

# CHURCHILL NEWS

by Linda Gerow

The countdown is on...just thirteen days from the day this paper is published until Christmas. How are you doing on your shopping? As usual, I've left mine until nearly the last minute. Do days have forty-eight hours? No? Well then it's going to take me more time than I figured. What to buy everyone is not the problem. Finding the time is more to the point. Have you been to the malls lately? Crowds don't bother me...never have. What bothers me is the way people act. There's no holiday spirit; people shove, shout, push and yell. Maybe that three year old child doesn't want to be at the mall shopping. Why would he want to be there buying Grandma's underwear anyway? He'd much rather

be at home playing with his siblings or watching Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer on TV. I love the atmosphere of trees lit with hundreds of tiny bulbs. I love the carols playing on the loudspeakers. I enjoy talking to people I don't know and finding that perfect little something for the lady who cuts my hair. It will soon be over and believe it or not, I'll be sad. Ah, well. There's always next year.

**Library News:** Churchill Branch  
2282 4th Line, Churchill, Ontario (705) 456-2671  
Branch Manager:  
Brianna Wilkins  
Registration Information:  
Children MUST be the appropriate age by the first day of a new session in order to enroll in that

session. Registration for our next programme begins Tuesday, January 16. Beginning in our January 2007 session, proof of child's age will be required in order to register for ALL storytime and special programs.

## Invasion of the Christmas Cookies!

Join us as we decorate special Christmas cookies with Innisfil's Chef Lisa. These cookies make great Christmas Ornaments, but are even better to eat! Come listen to Christmas stories and munch on cookies! Ages: 5-10 Pre-registration required. Pick up your tickets today! Cost: \$4: Wednesday, December 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Telling Our Stories:** Visit the library's website to learn how you can enter this contest to win prizes. Everyone has a library story to tell...why not tell yours! Contest has been extended until December 15th. [www.innisfil.library.on.ca](http://www.innisfil.library.on.ca)

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**Mitten Madness:** Help us collect some mittens or gloves to be donated to the Christmas Cheer program. All donations can be dropped off at your local library branch. Please drop off mittens before December 14th.

**Board Games Club:** Join us and play a variety of games. Make some new friends! Ages: 5 & up Pre-registration required. Cost: FREE : Thursdays: 4:30-5:00 p.m.

**Youth Groups:** The St. P.J.'s (Parish of Churchill and Cookstown) will be meeting at St. Peter's Anglican Church every Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call Pam at 705-735-3484 for all information. Next meeting is Thursday, December 14th. The Senior High School Youth Group meets at St. John's Anglican Church in Cookstown every other Sunday at 12:30 p.m. This is for teens between the

ages of 13-18 years. Call Pam at the number above for all information and meeting dates.

**Euchre:** Come to St. Peter's Anglican Church for euchre each Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. Call Reg at 705-456-6801 for further information.

**Legion News:** Telephone: 431-9231 or 456-2531:

Darts take place each Monday evening at 7 p.m. A team is being put together to compete in the Legion Zone E2 tournament to be held in January.

Euchre is every Thursday at 1 p.m. Join the group for either kitchen or bid euchre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. Peter's Anglican Church wishes to thank all those who attended their recent annual Christmas Turkey dinner. A wonderful evening was had by all. A special thank you to Maggie Collins who organized the dinner and all those who

gave their time to serve, clear tables, sell tickets and bake those fabulous pies. See you all next year!

**Smile:** After being away on business for a week before Christmas, Tom thought it would be nice to bring his wife a little gift. "How about some perfume?" he asked the cosmetics clerk. She showed him a bottle costing \$50. "That's a bit much," said Tom, so she returned with a smaller bottle for \$30. "That's still quite a bit," Tom groused. Growing disgusted, the clerk brought out a tiny \$15 bottle.

Tom grew agitated, "What I mean," he said, "is I'd like to see something real cheap." So the clerk handed him a mirror.

If you have any items/events for this column, please contact me at 705-436-9769 or email me at [lagerow@rogers.com](mailto:lagerow@rogers.com).

## At the gallery for arts and unique gifts

by Susan Stein

Ruth Draper and her partner Pauline Owens, artists in their own rights, know how important it is to have a venue for fellow artists to exhibit and sell their work. With that in mind, Ruth converted the garage adjacent to their house into a gallery, which had it's Gala Opening on Friday, December 1st.

Very well displayed were paintings by John Miller, Marlene Bulas, Jackie Sture, Diane Soward, B.J. Thompson, Shirley Ford; photographs by Brad Kenny; wood carvings by Lynn Osborn; stained glass by Eileen Cooper; beautiful jewelry made by Pauline Owens and her daughter

Elizabeth Kobelka; exquisite pottery hand painted porcelain by Ruth Draper and her ceramic creations for Christmas decorations.

Also on display were Ruth and Pauline's hand painted glass and art work by Jenni Murell.

What impressed me was an abstract painting titled "Imata Ignato" by B.J. Thompson, John Miller's acrylic "Winter Fields" and in watercolour "Floral Delight" by Marlene Bulas, a perfect choice to brighten up any room.

Very impressive was the jewelry made of Dichroic glass, which was first developed for U.S space program. It has the unusual property of reflecting one

colour while transmitting another.

The precise and costly process in producing the dichroic glass makes it one of the most expensive types of glass. Artists recognized the potential of creating pieces of art and began purchasing scraps, which would have otherwise been discarded.

All the best Ruth and Pauline and thanks on behalf of all artists (mostly local), who benefit from your Gallery.

(photo at right) Ruth Draper and Pauline Owens at their grand opening on Friday, December 1st. **photo by Susan Stein**

### Now at the gallery

Now showing in the Art Unique Gallery are Marlene Bulas, Jackie Sture, New Tecumseth award winning photographer, Brad Kenny and two time People's Choice winner Diane Soward. Art Unique Gallery and Gifts is located at 4293 2nd Line, R. R. # 1, Cookstown, 2 km north of the lights at the corner of Cty. Rd. 27 and the 2nd Line of Innisfil. The gallery is open every day until Christmas 10 to 5 and after Christmas by appointment or by chance. Phone 705-458-4466 or e-mail [ruth35@rogers.com](mailto:ruth35@rogers.com)



## Let's make room in your life

This week, Margaret Harlos, a Professional Organizer and owner of Living Organized, will be officially opening her doors here in Innisfil.

Let's Make Room in Your Life is the company's official slogan, and Margaret's expertise lies in helping both home owners and small business owners de-stress their busy lives by de-junking, de-cluttering and organizing space so that it can be used to its fullest potential.

Margaret also specializes in helping people move, relocate and downsize,

and particularly enjoys helping seniors through what can be a stressful time in their lives - and in the lives of their loved ones - when they need to scale down to smaller accommodations.

Margaret welcomes you to drop by her home at 944 Vicrol Drive in Alcona this Thursday, December 14th between 5 and 7pm to enjoy some festive refreshments and find out more about the wide range of services she offers.

Guests will be eligible to win two free hours of professional organizing,

and gift certificates will also be available - the ideal Christmas gift for the overwhelmed man or woman in your life!

For more information, please contact Margaret at 431-7774 or visit her website at [www.living-organized.ca](http://www.living-organized.ca).

Living Organized is a full-service professional organizing company serving Innisfil, Barrie and South Simcoe County.

## Just in time for Christmas

**The perfect gift for ages 8 and up**

Rosemont residents Penny Gilbertson (writer) and Bob Pointer (illustrator) have put their talents together to create a children's story that is brought to life with colourful watercolours.

The story is about a fictional girl named Emily whose parents are

separating. She is faced with the difficulty of leaving her family's farm to live in a suburb with her mother and younger brother.

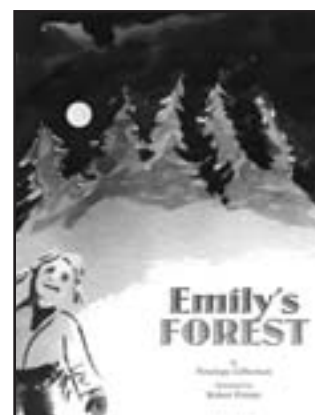
The story takes a journey through loss, sadness, and joy and shows the importance of family and home.

Emily doesn't sit back and mope, she takes action and makes her new home a

special one too.

With a little "winter moon" magic this is an uplifting tale full of Christmas and New Year's glow. It is recommended for ages 8 and up.

*Emily's Forest* is available at: A Novel Idea, 103B Victoria St. W., Alliston.



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