

Buckton Community Projects: summer arts for kids

BY BETSY BAKER

Seven young artists bend over their looms in the living room of a Buckton farmhouse. With great concentration, and under the watchful eye of instructor Georgia Parmer the children are using old picture frames, string and an assortment of colored yarns to finger weave.

In an adjoining room, four teenagers weave conversation about school, sports and other activities along with their yarns.

The walls of the farmhouse are hung with finished weavings, applique and embroidery; colorful stuffed animals decorate tables and sofas.

Parmer, soft spoken but firm, moves easily from room to room, suggesting here, helping there, allowing each child to work at his own pace on the intricacies of "pre-loom" activities.

About 100 children live in the Buckton community. This summer, 20 of those children have been involved in an arts workshop supported by a grant from the America the Beautiful Fund, and taught by weaver Georgia Parmer.

"Buckton Community Projects has been recognized by the America the

Beautiful Fund of New York by the award of a "seed grant" of \$730 toward a summer workshop program for Buckton children ages eight to 16," Parmer stated.

She went on to explain that the summer workshop in weaving and fiber arts has been offered to enable the children of the Buckton Community to "enjoy locally a fulfilling, creative art experience." The grant will also be used toward a continuing arts program.

The America the Beautiful Fund is a non-profit organization which operates through the New York State Council on the Arts. The Fund gives technical assistance and occasional initial financial aid to innovative community projects to protect the quality of the natural historic and man-made environment. The Buckton Community Projects grant is part of America the Beautiful's national efforts to aid the growing movement all over the country to rediscover the vitality of local cultural activities.

"We hope to make this an ongoing thing," commented Parmer. "The children all have progressed tremendously during the sessions. We hope to

expand to the use of a table loom, to some of the more complicated forms of weaving, to woven sculpture, and into the area of puppet theatre," she concluded.

Parmer is also eager to involve more members of the Buckton Community in the project. "I hope to have some of the women in Buckton teach knitting, crocheting, sewing and embroidery, maybe some macrame," she said.

"Also, we need men for cabinet work, to build looms and frames; help with kite building and cabinetry. Of course this is all looking far into the future," Parmer commented.

She also hopes to help the children see the community in historical perspective. "I'd like to bring in lumbermen, maple sugar producers and elderly people with memories of Buckton. It adds to the sense of dignity and pride in the community," she said.

Parmer's enthusiasm for the project is contagious. She and her husband Bill, an art student at Potsdam State, live in Buckton, "between the church and the hall." They moved here from Pennsylvania, where she operated a crafts shop.

During the summer session, Parmer and others were successful in initiating a sponsorship program, with donations of \$12 to support a child through a full session. "Businessmen have been very important to us for sponsorship," Parmer commented. Guertin Hardware, Elliott's Agway, Luthers Funeral Home, Greene Lumber, Froeling Electric and an anonymous contributor have helped to sponsor the children in this summer's program, she noted.

Where does Buckton Community Projects go from here? According to Parmer many encouraging things have happened as a result of this summer's first workshop session.

"Parents began to drop in," she said, "to see what was happening, what their kids were doing. More people have gradually become involved."

On August 28 the Buckton Community

Project held an open house at their donated summer facility, the old Montgomery farm on East Part Road. The farm is owned by John "Gannar". The children's projects were displayed at the open house, and parents and friends had an opportunity to see the work and ask questions.

"I feel we had a very good response at the open house," Parmer said, "and I'm

just as excited about the Project meeting held the following day."

At the Project meeting, Parmer said, plans were made for the fall session, and permanent Project officers were elected. Mrs. Conrad Hoppe was elected chairperson, and Albin Newtown was elected vice chairperson. In addition, the fall session, which begins September 17 and runs until late November will be held at the Hoppe home.

"We do need a more permanent location," Parmer said, "preferably in a building owned by the community." She said two possibilities are the Buckton Methodist Church or the Buckton hall, but added that no decision has yet been reached on a permanent location.

Exciting things are happening in Buckton. People are working together to provide arts experiences for children and hopefully for adults as well.

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ARTISTS MIRIAM JENKINS and Sue Ramsdell are shown here working on their finger weaving with frame looms. The girls participated in the Buckton Community Projects summer workshop, taught by Georgia Parmer. Looms were

old picture frames, window frames or screen frames. Weavers learned to use a variety of yarns and natural materials in their craft. (Betsy Baker Photo).

School board axes smoking rooms

BY JUDI BUTLER

A motion to allow two approved smoking rooms for senior high school students at St. Lawrence Central High School was voted down at the regular August meeting of the school board. It was proposed that one rest room for boys and one for girls be set aside for students with written parental permission, to use as smoking rest rooms. The motion received four yes votes and two no votes. Two board members were not present to vote.

The annual financial report of the school district for the year ending June 30, 1977 was read and approved, as was the payroll schedule for the 1977-1978 school year.

A letter of resignation due to

retirement, effective August 16th, 1977 from Edwin Aiken was read and accepted.

A letter of resignation as a teacher, from Charles Mosier was read and accepted.

Several motions concerning repairs, and maintenance to the school buildings were presented and approved.

Bids for the sale of four school buses were presented. Buck's Auto Parts of Norfolk, highest bidder on all four buses will buy them.

The board went into executive session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss negotiations and personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m. The next regular board meeting is set for Wednesday, September 7.

Sunday Rock--north and south

BY DOROTHY AYERS

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BEGINNER

Pete and Mary Murphy, Wildwood Road, are the happy parents of Andrea Marie who arrived August 2. Andrea's imminent arrival was a reason for her mother giving up this column. Ol' Doc Stork should have given them a discount as the baby only weighed 4 pound 14 ounces and he could carry her with one wing.

SENIOR CITIZEN

BUS SERVICE

What seemed like an impossible dream was realized Wednesday, August 24, when a bus left Parishville, picked up passengers in Colton and Hannawa, took them to Potsdam, and then brought them back. Unfortunately, there was lack of communication somewhere along the line and none of us "leaders" knew about it in time to get the word around. So here is what I found out as of now: The bus will be run on Wednesday now and later on, hopefully, three days a week—Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. It leaves Parishville at 10 a.m., picks up passengers at Colton's new Town Hall and leaves Colton at 10:25 to pick up people at Hannawa at 10:35. When I Potsdam on return trip at 1:30. When I know more about the schedule, will let you all know. But I would strongly urge you to use this service or it will be discontinued.

STOLEN ITEMS RECOVERED

Members of South Colton Community Church are very happy that, thanks to the efficient State Police and BCI men, our silver communion service which

was stolen from our Seymour House property, has been recovered. We do not have it back yet as the authorities are holding it for evidence but we can look forward to having it back where it belongs. Now, if whoever stripped the community Christmas tree of all its lights last New Year's would only have an attack of guilty conscience and return them, we'd feel even better. We estimate that at today's prices it cost us \$200 to replace those strings of lights.

IN HOSPITAL

We are sorry to have to report that Grace Fisher is still in Potsdam Hospital; talked with Ted at the church dinner. Grace has really had a bad summer.

Edward Cayey is in Potsdam Hospital. We were told that he had a heart attack.

Zelia Fisher is also in Potsdam Hospital. We hope all three will soon be back with us.

CHURCH DINNER

South Colton Community Church thanks all our friends and neighbors who supported our fund raising project, the church dinner. The church building needs repairs and it is going to require a lot of church dinners, etc. to raise the money. A reminder at this time that we are now back on our regular 9 a.m. service schedule. And, speaking of church dinners, we enjoyed our meal at St. Patrick's recently. Whoever barbecued the chicken did a great job and if this is an annual event, we'll put it on our calendar. In order to sit with the minister from our church we had to

bump Bob Klein but Bob, being the nice guy he is, there were no blows exchanged.

HOME ON VISIT

Brother Richard James, Franciscan Order, is spending his vacation with his mother, Hennie James. Richard had a real workout at summer school and is resting up for school opening when he will teach Math and Science to fifth and sixth grade at St. Columba, Manhattan, cost us \$200 to replace those strings of lights.

UPCOMING EVENTS

As many as can make it are urged to attend the Adult Screening Clinic on Wednesday, September 7 from noon to 3 p.m. at Colton Health Center in the Town Hall basement (if you haven't been there before). Free blood pressure reading and urinalysis and a very nice R.N. in charge.

South Colton's United Methodist Women will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7 at the home of Sally Newton.

Colton's firefighters will hold their annual Field Day and ham dinner on Labor Day. A good time to visit with people you may not have seen for a while and fun and games for all ages and tastes. We literally could not get along without these volunteer firemen and they do deserve all the support we can give them. See you there....

HEW grant funded for second year

St. Lawrence County's HEW (Health, Education and Welfare) Partnership Grant has been funded for a second year. The national grant, one of 54 currently funded, is designed to improve the decision-making capability of local government, and to promote the integration of human service agencies.

In St. Lawrence County, the grant provides funding for the implementation of a zero-based budgeting system and joint planning by both clients and human service workers.

Verbal confirmation of the funding has been received by Fay Blair, executive secretary of St. Lawrence County's Human Resources Commission, and Clarkson Professors Victor P. Pease, Michael R. Bommer, and Gilbert Goodignon.

The project in St. Lawrence County is the first formal and explicit use of Clarkson's professional talent in the public service area.

Pease, a certified clinical psychologist, is working closely with human service workers, in setting up the client-centered service plans.

The objective of the program is to get as many citizens as possible to be self-sufficient, if possible, self-sufficient, if not. To make the service plans work, they must be supported administratively and legislatively. Consultants are working with agency supervisors, department heads, and county legislators for the acceptance of this new approach to the delivery of human services.

Bommer, a management scientist, in cooperation with the County and agency budget officers, and with the director of the County's computer center, is developing "program packages." These packages are intended to show the service being performed, its costs in time, personnel, and dollars, and the results in terms of numbers of clients helped, how, and to what extent.

This budgeting system will enable the County agencies to demonstrate just what the taxpayer is getting for his investment in local government. Many services have never been accounted for in such a way.

Goodignon, a general system analyst, is designing an optimum human service system at the county level. The goal of the system would be small enough to be manageable, yet large enough to provide essential human services by both public and private agencies.

The objective of this portion of the work is to demonstrate how locally-controlled systems can be both effective and efficient, can do the right thing and do it well, and can tie into statewide or national systems.

Indoor and outdoor gardening calendar

Are you giving your hanging plants the special care they need? Most plants suitable for hanging containers are easy to care for. However, hanging baskets exposed to sun use moisture rapidly, so they should be checked for water requirements almost daily.

During rainy periods, containers without drainage holes should be taken down frequently and excess water drained off.

More than a dozen kinds of flowers are suitable for hanging baskets. They include flame violets, fuschia, ivy geranium, impatiens, lantan, Christmas Cactus, bougainvillea, petunias, and wax plant (Loya). These flowers require containers from 6 to 8 inches in diameter.

African violet, (trailing type) firecracker plant, gleam nasturtiums, and trailing lobelia are among small growing flowers suitable for hanging containers three to four inches in size.

Hanging baskets begonia can be dried off indoors through the fall and winter—they will bounce back to life in the Spring.

At least 25 attractive foliage plants are available for hanging containers. They include asparagus ferns, wandering Jew, philodendrons (vining ferns), pothos English Ivy (many form); purple passion plant (gynura) Keniworth ivy, spider plant, grape ivy and Swedish ivy. The plants require large containers 6 to 8 inches in size.

Among small growing foliage plants that require smaller containers 3 to 4 inches are baby's tears, little leaf ivy, pellionia, starwberry begonia, creeping fig, small-leafed peperomia s and miniature wandering Jew.

Vining plants will need occasional pinching. Outdoor hanging containers must be sheltered from high wind.

Around mid-September, before early frosts, is the best time to bring indoors the hanging baskets that have spent the summer outside, if the home gardener wants to grow them again in the spring.

They require little care indoors, primarily water to stay alive. Most plants are probabl overgrown and can be improved by cutting all branches back to 8 to 10 inches. This is done on such plants as fuschia, ivy geranium, and lantana.

CALENDAR FOR

HOME GARDENS

September-Fertilize established lawns in early September.

Bring potted plants indoors in early September. Prune and repot if necessary.

Propagate houseplants by cuttings in late summer. Some cuttings root easily in water.

Divide or transplant peony plants between September 1 and October 15 every 5 to 6 years.

Divide and plant many early-blooming perennials every three to four years.

Move deciduous trees with ample root ball after their leaves fall. Move magnolias in the spring. Fall planting of trees allows for sturdy root growth.

Look for spider mites on ornamental and fruit trees and destroy overwintering hosts.

Look ahead to winter. Do not have supports and other protection for newly planted trees? If trees are staked and gusted, are the wires around the trees covered with rubber hose?



GEORGIA PARMER, weaver and instructor for the Buckton Community Projects summer arts workshop, offers some advice to Kim Snell, who is learning to use a frame loom. The workshop is sponsored in part by a grant from the America the Beautiful Fund. (Betsy Baker Photo).

Sandstoners plan monthly activities

Potsdam Sandstone Senior Citizens will hold a business meeting on September 5 at 1:30 p.m. with Millie Gilmore, acting president in charge. President Pearl Holt is recuperating from a broken hip at Central St. Lawrence Health Services, Potsdam Unit.

Plans are to be discussed for a rummage sale to be held September 16 from 9 to 4 p.m. Anyone having articles to contribute is asked to bring them to the center by September 15.

A catered dinner is being held September 19 at 6 p.m. Tickets are available to members for \$1.50 at the center or by contacting acting president Millie Gilmore.

The September birthday party is planned for September 9 at 1:30 p.m. for all members having birthdays during

the month. All senior citizens are welcome to attend. Each of the above events will be held at the senior citizens club rooms at 1 Elderkin Street.

Members are reminded that September is the time to renew memberships.

A bus load of Sandstone Senior Citizens enjoyed a trip to Old Fort Henry in Kingston, Ontario. The group toured the fort and saw the Fort Henry Guard, fife and drum corps in exhibitions of nineteenth century infantry drills, bayonet exercises, artillery salutes and a staged battle. A special retreat ceremony took place at dusk. A cannon was fired over Navy Bay, during the changing of the guard. Participants were dressed in replicas of the Royal Garrison Artillery and British line regiments of 1867.

Co-ed assaulted in SUCP dorm

POTSDAM — Authorities are searching for a suspect who assaulted a 21-year-old Potsdam State coed as she stepped from a shower in her dormitory Friday night.

The woman was admitted to the Potsdam Hospital with about six or seven cuts to her face and head, which required stitches and x-rays, village police said. She was not sexually molested, police said.

Police are looking for a man possibly 30 years old with dark hair. A campus security spokesman said the woman got a brief look at her attacker and said that he was dressed "all in blue." She told officers that he appeared to be "an older man."

Police said that the attacker apparently used the woman's portable hair dryer to strike her down in the bathroom of Sisson Hall about 9:15 p.m. Friday.

Village police said they do not think the man is the same suspect that has been sought for attacking several Potsdam women recently.

A security spokesman said they believe that the man and the woman were alone in the bathroom at the time

of the incident. A neighboring student found the woman lying on the floor shortly afterward, dazed but conscious. A spokesman at Potsdam Hospital said Saturday that she was in "fair to good condition."

The security guard said the woman was taking a shower and had stepped out of the stall when the man attacked her. They thought at first the man might be traced because he would have had blood on him, he said.

The woman who found the victim reported it to a resident assistant, who told a dorm director and campus security. Village police were then notified. Authorities are hoping to conduct further interviews with neighboring students.

Sisson Hall is a coeducational dormitory, but the sexes are divided by floor and a man would have had "no business" on the women's floor, the security guard said. The dormitory is located in the middle of the campus. The dorms opened last Saturday and classes began Friday. The woman was transported to the hospital by the Potsdam Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Adirondack conference set for October 6-7 at Gore

The Second Annual Conference on the Adirondacks will be held at Gore Mountain Inn on October 7 and 8. The Conference is designed to provide assistance to elementary and secondary school teachers in developing instructional units about the Adirondacks.

This year, teachers may choose to participate for one or two days. Keynote speakers on Friday will be Vincent Schaeffer of the Atmospheric Science Research Center and Robert Flacke, Chairman of the Adirondack Park Agency.

After the general sessions, teachers will select from a series of workshop sessions including such topics as: Winter Olympics, Wilderness Literature, State Land Master Plan, Navigable Waterways, Woods and Waters (A Lesson from Adirondack Museum) Heritage of the Adirondacks,

Forest Resource Management, Resident Camping, High Peaks Area, Geological History and several others.

Saturday's activities will be conducted outdoors and will include a Nature Walk, a visit to a Pond, a Geology Walk, a lesson on Edible Foods and Plants.

Conference participants and families will be eligible to visit the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake on Saturday p.m. and Sunday, where special educational exhibits will be available.

A display of instructional resource materials will be available at the Conference. Registration materials will be mailed to schools during the first week of September. Further information may be obtained by calling the Washington-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES in Hudson Falls at 793-7721.

REACT sponsors safety break

The Douglas E. Pete Memorial REACT Team, 3609, of Potsdam is ready to declare war on labor Day Weekend traffic accidents, thanks to many community groups and individuals who have contributed and loaned supplies and equipment.

The REACT Team will operate a free Safety Break at the downtown parking lot of the Urban Renewal Agency across from the Roxy Theater in Potsdam during the Labor Day Weekend to help reduce traffic accidents by urging travellers off the highway to take a break for rest and free refreshments.

The Safety Break will start at 6 pm on Friday, September 2 and run through Monday, September 5.

"We now have everything we need to make this accident-prevention activity a success," said Donald Lynch of Hannawa Falls, Chairman of this project.

"We've had such enthusiasm and widespread support that the project is truly a community affair," he said.

Raymond R. Andrews, President of the Potsdam REACT Team, noted that special thanks go to the Foidam Urban Renewal Agency for its cooperation in allowing the team to use the site of the future Howard Johnson's for this public service project.

The Potsdam REACT's Labor Day Weekend project is part of a national REACT Safety Break sponsored by the American Trucking Association to cut traffic accidents.

About 1000 motorists are expected to enjoy its benefits during the more than three days of operation.

Among those cooperating are: McDonald's Restaurant, Niagara Mohawk Power Co., Potsdam bakery, Potsdam Urban Renewal Agency, Potsdam Recreation Commission, Chris Fay's, Homestead Dairy, Con's Sunoco Service Station, Potsdam Rescue Squad, Germanetti and Ryan Construction Co. and Reasoner's TV Service.

Potsdam REACT also extends an invitation to anyone, even though they may not be travelling on the highway, to stop and have a cup of coffee and meet those who are helping to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries.