

# Culture Matters

## Knitting Making A Comeback

Have you noticed a slight, steady clicking in the air over Halton Hills lately? That could well be because the ancient art of knitting is enjoying a rebirth and residents everywhere are reaching for their yarn and needles to enjoy the pleasant, stress-reducing pastime and at the same time creating unique high-fashion garments. Knitting was popular in Egypt at the time of the pharaohs and it is intriguing to think that Cleopatra may well have sat in the shade of the pyramids knitting a pair of socks for Marc Antony.



Fiona Ellis, prominent Toronto knitwear designer, travels North America giving demonstrations such as this one on cable knitting at Georgetown Yarn & Crafts.

Photo courtesy of: Georgetown Yarns & Crafts

A visit to Georgetown Yarn and Crafts on Guelph Street in Georgetown, or to the Needle Gnome on Mill Street East in Acton reveals an eye-popping collection of beautiful yarns in an endless variety of colours. No longer are sweaters utilitarian garments made of scratchy synthetics. Now being introduced are bamboo fibres, baby alpaca from Peru, silk and cotton mixtures, angora goat wool and, of course, lambswool. The most intriguing was a yarn made from the protein of milk! It was soft and creamy in texture and ideal for baby clothes.

The latest fashions in sweaters and jackets are always popular with the more experienced knitters, while the younger crowd are enthusiastically creating fluffy scarves for themselves and their friends. And, of course, there is nothing so loving as a pair of handknit socks.



A small selection of the wide array of wools available at the Needle Gnome in Acton.

Photo courtesy of: The Needle Gnome

Jackets, mitts and hats for the youngest members of the family are a favourite too, sending proud moms and grandmas hurrying to buy just the right yarn to make their little darlings even more cosy and adorable.

Diane Crawford of Georgetown Yarn and Crafts offers lessons for inexperienced knitters and is always ready to give advice when a problem crops up. Problems are small, though, and the therapeutic effect immense.

The Needle Gnome (Acton)  
[www.needlegnome.com](http://www.needlegnome.com)

Georgetown Yarn and Crafts (Georgetown)  
[www.canknit.com](http://www.canknit.com)

## Halton Hills Sports Museum Opening

A real treat is in store for the many residents of Halton Hills who enjoy sports, either as participants or spectators. On Sunday afternoon, November 15th, a beautiful new museum will open upstairs at the Mold-Masters Sportsplex on Guelph Street. It is planned to have the museum open to the public every Sunday afternoon from then on.



The Halton Hills Sports Museum features an astounding collection representing sports of every kind.

Photo courtesy of: Halton Hills Sports Museum

The organizing committee, under Volunteer Curator Bruce Andrews and assisted by Glenda Nixdorf, is setting up displays of memorabilia of a variety of sports in which residents of Halton Hills have excelled.

The collection was started by Hockey Heritage back in 2000 and has been added to by individuals and groups until there is now an astounding collection of artifacts and photographs representing sports of every kind. The committee is now planning its 4th Hall of Fame Induction Gala at the John Elliott Theatre on June 19th, 2010.

The entrance to the hall has a sports-related mural painted by local artist Liz Macfarlane-Zahara and the museum will surely be a favourite venue for groups of schoolchildren on field trips.

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## Upcoming Cultural Events &

### November

Date	Event
2	Halton Hands in Motion, Halton Hills Cultural Centre Gallery, until Nov. 16, FREE
3	Victorian Toronto with Maureen Jennings, Halton Hills Cultural Centre Gallery, 7:30 pm, FREE
5	Evening Fashion Show, The Club at North Halton (905) 873-0111 x8221 GLT presents The Mumberley Inheritance Play, John Elliott Theatre, until Nov. 14 (905) 877-3700 Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council's 25th Annual Tournament, Mold-Masters, FREE
7	Georgetown Legion Remembrance Dinner, 6:30 pm, Tickets: \$15 Source of the Song #14, Glen Williams Town Hall, 2-5 pm, Tickets \$15/ \$18 at door (905) 459-9753 Remembrance Day Parade, Acton Cenotaph, 10:15 am, FREE Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church Bazaar, 3097 15 Sideroad, 11am - 2pm, FREE (905) 878-6151
8	Remembrance Day Parade, Glen Williams Cenotaph, 12:00pm, FREE Remembrance Day Parade, Georgetown Cenotaph/Remembrance Park, 2:30pm, FREE Braxton Hicks Trio, Halton Region Museum, 2-4pm, Tickets \$20 at door <a href="http://www.halton.ca/museum">www.halton.ca/museum</a>
11	Remembrance Day Parade, Georgetown Cenotaph/Remembrance Park, 10:45am, FREE Soprano Barbara Friss, Halton Hills Cultural Centre Gallery, 1:00pm (905) 877-7915 x2517 Walter Lewis, Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown, FREE (905) 873-2681 x2522
14	Acton High School Craft Sale, FREE (519) 853-2920 Country Heritage Park Parade of Lights, Milton, 6pm, Donations <a href="http://www.countryheritagepark.com">www.countryheritagepark.com</a> Canadian Children's Book Week, Halton Hills Public Library, FREE <a href="http://www.hhpi.on.ca">www.hhpi.on.ca</a> St. John's Anglican Annual Christmas Bazaar, 15 Sideroad, 11am - 1:30pm, FREE Georgetown Seniors Centre Annual Christmas Bazaar, 10am - 2pm, FREE (905) 877-6444
16	Artist Ruth Bowes, Halton Hills Cultural Centre Gallery, until Nov. 30, FREE
17	Chris Lepard, Gardening with Perennials, Knox Presbyterian, Acton, 7:30pm, FREE (519) 853-0009
18	Chris Graham on New and Underused Plants, St. George's Church, Georgetown, 7:30pm, FREE
20	Globe Productions presents Guys and Dolls, John Elliott Theatre, until Nov. 28 (905) 877-3700 Rotary Club of Acton Wine & Cheese, Olde Town Hall, 6:30 - 10pm <a href="http://www.downtownacton.ca">www.downtownacton.ca</a>
21	Acton Firefighters Santa Claus Parade, Acton, 1pm, FREE Off the Wall Youth Centre photos with Santa, 11am - 1pm, FREE Georgetown Lions Santa Claus Parade, 5 pm, FREE Christmas Feast, Halton Region Museum, 6-11 pm, Tickets \$15 (905) 875-2200 x23 Acton Seniors Centre Christmas Bazaar & Tea, Acton Arena, 11am - 2pm, FREE (519) 853-5951
21	100 Bucks in the Country Art Show, 13261 10th Line, 11am - 4pm, FREE <a href="http://www.innerscapesart.com">www.innerscapesart.com</a> United Way of Halton Hills' Holiday House Tour, St. George's Anglican Church, Georgetown, 10 am - 4pm, Tickets \$25 (905) 877-3066
27	Handel's Messiah, Georgetown Bach Chorale, St. Elias Ukrainian Catholic Church, 8 pm, Tickets adults \$25, children \$10 <a href="http://www.georgetownbachchorale.com">www.georgetownbachchorale.com</a>
27-30	Walk to Bethlehem guided tours, Country Heritage Park, Milton, 6:30 - 9pm <a href="http://www.countryheritagepark.com">www.countryheritagepark.com</a>
28	Norval's Montgomery Christmas Celebration <a href="http://www.norvalontario.com">www.norvalontario.com</a>
28-29	Credit Valley Artisans Christmas Show & Sale, Cedarvale Park, Georgetown, Sat 10am - 4pm, Sun 12 - 4 pm, FREE, cash or cheques only!
29	Handel's Messiah, Georgetown Bach Chorale, St. Elias Ukrainian Catholic Church, 2:30 pm, Tickets adults \$25, children \$10 <a href="http://www.georgetownbachchorale.com">www.georgetownbachchorale.com</a>
30	Artist Cathy Parker, Halton Hills Cultural Centre Gallery, until Dec. 21, FREE

Do you have an Arts, Culture or Heritage activity that you want listed in the next "Culture Matters"?

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