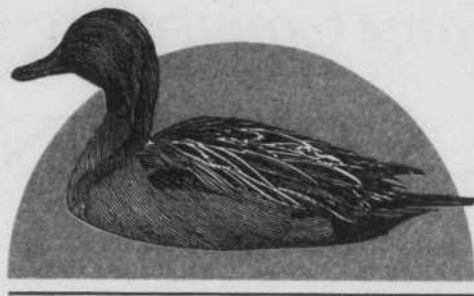


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Gazebo the place to be this summer

By Wendy Denman
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The new gazebo in Knowlton's Coldbrook Park is being used true to its purpose as a centre for music this summer.

The Knowlton Harmony Band will be giving its second concert of the season there July 24 beginning at 3 p.m. The band's repertoire includes classics, Broadway and old favourites.

The park has always been a popular spot for music. The gazebo, completed last fall, affords a better view for the audience and more solid seating for the musicians.

The Harmony Band is in the midst of another successful year of public concerts in the region and beyond. Musicians meet



COURTESY D. TAYLOR

The Knowlton Harmony Band in concert in the park last summer.

regularly on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at Knowlton Academy for rehearsal and

are always looking for new members.

"Anyone interested is welcome to come down to the school on a Monday evening and join us," invited band president Bob Quilliams.

As well as free public concerts, the band often goes to hospitals and nursing homes to entertain residents. The Knowlton Harmony Band is also a permanent fixture at local events such as Canada Day, the Mansonville multicultural festival and Brome Fair.

The band will also play at Davignon Park in Cowansville on Wednesday, Aug. 7 and at Edward's Park in West Brome on Aug. 28 at 6:30 pm.

Magic of Tour des Arts ends Sunday

By Wendy Denman
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The signs are up, the map brochures have been distributed, the artists are geared up and the Tour des Arts is in full swing.

Forty artists, grouped loosely around Brome Lake, Sutton and Mansonville have already opened their studios daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. while they continue to work on current projects.

It's an annual event, one that over the years has brought together many coordinated activities making the last part of July a veritable buffet of culture here.

The purpose of the tour is not just to sell work, although the artists are delighted when that happens, but more importantly to open the door on the creative process, to let people into the mind set of the artists at work.

The participating artists represent work in numerous media with many

methods and approaches — from pastoral landscapes to vibrant abstracts, puppets, cushions, quilts, Santas, pottery, sculptures in wood, bronze and glass, garden art and jewelry.

"Working together makes us much stronger," says Stanley Lake, one of the originators of the tour, now in its 18th year. "It helps to draw people into the area, gives them a choice. While I may open my studio and get a visitor or two — when we open together like this, we draw hundreds into the region."

Many artists return to the tour year after year, building up a following of returning visitors — others take a sabbatical for a while leaving space for new artists and artisans to join. So although the number of open studios remains the same year after year, there's a continuing renewal.

Every year, applicants go through a selection process that is fairly strict, with many more wanting to join than

spaces available.

Joining the Tour des Arts this year are Almut Ellinghaus of Sutton, with her sculptures and masks for garden and house; Maxime Hoffer working in oil and acrylic; Eve Provost Chartrand of Foster, with mixed media painting and digital art and John Naccarato of Knowlton, with impressionistic landscapes, rural and still life oils.

"Our Tour des Arts offers the greatest breadth of art work and evening entertainment of any tour in the province," says Sutton sculptor David James.

"We co-ordinate our publicity, advertising it as a getaway where you can unwind on 'Townships Time' and linger in fascinating shops and general stores, savour the local cuisine, and rest awhile in an auberge or B&B, benefiting from special accommodation tour packages."

There are evening events — jazz, theatre, an open rehearsal, dancing,

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English writers come out of the woodwork

Little known Tour des Arts event

Wednesday at

Auberge Glen Sutton

By Joshua Bleser

For the past few years, a small group of English writers have gathered at Auberge Glen Sutton on the Wednesday during Tour des Arts to read samples of their work to an intimate crowd of friends, family, and a smattering of bohemians and retired hippies.

Organized by Alanna Fahey, former owner of a bookshop in Sutton and long-time lover of the written and spoken word, the event brings together an eclectic mix of poets, short-story writers, and novelists ranging from rookies to veteran hobby writers and published wordsmiths.

"Alanna is so encouraging and so supportive of everyone," says Cheryl Long, who will be reading one of her short stories in Glen Sutton this Wednesday.

Long was an illustrator working for advertising firms in Montreal until she moved to Sutton 10 years ago to take up massage therapy and concentrate more on her art and writing. Long has written and illustrated two books: One called 12 Moons and a Maiden, which she describes as a "book about rites of passage", and a children's book called

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July 22

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 77, 77 Lewis Street, **Waterloo** will hold their **FRIDAY NIGHT BARBECUES** every Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. Everyone Welcome.

July 23

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING SUPPORT GROUP Meeting, St. Paul's Church, **Knowlton**, 2 p.m. Having difficulty coping? Not sure how to support someone suffering from mental illness? Or maybe you just want to be more informed? Info: 450-243-0928 or pleasantvalley@sympatico.ca

ALL YOU CAN EAT SALAD UNCHEON BUFFET at Calvary United Church, 4 Maple Ave., **Sutton**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adults \$7, children, 6 - 10 yrs. \$4, children 5 and under, free.

July 23-24

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July 24

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KNOWLTON HARMONY BAND CONCERT at 3 p.m. Coldbrook Park. If raining, **Knowlton United Church**. Info: Bob Quilliams at 450-297-2797

July 30

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Aug. 6

BROME COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL BEEF & PORK BARBECUE at the **Brome Fairgrounds**, 5 to 8 p.m. Dancing afterward to Borderline. Adults \$12, children 6 - 12 yrs. \$6. Tickets & info: 450-242- EXPO(3976). Tickets also available at: Dépanneur Brome, Brome, Dépanneur Lakeside, Foster, Sears, **Knowlton & F.G. Edwards**, West Brome.

Aug. 13

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ty Anglican Church, **Iron Hill**. Cocktails, 5 p.m., dinner, 6 p.m. Adults \$20, 6 - 12 yrs. \$12, under 5 yrs., free. Tickets: 450-243-6291.

Aug. 20-21

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ARTS CALENDAR

MEANINGFUL ART FOR MEANINGFUL PEOPLE.....WOMEN & WHEELS, a series of figurative paintings by Vita. Tuesday to Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Galerie Charmante, 1182 Macey Road, **Sutton**. Info: 450-538-0989 or www.penkathy.com

Until July 24

EXPOSITION OF OIL PAINTINGS BY JEANNE MARLER at Brome County Historical Museum, 130 Lakeside St., **Knowlton**. Hours: Daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Until July 23

OPENING OF NEW SCULPTURE GARDEN at 18 Maple St., **Sutton**, 2 to 4 p.m. featuring new abstract and figurative works by local artist including Eddie Heath and Don Davidson. Info: 450-538-3227.

CHURCH SERVICES

KNOWLTON/CREEK PASTORAL CHARGE: Worship & Song by members assisted by The Reverend Dale Skinner. Creek United, **Foster**, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school at Creek. **Knowlton United**, **Knowlton**, 11 a.m. (Handicap access). **ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**, 24

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ANGLICAN PARISH OF BEDFORD/PHILIPSBURG & FARNHAM: Sunday service, Sunday, July 24 at St. Pauls Church, **Philipsburg**, 10 a.m. Eucharist with Fr. Brian.

BEDFORD UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE. Invites you to come and worship with us. Combined Sunday service, July 24, 10 a.m., **Philipsburg United Church**. Rev. Carl Triskle. All are welcome.

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Graham resurrects English garden

By Wendy Denman
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Despite this week's hot muggy weather, Lynda Graham has been working long hours in the garden of her Sutton B&B – not planting flowers but displaying sculptures in anticipation of this Saturday's vernissage.

"The idea started from a conversation with sculptor Eddie Heath about the growing need for more places in which to showcase local artists," explained Graham, the owner of Gite Vert le Mont.

"I was searching for something to do with the acre space around the B&B which would allow my guests to relax and de-stress and the artists were searching for exhibition space. It is a perfect match especially given the richness of the artistic community in and around Sutton.

"A lot of people who stay here come to visit the art galleries in the village and to undertake workshops with local artists or those organized by ArtsSutton."

Graham was enchanted by the acre or so garden out back when she bought the five-room B&B last year.

"The previous owners never really used the garden, which I guess you could describe as a very, very informal English garden – flowers and trees around the edge of an open space."

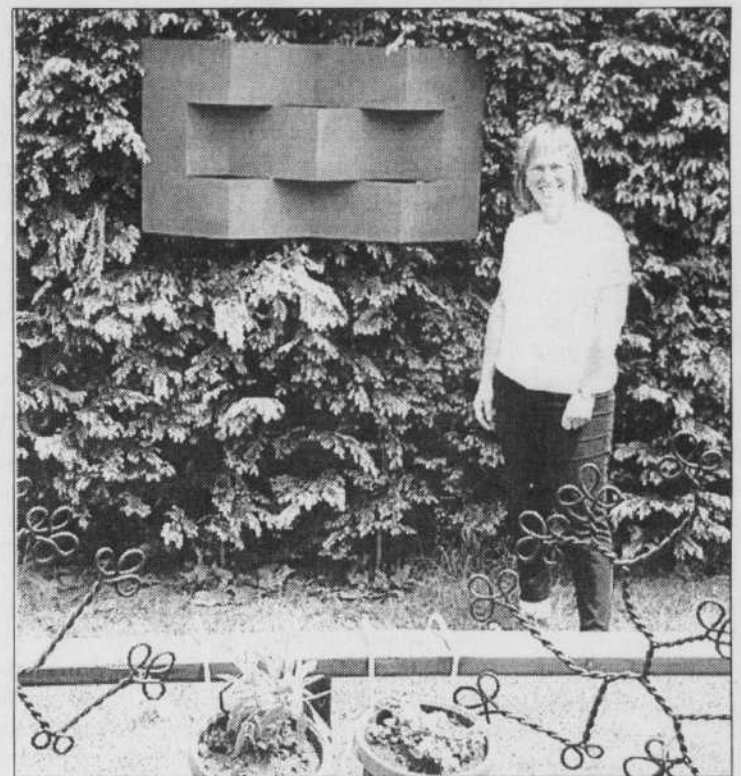
Gite Vert le Mont is located at 18 Maple Street right in the middle of Sutton, but from the street you're not aware of the land out back, the owner said.

"I am not the slightest bit artistic," laughed Graham. "I am a good organizer and businesswoman. But I can certainly appreciate art. In fact, there's one piece we put in the garden that I know I will never be able to let go."

The launch of the sculpture garden, open to the public, is this Saturday, July 23, from 2 to 5 p.m., coinciding with the final weekend of the Tour des Arts. The work of seven local sculptors will be on display until Thanksgiving weekend – Denis Boulanger, Don Davidson, Josh Farrington, Eddie Heath, Manfred H. Starhemberg, Amun Surette and Marc Vanasse.

"We've been placing more than a dozen figurative and abstract pieces by the seven sculptors," continued Graham.

"Although I am really doing this for the pleasure of my guests, we decided that the garden is so interesting that we are going to open it to the public on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. And of course, it will be open at all times for people staying here."



COURTESY L. GRAHAM

Linda Graham's sculpture garden will feature the work of seven local sculptors – Denis Boulanger, Don Davidson, Josh Farrington, Eddie Heath, Manfred H. Starhemberg, Amun Surette and Marc Vanasse.

Auto-Aime to revisit public transport for disabled

By Wendy Denman
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The organization in charge of transportation for the disabled is conducting an experiment in public transportation in collaboration with the MRC.

Transport collectif de Brome-Missisquoi, which runs the non-profit Auto-Aime, will be offering seats on the buses and taxis to anyone who needs a ride.

"This is an experiment that we will be running until December, 2006," explained Jacques Lareau, manager. "We don't really know how it will work out – a lot depends on the demand. We have a few seats available on the buses and in the taxis, but not many. If we find the demand is great we may have to go in another direction, say with mini-buses or a taxi bus."

Transport for the disabled runs regularly through five sub-regions – Brome Lake and Brome; Sutton; Bedford; Farnham and Cowansville.

"During rush hour we run the buses, at other times we often use taxis. We have our regular routes. The times we go will depend on the disabled using the service, the public will have to compromise," he continued. "Say they want to leave at eight, but we are leaving at nine we will not change the time. Our regular clientele will always be given preference."

A ride within a sub-region is \$2.75 and \$ 5 between sub-regions. Those purchasing a ride will be assigned a pick-up spot as close to their home as possible.

"We won't go door to door for the public but we will try to make it as convenient as possible."

The lack of public transportation in Brome-Missisquoi has been addressed before, but with little success. A car co-op was set up a few years ago, but though there were a good number wanting to use the service, few drivers were available.

The advantage here is that buses and taxis are already running, taking groups to workshops and daily jobs as well as giving rides to the elderly and infirm.

"This is very definitely a work in progress, we are learning as we go. We know something is needed and we decided to start where we are, using what we have," concluded Lareau. "Our office is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and we encourage the public to call and we encourage comment."

To arrange for a ride, call 450-293-8583 before noon the day before.

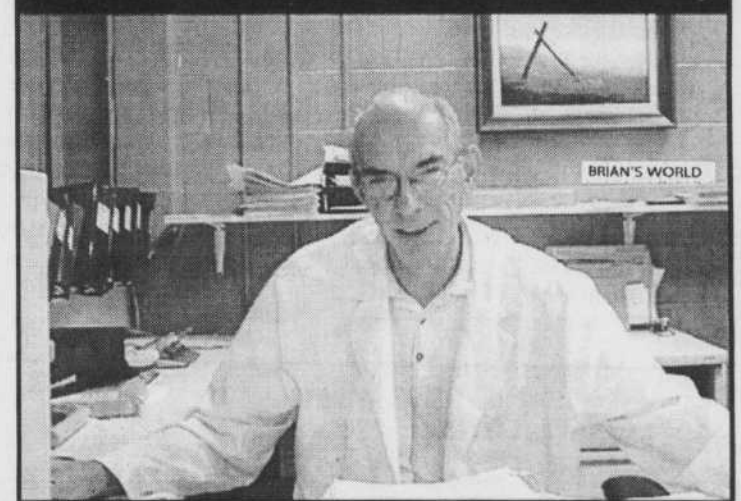
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What a great time to be on holiday. Just beam me to the beach, Scotty.

Unfortunately my attempts to build a teleporter in my garage haven't worked out as I'd hoped. I'm too hot and cranky to walk the 10 kilometres to the next town, or ride my bike to work. And I sold my skateboard at a lawn sale a few years back.

Like most of you, I bought my vehicle when gas was in the 80-something cent a litre range, or maybe even a bit less. I keep it in decent shape and it does all right, but its taste for high priced fuel has me wishing for an econo-box, a hybrid, or that I'd managed to get that teleporter up and running.

Anything to save my bank account from the withering effects of gas prices in the summer sun.

Times like these are when low-level cons like to be selling gas saving devices to unsuspecting motorists. The problem is none of them live up to their advertising. Most of them don't work at all.

Get on the Internet and you'll find hundreds of web sites dedicated to gas saving devices, from things that are supposed to create a tornado in your engine to fuel atomizers to platinum injection systems.

You'll also find just as many web sites telling you they don't work. Good luck separating fact from fiction.

I even wrote about the platinum injection system a few years back. It was available through a reputable local garage, and I even talked to some happy customers about it.

This one really seemed to work, from the information I found. But...

In 2002 the Edmonton company that sold the platinum injection systems was nailed for false and misleading claims.

Among those was the claim that U.S. Consumer Protection said the company's claims were accurate. The owners of the company were fined a total of \$125,000 and forbidden from selling the devices for the next 10 years. An appeals court later upheld the original ruling.

From what I've been able to find, there's not a single gas saving device out there that works as advertized.

According to CBC's Marketplace Web site, I'm not alone: "Transport Canada says it has tested several devices that claim to save gas. The agency says it has not yet come across an aftermarket product that works as advertized."

And if you're like me, you aren't ready to unload the vehicle you have to run out and buy a Smart Car just yet. So how do you make the best of what you've got? Help can be as close as your glove compartment.

The best and cheapest way to save fuel is to exercise a little common sense, a tiny bit of restraint, and to read your owner's manual. That's because the keys to fuel savings are keeping your car or truck running efficiently and driving sensibly.

A properly tuned up engine is vital. Regular oil changes, clean air, oil and fuel filters will make a vehicle run like it was designed to.

A properly aligned suspension with all four tires inflated to the pressure outlined in the owners manual will ensure the power makes its way to the ground like it should.

Research shows regular tuneups more than pay for themselves in saved fuel. It will also make your vehicle last longer, saving you even more money.

The next vital element in saving fuel is sitting behind the steering wheel. First of all, is that next trip really important? Can you get all of your errands done in one trip instead of three? Are you going alone or can you team up with a friend or neighbor? Maybe even take their car...

If you have to drive, try to do so gently. Sudden acceleration and braking

burn up extra energy and are harder on your vehicle.

Speeding takes extra fuel. So do roof racks and other items that cause extra drag. You can actually save a bit of gas by washing your car. Seems all those dead bugs are slowing you down.

In the winter the temptation is to let a car warm up. In the summer the temptation is to let a car run so the air conditioning has a chance to cool things down. But idling in any form is a waste of fuel, and that costs you money.

Any vehicle built in the last 20 years or so doesn't need more than 30 seconds to warm up on any day of the year, and if you're sitting idling for more than ten seconds, you're wasting fuel. Shut it down until it's time to go.

There's no magical device that will suddenly make your SUV as fuel efficient as a Toyota Prius. But you can make the most of what you've got, and save some money in the process.

Tour Des Enfants a hands on artistic experience

Staff

While the grownups may want to be making the rounds of the Tour Des Arts this week, kids will be able to become artists themselves at the annual Tour Des Enfants in Mansonville.

The annual event takes place until July 24 under a giant tent at 132 Ruiter Brook Road in Mansonville. There children from five to 14 years of age will be able to try their hand at a number of artistic activities, from creating puppets to binding books. Here's a quick look at what's happening:

- On Wednesday morning it's a watercolor painting and a drawing workshop by artist Margreth Ulvik.

- Thursday morning kids will learn about creating with paper maché. In the afternoon they will learn to make Chinese shadow puppets. Both workshops are hosted by Gemini award-winning puppeteer Tim Gosley.

- Friday morning aspiring artists will learn the art of book binding using recycled materials from Maaiké Zuyderhoff.

- Saturday and Sunday morning will offer an opportunity to create original jewelry using glass beads and natural materials. Hosting the workshops will be jewelry designer Carrie-Anne Ferrari.

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Dragon Dreams, with illustrations based on Celtic mandalas. Neither book has been published ("we need some agents around here!" Long remarks.)

Long says that inspiration comes to her most often in the form of very vague ideas during walks in the woods.

"When I was younger, I was looking around everywhere, and I wasn't finding answers. Then I started to paint in the woods, and I realized that this was my church," Long explains. "There's a sacredness to life that it's been my quest to discover."

Not surprisingly, finding inspiration in nature is a common bond among many of the local writers featured Wednesday night.

Tony Di Nardo, a former schoolteacher and principal in Ontario, and also a recent newcomer to Sutton, admits, "I'm inspired by nature, no question. "But," he continues, "that categorization is too limiting. Poetry has to sing, it has to be more than just a collection of words, or even of ideas."

The influences of nature and of the musicality of words both shine through in Di Nardo's Hunter's Moon, a chapbook recently published by Knowlton's own Tibbits Hill Press.

In "artifice and gloaming", for example, Di Nardo uses short, hard sounds to evoke an October night, while clearly having fun with word play, as in this excerpt: "words go missing where the black crow leaps, leaves drop/ rattling against bare bone branches. the landscape/ dismantling".

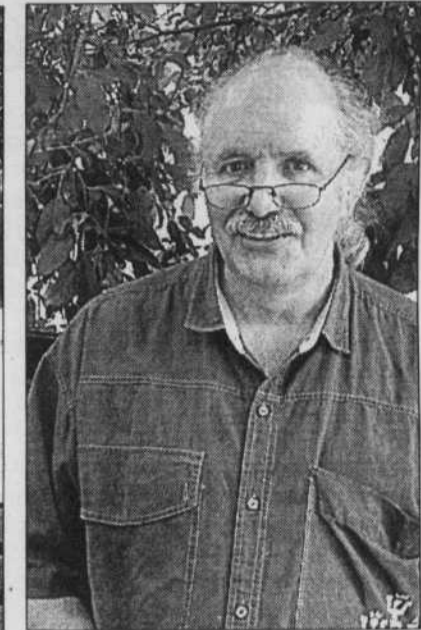
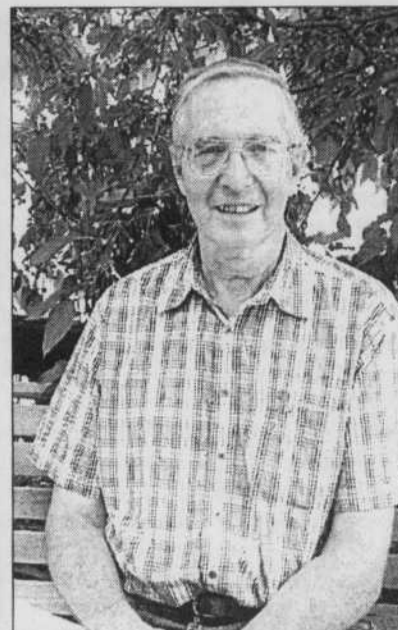
Di Nardo is one of the more experienced and accomplished of Wednesday night's readers. Poetry was his first love, and he has been writing since he was a kid. Besides Hunter's Moon, Di Nardo has owned and operated a newspaper and done professional writing for Harcourt Publishing Co, Inc. He writes book reviews for Books in Canada, and he has published dozens of poems in various Canadian literary magazines, including Quills and the University of New Brunswick at St. John's journal, Fiddleheads.

Carol O'Brien is at the other end of the spectrum. The Sutton handyman and retired television and radio repairman enjoys reading the poetry of Robert Frost and Carl Sandberg, and has attended a few of the readings Fahey has organized. But, he says, "I can count on one hand (the poems) I've written."

For O'Brien, poetry is the latest in a long list of hobbies that includes photography, astronomy, and geology.

"My brain kind of becomes polarized," O'Brien explains. Right now, O'Brien's brain is polarized around what Fahey calls "real down-to-earth" poetry, mostly describing hiking trips along Mt. Sutton's trails.

"I went up to Spruce Lake this spring, and I felt like writing that day," O'Brien relates. The resulting poem, Spruce Lake, is one of three poems that O'Brien will read Wednesday night. Although he's not very nervous about this first gig, he admits that he's baffled by Fahey's avid interest in him.



JOSHUA BLESER

Cheryl Long, Carol O'Brien, and Tony Di Nardo, among others, will be reading some recent original material at Auberge Glen Sutton tonight at 7:30 p.m.

"I don't think my writing is anything great, but I guess some people think it is," O'Brien muses.

Introducing new writers like O'Brien to Sutton's artistic community, which DiNardo calls "incredibly alive", is one of the goals of the Tour des Arts English reading.

"I've never seen such a basket of writers and artists...hiding in the hills," Long says. "The Tour des Arts reading is a really

wonderful chance to see these people who are usually so quiet and shy (and) to get an idea of their spark."

The roster of readers is rounded out by Joan Robinson, Joan Matthews, Richard Theriault, Sawyer Gilker and Veronica Hares reading for Glady Kinnis. To see the literary sparks fly, check out Auberge Glen Sutton today (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m.

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Fumbling through Frontenac Park, Part 1

As canoe trips go, this one was eminently forgettable. If there was even a single redeeming feature, none of the participants could find it.

From the start there were abundant warning signs; we should have been more attentive to them.

Two things brought that 14-year-old fiasco to mind. The first was an organizing meeting to plan the 2005 version of our almost-annual geriatric summer outing. Hardly a gathering of those involved in that unfortunate experience goes by without some sneering reference to the Frontenac trip.

The second memory-jogger was a promotion in the current issue of Explore magazine to get city folks out into the nearby country for a healthy, fun, and stimulating weekend.

One of the 12 suggested short trips was to Frontenac Park just north of Kingston, Ont. The brief descriptive blurb extolled the virtues of its '170 Kilometers of trail....This place is a hiker's dream.'

I noticed right off there was no reference to canoeing. Perhaps we weren't the only ones with a less-than-satisfactory paddling experience in this nearby venue.

In all fairness, it'd been a poor summer for outdoor activities, a bit like 2004, only worse. As well as being wet, most days were distinctly cool to boot, perhaps because of this, we kept postponing our planning meeting until most people's social calendars were filling up quickly.

By late July, both our time and options were limited. Places like Algoquin and de la Vérendry were a tad far and difficult to reserve on short notice. But, to preserve our record and prevent

the wives from working these precious days into their own devious schedules, we felt we should do some sort of trip.

One chap suggested we try an abbreviated outing in this place he'd seen advertised as offering a close-by, wilderness-like canoe-camping experience.

A cold wind drove a pounding rain against the vehicle as we made our way west. Around noon the downpour stopped. Perhaps the weather pattern was changing, we dared hope, but such was not the case.

After we'd signed in at the spanking new concrete-and-glass park welcoming centre and were about to start loading the canoes, the deluge began anew.

For almost two hours we sat huddled in the van, waiting for a break in the clouds, fortifying our waning resolve by dipping into the ample supply of spirituous refreshments we brought along to enhance the evening campfire experience... or as a substitute if weather didn't permit.

Close to 5 p.m. we convinced ourselves that the rain had abated modestly and we'd best bite the bullet and head out.

Luckily, our first campsite was only four miles from the put-in. Plus, given the persistently dreary, drizzly weather through the previous three months, we were well prepared with rain gear and assorted tarps. And, of course, the aforementioned bonus supply of the warming drink.

According to the new plan for the park, explained to us at the visitors' centre, campsites were clustered in groups of four in a cloverleaf-type pattern.

A drinking water tap and an outhouse were located in a common area at the centre of the cluster, a short walk from each campsite.

That first rainy night we had the whole area to ourselves. We'd been told the park was fully booked, but our immediate neighbours, no doubt along with others, had evidently canceled or postponed their arrival.

Working in the confines of cumbersome rain gear, we managed to set up a large tarp and our tents without getting soaked. We even succeeded, with

the aid of commercial fire-starter cubes, to get a modest but cheerful blaze going under the high corner of the tarp.

We kept the fire burning late into the night, the first of two in this particular spot. There was much speculation as to what the morning might hold, regarding weather, who we might get for neighbours, and the lay of the land in this unfamiliar place.

What we didn't anticipate was the arrival of Ranger Floyd and a dozen energetic youthful campers... from some Ontario young offenders detention centre.

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The Knowlton Lions Club recently donated the \$2,400 raised at the second annual town-wide garage sale held last June 4 to Town of Brome Lake Community Services. Members of the club are shown here with Johanne Morin, executive director of Town of Brome Lake Community Services. Over the past two years, the Knowlton Lions Club has raised and donated \$8,100 towards the new community centre project.

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Spots still available for upcoming ArtsSutton workshops

By Wendy Denman
 RECORD CORRESPONDENT

ArtsSutton still has a few remaining places available for three art workshops being held at the gallery during the next few weeks.

There's a watercolour workshop on Wednesday, July 27, with facilitator and artist Micheline Sansregret. The workshop is introductory and will provide basic design concepts in watercolors.

On Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 8:30 to 5

p.m. Todd Munro will show how to frame artwork using a shadow/box floating frame, a style of framing that eliminates expensive matting. Materials will be provided.

On Sunday, Aug. 7, Cathy Cahill will introduce children 7 to 12 to the art of self-portrait using oil pastel.

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Start off on an honest footing: It isn't worth lying on your resume

By Wendy Mclellan

It can be tempting to alter a few little details to make a resume shine brighter than the rest in the pile.

Who would find out you were just a small part of a successful project, not the team leader? How would they know you're six credits short of that undergraduate degree?

Workplace advisers encourage job-seekers to put their best foot forward and write achievement-filled resumes, but adding little lies is a perilous way to attract a prospective employer's attention.

"Applicants might think there's a chance employers will check their background, but until the last couple of years, employers in Canada haven't made checks part of their business practice," says Dave Dinesen, founder of BackCheck, a Surrey, B.C.-based private investigative service for employers. "In the U.S., background-checking is very established, but Canadian companies have started catching up."

Employers use his company to verify information that job candidates provide, Dinesen says. Investigators confirm employment history and education credentials, perform criminal and credit checks and interview references.

"Even big companies with human-resources departments don't have enough time to do the checks," he says. "And reference calls are usually at the bottom of

the pile — or not done at all.

"Once you've hired someone, it's too late to check their background, so our clients want to be comfortable when they make the decision to hire."

About 30 per cent of people exaggerate on their resumes, and one in 10 make false claims about their education, according to industry statistics.

"There is a long list of phoney schools and a plethora of schools where you can buy a PhD for life experience," Dinesen says.

"Modest discrepancies are usually overlooked, but not the glaring alterations. People know when they're lying — everybody knows."

Dinesen says he has uncovered stacks of fake degrees, stopped schools from hiring professors with no teaching credentials and saved hotels from giving jobs to managers with criminal charges for pedophilia.

"I've found absolute career criminals with dozens of charges who have applied to electronics retailers for jobs," he says. "We really encourage honesty — it's bad to start a relationship on a lie."

Mike Palmer, manager of the talent-acquisition section of the Canadian human resources company Ceridian, says background-checking is a critical part of the process for hiring new employees — for Ceridian as well as the clients they provide recruiting services for.

"It's quite amazing the number of people who lie on their resumes," Palmer says. "A lot of people exaggerate, especially about their education. They may still be hired, but it depends on how flagrant the lie is."

"I think a lot of candidates still have the assumption that we're not going to check."

He says employers would be naive to take resumes at face value. That doesn't mean all candidates are lying about their credentials, but it's good business to verify claims and references.

"If you don't check and it turns out a candidate is not a very good employee, that they have a bad attendance record or come in late, it can be very expensive to get rid of them," Palmer says. "And if they have a criminal record of fraud, the cost could be huge."

Patrick Reynolds, a partner in the Vancouver office of Ray and Berndtson, a national executive-search company, says most people exaggerate on their resumes, but only a few of those applying for high-level positions are bold enough to make significantly false claims.

Still, the company does extensive reference-checking and contracts BackCheck to investigate the background of every candidate.

He recalls one job-seeker who noted three academic degrees, all from a school Reynolds had never heard of. The

school turned out to be an unaccredited institution and the candidate had acquired all three degrees — a bachelor's, master's and PhD — in three years.

Another prospect offered reference names and numbers, but when Reynolds made the first call, he recognized the voice of the applicant pretending to be a business reference. Needless to say, the resume was filed in the trash.

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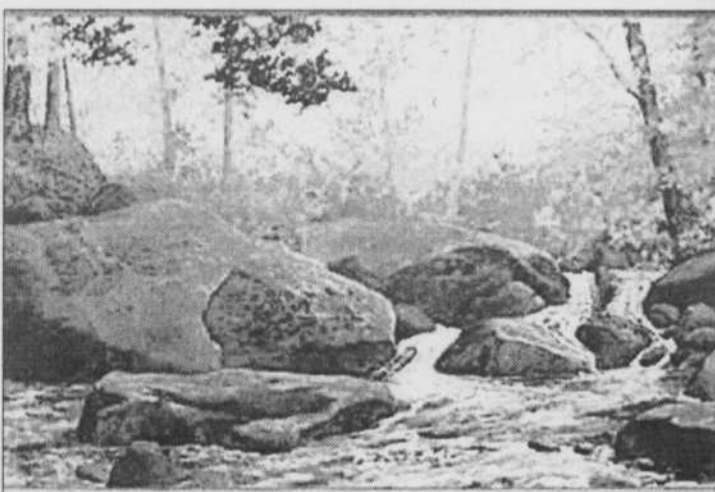
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Card of Thanks

EVANS - Sincere thank you to First Responders, Ambulance technicians, doctors, nurses at B.M.P. Hospital at the time of our accident. Also, thank you to our family and friends for everything, food, cards, phone calls and caring. It is nice to know we have a wonderful family and lots of great friends. Hope if you ever need us we can be there for you. God bless all,

SAM & JOYCE

In Memoriam

CHARBY, Susan Jersey.
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Love, your sister,
SANDY

Waterloo - Judy Arnott

Janet Mastine and Lillian Burnham of Knowlton recently enjoyed supper at the "Crossing Restaurant" in Richford, Vt., the occasion being Lillian's 93rd birthday. Belated birthday wishes, Lillian.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of the late Doreen Johnston Ingalls who passed away recently.

Dick and Ruth Stoddard, Sandy and Liliane Martin, Hugh and I recently enjoyed a great supper at a lovely restaurant on Lake Memphremagog to celebrate the Stoddard's and Martin's anniversaries.

Elaine Seguin of Michigan and Sharon Ridley of Belleville, Ont., recently spent some time with Joy and Jean Yves Renaud while in town to visit their mother, Roodie McCullough and the Maison Cowansville. They also called on Joan Brousseau in Granby.

Isobel Tryhorn arrived home from the B.M.P. Hospital on Thursday. Her first visitor was Madison Grace

Edwards, Isobel's 23 great-grandchild who is two years old. She was accompanied by her grandmother, Deb Edwards and with Madison's help they made Isobel very comfortable on her first day home.

Recent weekend guests of George, Carolyn and Wayne Grubb of Shefford Mountain were Wallace, Chantel, Olivia and Luka Grubb of St. Basile le Grand. Allan Grubb of Morewood, Ont., Warren Grubb of Ottawa and Christopher Forand of Shefford Mountain.

George and Carolyn Grubb were calling on Lida Caples and daughters Cheryl Patterson and Nancy Marston in Richford recently.

On Friday, June 3rd Everett Arnott travelled to Ottawa to attend the meeting of the War Memorial Committee of the I.O.O.F. There were four members present from Quebec. At the wreath laying ceremony on June 5th the same four members were present. After the ceremony Everett visited John and Elsie

Larsen for the afternoon and evening and travelled on the next day to Brooklin and spent a few days with his daughter Jill, son-in-law Dale and grandson Jeffrey at their new home. While in Brooklin he attended a meeting of the Brooklin Odd Fellows Lodge, returning to Waterloo on Friday, June 10th.

Father's Day weekend guests of Ben and Grace Rainville included their two daughters, Louise Feldman of Montgomery, Vt., Sylvia Morrison of Lindsay, Ont., their two sons, Bob of Knowlton and Ronnie of Waterloo.

Gladys Cook spent a week with her daughter Diana and family in Campbellford, Ont. While there they spent a day at Upper Canada Village and also visited Toronto and viewed the C.N. Tower.

Dwayne Paige and friend Johanna of Bolton Centre spent a few days at the Thousand Islands and enjoyed the boat tour.

Golden Age Club news

Mansonville

We met at "Little Europe" Restaurant on June 28th at 11:30 a.m., for dinner. This being our last meeting until Sept. 12th.

Seventeen people showed up, one was a guest of her mother, Juliette Laliberte. We had a choice of beef stew or spaghetti, including soup and dessert.

We met back at the hall for our socializing, cards, penny bingo and visiting.

The club treated its members to the dinner, each one

only paid the tip.

"500" winners were Rita Marcoux and Karl Steinbach.

Game winners were, Marian Gauvin, George Hamelin, Rita Mossa, Jackie Jersey and Dorothy Hamelin.

My next trip is on Aug. 15th to Montreal. We will visit the crypt at Notre Dame Bascillica, lunch, tour the Latin Quarters (Little Italy) Jean Talon Market, Casino, supper and home. Call 292-5965 if interested.

Rita Mossa


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BROME COUNTY SOCIAL NOTES

Military Whist Party

St. John's Ladies Guild of Brome were the hostesses at the military Whist Party in Knowlton's Oddfellows Hall on Tuesday night. There were 14 tables of cards. Annie and Eugene Jones were on hand to welcome everyone.

The first prize went to table 8 with Capt. Doreen Gibbs, Ethan Perkins, Betty Ann Page, Stanley O'Brien for 42 flags. Prize 2 went to table 11. Also for 42 flags for Capt. Allen Badger, Karl Steinback, Bob Newell, Bert Bailley. The consolation prize went to table 18 to Capt. Marg. Brown, Pat Benoit, Don Page, Eva Page for 15 flags.

There was a prize to the holder of 4-5s which went to Doreen McPherson, and one to Alfreda Neil for having 4-3s.

Door prizes went to Winston Dudley, Shirley Lord, Alice Mullarkey, Shirley Beaulac, Karl Steinback, Myrtle Selby, Stan and Gerald Copeland,

Helen Stacht, Arnold Fletcher, Bruce McPherson, Don Page, Yvette McElveavy and Larry Royea. Groceries went to Bob Newell, Doug Talbot, Arnold Fletcher, Gerald Copeland, and Gladys Cook. We all sang 'Happy Birthday' to George Bailey, who was celebrating his 91st birthday this week. The Ladies of Brome gave us a delicious lunch. See you all next week.

-Submitted by Edna Badger

Fulford

Get well wishes to Lionel Gaylor and former resident, Clayton Brunton, both of whom are recovering from surgery.

Word has been received that another former resident, Barbara Bockus, has also had surgery.

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-Submitted by Margaret Fordham

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