotte will conduct 42 musicians aged 6 to 70 years old in a classical and popular program. Tickets \$8 adults, \$2 children and \$15 family available at Bromont Confiserie, Sutton Book Nook and the door.

Missisquoi Library/Talk On Lake Ecology: A panel of experts, invited by the "Baie Missisquoi" Association will discuss the situation of Lake Champlain and Missisquoi Bay at 2 p.m. at the Missisquoi Public Library, 187 Champlain in Philipsburg. The presentation will be in French and the question period in English and French. Information: Sylvie Ditcham at (450) 248-2162. Free admission.

Stanbridge East Sports Assoc. sponsors 5th Music Festival at the Bruce Phelps Memorial Ball Park, 5 Academy St., Stanbridge East 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Rain or shine. Admission \$5 - adults, children under 12 free. Canteen, games, continuous music. For information call (450)248-7828/248-0352.

Town of Brome Lake Community Services Annual Fund-raising BBQ, at the Knowlton Pub, 5-9 p.m. Plenty of hot dogs, salad, dessert, and free soft drinks. Entertainment with local musical groups. Proceeds towards children activities. Tickets \$10 adults and \$6 children under 12 years available at the Town Hall, the Community Center, and members of the board. For information, (450) 242-2020.

June 8

Sutton Curling Club Annual Shareholders Meeting at 26 Pleasant St., Sutton, at 7 p.m.

June 9

Benefit Evening in support of the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital Auxiliary presents the Pulitzer prize winning comedy "You Can't Take it with You" performed by Sunshine Theatre Productions at the Knowlton Pub at 8 p.m. The well-known play by George Kaufman and Moss Hart has stood the test of time and is just as relevant today as it was in the 1930's. Tickets, \$10. Tickets available at the Hospital Boutique and from members of the Hospital Auxiliary.

June 11, 12 & 13

Annual Championship Shows sponsored by St. Francis Kennel and Obedience Club at the Brome Fairgrounds. All Breed Confirmation Shows, All Breed Obedience Trials, June 12 & 13, Agility Demos. Tickets at the gate. Adults, \$5, Seniors/Children under 12, \$2.

June 12

The Connection an Inter-denominational Youth Service will be joining 'Upstream Ministries' under the big tent behind the Ferronie Cowansville Hardward Store, 608 South Street, Cowansville (between John and Leopold St.), at 7 p.m. featuring music, drama, dancing, mimes, and clowns. Rain or shine bring a friend, enjoy the fun. For more information call Melody, 243-0043 or Barb, 263-7608.

Loyalist Day Breakfast at the Brome County Historical Museum Grounds, Knowlton, 8 a.m. until all attending have been served. Adults, \$5, children 12 and under, \$3. Proceeds of breakfast used for the restoration of the Gale Family Monument. Samuel Gale was an exemplary Loyalist and Surveyor of Brome County (1792) Come and celebrate our Loyalist Heritage!

June Fleamarket at Knowlton United Church, Knowlton, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Rain or shine. \$10 per table. Contributions of "treasures" gratefully accepted. 243-5829.

June 19

Spring end of year Sing-A-Long Benefit Concert for Cowansville United Church at the United Church, Cowansville, 7 p.m. presenting Cowansville Community Choir performing music from the 1940's. This show will bring you down memory lane. Tickets \$3 sold at the door. Soloists: Laura Barr, Soprano; John Barr; Piano, Lynn Hamilton, Rob Ossington and Al Kerr.

July 16 & 17

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Antiques and quality items wanted for Consignment Sale at Knowlton United Church. Call. B. Reid, 243,5335 or J.McGee, 242-2046

ARTS CALENDAR

June 5 & 6

Knowlton Harmony Band Spring Concert at Knowlton Pub Play House, 267 Knowlton Rd., Knowlton at 8 p.m. Matinee Sunday, June 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$10, adults, \$5, children. For reservations call Wade Johnston (450) 243-5432 or Bob Quilliams (450) 297-2797.

June 7

Sculpture II begins at Bishop's Knowlton Center, 235 Knowlton Rd. Registration by appointment. Also, one-day workshop on culinary herbs with Maya Lightbody on

June 5. Tel. Louise Jamet, 242-1518.

June 9-20

Sunshine Theatre Productions presents the comedy **You Can't Take It With You**, by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, directed by Sunil Mahtani, at the Knowlton Pub Playhouse, Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$10. For reservations, please call (450) 539-3604. Benefit Nights: June 9 - Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital Auxiliary; June 16 - Massey-Vanier High School's Dance Program. Also, the Knowlton Pub is offering a 10 per cent discount for dinner or lunch on performance days to all those with a ticket for the play.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Club de la Bonne Humeur Lac Brome, 5 Mill Rd., Bondville. The following activities will be postponed to September: Monday's, Line Dancing; Tuesday's, Tai Chi; 1st Wednesday, Bingo, Thursday's, Bowling. Summer activities include: Wednesday's, Rummy Poker, 1:30 p.m., M. Blais, 243-5164; Chess, 1:30 p.m., P. Ravarie, 243-6357; Friday's, Bridge, M. Petit, 242-1028.

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All Saints Anglican Church, Abercorn will hold Sunday Services on June 13th & 27th at 9:15 a.m. All welcome!

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TANYA TKACH/CORRESPONDENT

Matthew St. Pierre, 5, displays one of the two fish he caught at the derby.

About 85 youngsters attended the fifth children's fishing derby at McPherson's pond. Organizer Michel Villandre said children were bringing in 18-inch trout weighing two-and-a-half pounds.

"When we started five years ago, the parents were usually handling the line, but now, more and more little kids are bringing the fish in themselves. That's good," said Villandre. Zepco Company donated the lures for the children and the Brome-Bolton Fish and Game Club supplied door prizes, food and beverages.

"We don't make it a competition, we have a prize for the best-looking fish. This is something that is fun," said Villandre, anxious for someone else to take the reins for next year's derby.

While most children like Simone Turcotte, recipient of this year's trophy, were concerned with reeling in trout, Luke Fortin and Andrew Lavigne were interested in catching frogs. "I love catching frogs, we have two already - wanna see them?" said Lavigne.

Tanya Tkach
Record Correspondent

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A few tips on shining up the family sedan

Clean cars look better, last longer

With the arrival of the warm weather, many drivers turn their thoughts to polishing up the family sedan for the summer. Time to shovel the gravel out of the floor mats and wash the last of the road salt, grease and grime off the car. I wish I could say I recently polished mine up to a bright shine, but the fact is it looks like it's finished a day at the swamp buggy races, and came in last. Chances are it will stay that way a while longer, at least until the next rain.

Nevertheless, this week I'm going to give you a few pointers if you should be overcome by the urge to wash up your car, be it a 1988 Lada or a 1999 Grand Am.

One option is to go to one of those coin operated car washes. They work well, though I have heard of some that recycle their water. That means dirty water, containing bits of sand, would be

hitting your car at high pressure. That's like sand blasting your car, so make sure the car wash uses clean water only.

If you decide to do it yourself at home, you will need the following items: Soft towels, car cleaner, polish, wax, bug and tar remover, glass cleaner and a tire cleaner. Before you start, here are a few pointers:

First off, park your car in the shade. Washing your car in the hot sun will mean the water will evaporate before you have a chance to rinse it off. The end result: water spots that are as ugly and as hard to remove as the dirt you were after in the first place.

Next, look the car over for signs of the really nasty stuff, like bird droppings and tree sap. These can be murder on your paint, and require a special bug and tar remover to clean off.

When washing it is best to avoid dish washing liquid. It may be soft on hands but it will not be so gentle on your car's paint. Spend a couple of bucks and get

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something designed for washing a car. Change your towels regularly, to avoid rubbing a dirt laden cloth over your paint.

If your car's paint is old and looks cloudy, you may want to use a cleaner/deoxidizer to remove the top layer of decaying paint. Tougher jobs call for use of a rubbing compound. Follow the directions.

Finish off with a car polish, which may include a wax to protect your paint, or it may not. If it doesn't, use a wax, which will protect your car in the weeks ahead from more bird droppings, tree sap and the thousands of bugs that will inevitably end up pasted on the vehicle.

When new stains appear, clean them off as soon as possible, to avoid damaging the paint and to make the results of your car wash effort last a little longer.

Of course you can get fanatical about cleaning your car and do a detailing job. That's when every square inch of the car is cleaned, from the heating vents to the screws that hold on your license plate. It

does go a long way towards making an older car look brand new again, but it takes time.

Clean cars not only look better, but they also last longer. That's because the dirt doesn't stick around to become rust. As well, a clean car creates less drag, saving you a tiny bit on your gas bill.

Hmmm... Having said all of that, I guess I'd better go wash my car.

MORE ON DEER

Just a few more facts about deer I stumbled across since writing about how useless deer whistles are: There are on average 3000 deer-related accidents in the region every year, the majority taking place in Brome Lake, Bromont and Sutton.

The number of deer hits increases in May and June, when the deer are driven out of the woods by biting insects such as horse flies and mosquitoes. The year's second peak is during the hunting seasons, when it's the humans that drive them out of the woods.

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Edna Badger

Recent guests of Mrs. Louise Luce Gauvin at Knowlton were Wilfred and Lorraine Luce of Cranston, R.I., U.S. Vivian Howitt of Trenton, Ont., Raymond and Wanetta Luce of Sawyerville, Que.

Mrs. Leslie Forbes of Riverview, N.B. spent several days visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Mizener and other relatives in Knowlton. Mrs. Ken McGillvary of Georgetown, Ont. was also visiting at the Mizener home.

Mrs. Jeff Whitehead of Dartmouth, N.S. and children are spending a few days with Mrs. Gwyn Badger.

Mrs. Edith Dixon of Chiseldon, Wilts. Eng., is spending a two week holiday with Mrs. Mary Horne at this time.

WATERLOO SOCIAL NOTES

Judy Arnott

Mrs. Nellie Darling has returned home after spending five weeks with her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and John Polstra and family of Grimsby, Ont. She also spent three weeks with her sister, Ruby Gabriel and family in Kitchener, Ont.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of the late Joe Bailey who passed away recently at his home.

Louise Feldman of Montgomery, Vt. spent Mother's Day weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rainville. Sunday guests also included Bob and Blake Rainville of Knowlton, Ronnie, Stephanie and Marie Claude Rainville of Waterloo. A telephone call and flowers were received from their daughter Sylvia Morrison of Linsay, Ont.

Mrs. Mary Emmett is presently a patient at the B.M.P. Hospital. Get well wishes go out to Mary from all of us.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tryhorn Sr. of Sutton were in town on May 16 to attend the legion breakfast.

Mr. Garth Durrell of Manotick, Ont. was an overnight guest on April 21st of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Streeter. The next day his mother, Mrs. Kathleen Durrell of Granby, Ola Streeter of Waterloo, Muriel Whitehead of Foster accompanied him to Newmarket, Ont. for the weekend where they all attended the wedding of Scott Durrell and Yasmin Scheel on Saturday April 24th at Madson's of Newmarket. Nora Durrell drove the ladies home on Monday and stayed over one night.

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Lion's Club
refocusing
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DEAR EDITOR,

I would like to take this opportunity to advise our population of a motion that our Club passed last September which resulted in the following letter being sent last November to the Town of Brome Lake organizations: I.O.O.F.,

Chamber of Commerce; Club Optimist, Community Services, Ville de Lac

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Brome, SIDAC, Firefighters, Masons, Ecole St. Edouard, Knowlton Academy School and the Royal Canadian Legion. It read as follows:

"On behalf of the members of the Knowlton Lions Club, I must bring your group aware that, unfortunately, we will be unable to commit to holding the Canada Day Celebration for 1999. This was a very difficult decision for us to make because we have been organizing these Celebrations for 24 years.

Sadly, these activities are too much for one organization to handle both in a financial and in an organizational aspect. We have operated at a loss for the past four years, and cannot continue down that same road, as the financial burden and lack of participation of the townspeople is ever increasing.

We feel that our funds and time can be better spent on more beneficial projects for the welfare and improved quality of life for the citizens of the Town of Brome Lake.

If your organization would like to create a Community Committee to handle this very important celebration, we would be glad to help by assigning some of our experienced members to this committee."

Within one week of issuing the above letter, the Town of Brome Lake Chamber of Commerce opted to take on the activity. As I wrote above, this responsibility is too much for one organization to handle, and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all other volunteers and organizations to please contact the Chamber of Commerce to offer your services or financial assistance.

As also stated in the letter above, the members of the Knowlton Lions Club have since November refocused on other new projects within our community such as helping the Chamber of Commerce with

the upcoming Townshippers Day Celebrations and with a sight campaign with which we held a free eye clinic and organized a fund-raiser to purchase an Argon Laser for the clinic of Dr. Weldon & Dr. Gosselin at a cost of approximately \$75,000. This laser will be used for treatment of glaucoma, diabetic retinitis, repairing torn retinas and post-operative treatments for glaucoma.

LAURA BANKS
President
Knowlton Lions Club

Thanks to all who
helped with Annie

DEAR EDITOR,

Now that the smoke has cleared I would like to recognize all the people who helped on the Knowlton Players production of Annie but who did not get to receive the laughter of the audience, the applause and the standing ovations.

To begin with, I would like to thank Roger and Jean who took reservations on their home phone number and were inundated with calls; Darleen taught the children and even the adults some very creative choreography; the back stage people: Eliza, Erin, Carol-Lynn who stayed cool in very close quarters; Ranalee, Grant, Margot and Kate for their expertise; to the musical directors who can not get enough praise, Sarah and Evie; and to all the parents who supported their children and who waited so patiently for rehearsals to end.

Also, I would like to thank the cast for the wonderful gift; Danny and I are really looking forward to our dinner at Le St. Martin.

Thank you everyone!

LUCY MCAULEY
Director
Knowlton Players

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DEAR EDITOR,

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We must be very careful about how we restrict cats. Are we going to implement leash laws for them? Are we going to require impermeable 30-foot fences around the properties of cat owners?

As for cats killing our beautiful birds, I am going to tell you, it IS nature's way. Would you like to restrict all the other animals that kill birds as well? Animals can't read our law books.

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Basket Cases



TANYA TKACH/CORRESPONDENT

Bishop's University's Knowlton Centre hosted its first workshop in basket-weaving on Saturday. It was given by Adrien Landry (above left) from the Contemporary Textile Centre in Montreal. Five women interested in creating their own objets d'art learned the first basic pattern, each creating her own basket. "We're doing a basic weave using rattan, but you can also adapt this technique with other materials such as dogwood or willow," said Landry, adding he hopes to return in the fall, teaching another technique employing materials such as Iris leaves, roots and branches. - Tanya Tkach, Record Correspondent.

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So-n-Sews:

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Nevertheless, it is Darbyson who arrives early each week to open up the building to the sewers. She focuses in on her machine quilting as more sewers trickle in. "We usually have 10 to 14 regulars a week," she said. "Not all of them come: some like to sew and knit at

home." Margaret Cummings, a member of the group, adds that it is not unusual for the sewers to take work home for completion during a few minutes of spare time.

Over the years, the group has thrived, providing these women with a valued outlet for their skills and also, camaraderie and relief from the isolation imposed by rural life. Darbyson estimates that each year, the sewers make about 500 pillows that are then sold at the Stanbridge East Christmas Tea in December, the spring Maple Festival and the fall Apple Pie Festival to raise money for the museum. Not satisfied, the sewers this year sponsored a Pillow Party to help advertise the museum's newly refurbished Pillow Boutique.

Darbyson said that most of the material needed to make the projects is donated by individuals or by local business. The pillow filling, for example, is donated by Albany Felt of Cowansville. It arrives as a huge, white cotton wad big enough to fill a large garbage bag. Volunteers Margaret Cummings and Lorette Fry set to work pulling off small balls of filling more suitable for stuffing.

"It's a little like carding wool," said Margaret.

In the next room, quilters Cecile Larocque and Joyce Blakeslee begin hand stitching the quilt top stretched on a frame in the next room.



CAROLINE KEHNE/CORRESPONDENT

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE *Lorette Fry, one of the 14 regular members of the So-n-Sews, works on an oven mitt.*

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The quilt top, made in the "Drunkard's Path" pattern by local quilter Pauline Guay, will be completed and sold as part of another fund-raiser.

"This isn't a sweat shop," remarks Margaret Cummings.

There is plenty of latitude for the volunteers to move from project to project as they see fit and many naturally gravitate to side-projects of their own interest.

Lorette Fry makes Christmas ornaments while Hilda Soules sews children's dresses.

Thelma Rhicard dabbles in wreaths. However, the bread-and-butter of this group is pillows.

Darbyson estimates the So-

n-Sews' current inventory at about 200 pillows. That means another 200 are needed for September's Apple Pie Festival, not to mention the other

assorted other crafts the group produces.

She shrugs the task off modestly.

"When we decide to have

an evening of pillow stuffing it goes pretty fast."

After September's Apple Pie Festival, the efforts focus on the mountain of pillows and gifts needed for the Christmas Tea. And in between, there are the other assort-

ed volunteer-heavy happenings that keep Stanbridge East hopping.

Darbyson adds that the group is always on the lookout for new volunteer sewers.

"There's never a lack of things to do," as she is fond of saying.



CAROLINE KEHNE/CORRESPONDENT

So-n-Sew members Margaret Cummings and May Darbyson show off a work.

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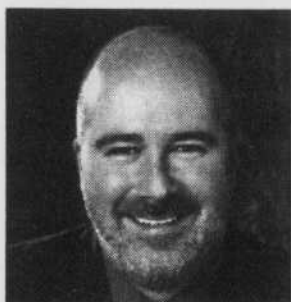
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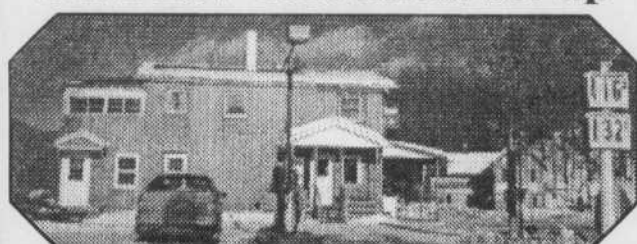
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Brian Allen, a descendant of Stewart Parker Knowlton, said he exhibits at the annual sale because he enjoys the camaraderie.



TANYA TKACH/CORRESPONDENT

Johane Bissonnette from Petit Jardin d'Eden, selling dried flower arrangements and antique glassware.

The Brome County Historical Society could not have chosen a better day for its annual antiques and craft sale. Held on the society's grounds Sunday, many novice and seasoned buyers browsed through 52 tables of old treasures and whimsical crafts in gloriously sunny weather. Anton and Eva Samuelli, Montrealers with a condo on Lakeside, double-parked in order to catch the activity.

"We were going by and we couldn't believe it, we just had to stop," said Eva, an avid antique collector along with her husband. "If something catches our eye, we'll buy it." The Samuellis are new residents in love with the area and first-time visitors to the sale. There were many new exhibitors displaying their treasures for the first time. Johane Bissonnette, connoisseur of herbal and flower arrangements who recently opened the boutique Petit Jardin d'Eden at 305 Lakeside, said she took a friend's advice and decided at the last minute to rent a table. "I'm so thrilled to be here. There are so many people who stop by," she said. "This is better publicity than sitting in my shop." Both Yoannick Ysebaert from St-Etienne-de-Bolton, who specializes in modern European paintings of the early 19th century, and Edwige Zoma, who imports hand-woven baskets from West Africa, returned for their second time due to successful sales last year.

Tanya Tkach, Record Correspondent.

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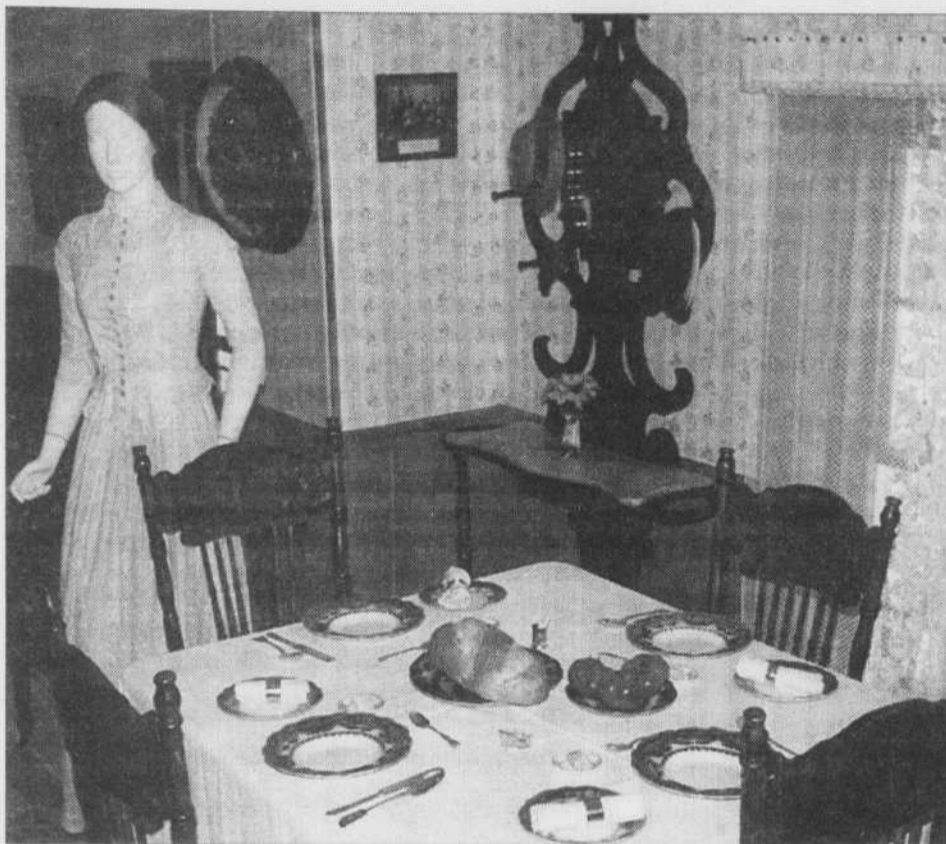
The Brome County Historical Society Museum located at 130 Lakeside, Knowlton opened May 15 for the 1999 season and will remain open until Sept. 18 inclusive. The hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sundays, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

When you visit the museum this year, you will see many new displays. In the Old Academy, there is a large display of our jewelry and toiletry collections. Many thanks go to our president, David Dawes, who spent many hours in the set-up of the jewelry.

In the Marion Phelps Building, you will see many varied displays. A collection of old wooden signs will be seen as you walk in. From there, we have a display of toys that will appeal to boys and girls alike. A millinery shop, printing shop, and apiary are also being shown. As we approach the turn of the century, one of the most interesting displays is our 'Happy New Year 1899' which shows how it would have been celebrated and predicts that will happen in the 20th century, courtesy of one of the local papers at the time.

Our boutique is open in the Old Fire Station, with many souvenirs and collectibles. The staff and I will be happy to answer any questions or queries you may have. Hoping to see you this summer in Knowlton

SHIRLEY WILLIAMS
CURATOR



FILE PHOTO

A look inside the Brome County Historical Society Museum. One of this year's themes is "Happy New Year 1899."

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More than a few decades had passed since the last time I'd shared living space with a bunch of fuzzy little fowl.

In those earlier times, when grandmother decided it was time for a major renewal of the laying flock on the ancestral farm, she'd send away for fifty or a hundred newly-hatched chicks of the chosen breed. They'd arrive in the mail in a large flat container. Surprisingly, there seemed to be very few casualties in the shipping process, or perhaps my adolescent match skills were not up to counting beyond available digits.

Since delivery usually occurred in the spring, it

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was deemed advisable to keep the box in a warm place for a week or so, rather than risk serious attrition in the drafty old henhouse. Grandmother would store the new arrivals

and their cardboard abode under the massive table in the centre of a typically spacious farmhouse kitchen. This worked well, except for those odd occasions on which the bigger menfolk would forget and stretch out their heavily booted feet, putting more than a few of the potential egg-layers at some risk. Extra-loud peeping was usually enough of an alarm to avoid serious mayhem. That, and a loud bark from the aging but effective matriarch.

As a pre-teen, one of the chores I could handle competently was feeding hens and chickens. I set about this task one morning, after having fallen off my bicycle the day before. Injuries were minor, and included a few deep scrapes on the right forearm. The area had scabbed over nicely in the interim, and I was mindful not to pick at it, at least while adults were watching.

BLOODY SURPRISE

A major surprise awaited me, however, when I leaned into the pen to dump grain to a bunch of pullets. Most went for the food as expected, but a few noticed the injured arm. In an instant they leapt at the scabs, and had them pretty well picked off before I recovered my balance and composure. I stepped back, a bit stunned, watching new blood trickle towards my fingers.

It didn't really hurt, so I held my arm close to the chicken-wire side of the pen and watched as the little beaks strained to get at the blood.

Later, one of the uncles explained how a large flock can be wiped out in half an hour if even a single bird comes up with a spot of blood. Since that time I've looked upon chickens as piranhas of the barnyard.

As school kids in the city we would on occasion come home with a little extra in the lunch pail or book bag.

This goes back to a time when pet stores sold dyed chicks and bunnies at Easter, a practice long since discontinued, mercifully. Not many of these coloured living toys lasted much beyond forty-eight hours, one suspects. Any that did, posed a few problems, housetraining the stickiest, so to speak. School friends and neighbours, knowing we had direct access to a farm, would channel the survivors our way. If we weren't going to the country for a week or two, the household could quickly acquire a barnyard ambiance.

With grandmother approaching her nineties, and the last uncle to work the farm wishing to streamline operations, the decision was taken to phase out the laying hens. The birds dwindled away slowly: age, the odd weasel, and holidays like Christmas and Thanksgiving took their toll. The last three or four became pets of a younger cousin who carried them around and dressed them in her dolls' clothes. Neighbours got used to it, but strangers would stop to stare at hens wearing little sweaters and bonnets.

Back to the here and now, the young cousin of a neighbour was part of a group in a South Shore elementary school who's science project was to hatch out twenty-five chicks. Being the nineties, they were allowed to proceed only if someone would provide the birds with a home when the project was completed. An elderly gentleman, a retired farmer still on the land, had agreed to do so, but changed his mind at the last minute. With facilities at the ready, we were called upon to take them and did.

Theirs is a pleasant venue: large outdoor pen with lots of shade, spacious indoor quarters readily secured against the night. There has been no temptation to make pets of, or in any way, bond with them. They prefer their own company and as far as endearing qualities go, there doesn't seem to be any. Still, when the time comes to commit their round, plump bodies to the communal deep freezer, I may feel the need to be elsewhere.

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Lake:

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Mayor Masse said that Lake Waterloo is shallow like many lakes in the region, and since it is unprotected by trees, the rocks along the shore in turn heat the water creating all kinds of growth.

He also said that there is a problem of five meters of sedimentation on the bottom of the lake.

Since many trees surrounding the lake were cut by owners of lakeside properties, the town council distributed a couple thousand trees in the town two weeks ago to promote planting around the lake.

"We were told by the Minister of Environment that if nothing is done with the lake, eventually it will just be a swamp. Not many towns have a lake downtown," continued Masse.

Luc Berlinguette, a member of the Lake Waterloo survival organization, said that the government made a recommendation to reduce phosphorous in the lake.

"We're working together with the Town Council, Shefford County and the golf club studying an offer made to us by a company in Sherbrooke specializing in bio-

degradable products. We're also trying to get a government grant," said Berlinguette, adding he believes it is only a matter of time before receiving government aid.

"The lake is the start of the Yamaska River, everything that is put in the lake here ends up in the St. Lawrence River, he noted.



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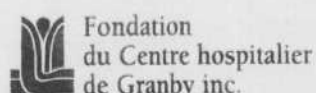
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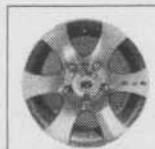
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