

It's Bronze for St. Patrick's A witty and lively speaker, Dave DelPapa, highlights our meeting Thursday March 17th in the Milton Public Library. Dave will describe how unusual bronze workings are made. And he will show some of the pieces from his personal collection. Why not arrive at 7:30 and have a cup of coffee and chat with friends before the program gets under way. We'll see you March 17th at the Library.

Date Set for Our House Tour Robin Barbetta has taken the first steps on the road to our house tour. The date for the big event is Saturday, September 10th. Robin is anxious that all members set aside that day. It's an ambitious undertaking and Robin will need all the volunteers she can get to make a success of the venture.

LACAC IS ON ITS WAY Our Society is well represented on Milton's newly-formed Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee. At the Committee's first meeting March 1st, Don Hayward was elected chairman and Val Grimshaw, vice-chairman. Other Society members on the nine-member committee are Len McNeil and Councillor Blanche Hinton, who represents the town administration. June Andrews, who headed up the Campbellville Historical Society and who spoke to us some months ago on the compilation of Campbellville's local history book, is another member of the Milton LACAC.

Val Grimshaw Elected to Third Term At our January meeting Val Grimshaw was elected President of the Society-- it's Val's third term. Other members of the executive elected were: Vice-Presidents Don Hayward and Audrea Lear-Costigan; Treasurer Jessie Hamilton; Secretary Jean Butts; Special Events Director Robin Barbetta; Publicity Director Ken Lamb. Jim Dills is Past President. Mel Robinson is Research Director.

Also at the January meeting the recently appointed curator of Halton Regional Museum, Ernie Buchner, gave every indication that the Museum is going to be a lively local centre. Ernie has all sorts of plans for co-operation with schools, community groups, our Society and others. Watch for some interesting new programs at the Museum.

Let's Hear It for the Researchers Mel Robinson has been working hard at his research lately. As a result quite a few more of the Society's plaques will soon be appearing on downtown buildings. One of these is the former Thompson House on Main Street-- also formerly known as the Ford Hotel and the Farmers Building. This building was the site of a Halton County Council meeting in 1855. Mel has also done the research on Marjorie Powys' home at Mill and James Streets; the former Dr. McColl home at 75 Victoria; the Downs family home at 75 Mary Street; and Mrs. Raspberry's one-time private nursing home at 72 Martin Street.

Meanwhile Bus Norrington has started researching pioneer farms in rural Milton. The Canadian Champion carried an interesting article on Bus' new role.

Rave Reviews for Dinner Theatre The Milton Players made history February 25th and 26th with their first dinner-dance-theatre date. Our Society gave the event solid support-- a party of 20 attended the Friday performance. Val Grimshaw rated the evening "great fun". President Penny Saddington of the Milton Players was extremely pleased with the turnout both evenings. Looks like a tradition in the making.