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All spruced up for 2014



Atom A team members celebrate victory: Noah Clarke, Hugo Culver, Andrew Cutler, Christopher Denham (who scored the winning overtime goal), Matthew Eiley (captain), Michael Feldman, Carter Fersten, Léo Huss (goalie), Daniel Kalichman, Christian Lalonde, Samuel McKenzie, Thomas Plamondon, Joshua Samuels, Grayson Velan. Behind the team, from left, are coach François Plamondon and assistants Michael Denham, David Eiley and Les Samuels. See story, p. 11.

Photo courtesy of François Plamondon.



Victoria Hall has recently been given a substantial facelift. For story see p. 10.

Photo: Ralph Thompson.

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Book fair considered 'commercial activity'

Organizer challenges Vic Hall policy

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

On the heels of the city's recent rezoning to legalize Miss Vicky's pre-school at St. Matthias' Church comes another challenge to city policy on certain ventures in residential areas.

This time, it came from Wilfrid de Freitas, a book dealer and resident of Kitchener Ave. who, with his wife, has been organizing the annual Antiquarian Book Fair for more than 20 years, held first at Victoria Hall, until "a change in policy" led the event to take place for some 15 years at Selwyn House School.

That was until last year, however, when he told the city council meeting December 2 the school had refused to rent space to the dealers based on it having been informed by the city the event was deemed commercial and could not be held in a residential zone. As well, the group had since been turned down for use of the Royal Montreal Regiment's armoury for the same reason.

How, he asked, does the city policy toward the independent books sellers differ from the Artisans Festival at Victoria Hall, for example, which also comprises independent *continued on p. 17*

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Fall book sale helps rebuild destroyed archives

Library friends raise \$700 for Megantic, add \$1,000

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Visitors to last month's book sale by the Friends of the Westmount Public Library group donated a separate amount of \$692 toward rebuilding the archival collection of the Megantic public library destroyed in the July 6 train derailment fire. An additional contribution rounded it off to \$700. "Our group has agreed to add another \$1,000 to this amount," said quilter Lily Lam, a former library trustee who organized the Megantic donation table and produced a wall hanging that depicts a phoenix rising from the ashes.

Called "Reprise," the banner was inspired by the Megantic community's need to "rise up for a brighter future," Lam explained. It was created "in the spirit of encouragement and friendship." It is to accompany the proceeds of the fundraising as a gift to the Megantic library, whose new building is under construction.

"Since the disaster," Lam explains, "the Westmount library and our Friends group have received numerous enquiries as to how we can help with the rebuilding effort."

As a result, 50 high quality scans of



Lily Lam's "Reprise" will be donated to the Megantic library. It depicts a phoenix and measures 18 by 40 inches.

Lake Megantic postcards from the Westmount Public Library Historical Postcard Collection were made to help with the reestablishment of their archives (see August 13, p. 1).

"The postcards represent over 100 years of correspondence and provide a rich visual history of Lac Mégantic. Many of them are rare or unique to the Westmount Public Library's collection," Lam explains.

The scans have already been delivered

though yet to be acknowledged, Westmount library director Julie-Anne Cardella said last week.

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Hungarian politician Szegedi deported before speaking at Chabad Westmount

By Martin C. Barry

It took a while for Rebbetzin Devorah Shanowitz of Chabad Westmount to admit that the evening's guest – a Hungarian politician who was invited to speak about his anti-Semitic past – had already left the group's Westmount Square premises.

But by the time she did get around to it – more than 17 minutes into what initially seemed was an introduction for Csanad Szegedi – it could be seen as a relief that he wasn't there, taking into account some the invective heaped on Szegedi despite

his absence.

"Mr. Szegedi was here, but he's not here in person, because he had to leave about an hour before you all arrived," Shanowitz said, as some of the 200 or so people who'd turned up reacted with murmurs and puzzlement.

Szegedi, a former leader of Hungary's right-wing and anti-Semitic Jobbik political party who sat in the European Parliament, quit Jobbik last year after discovering he had Jewish ancestry through his mother, whose parents were Jewish and who suffered for it during the Holocaust.

Szegedi's scheduled appearance never took place. Instead, a video of Szegedi, recorded a few hours earlier, was played for the audience.

While Shanowitz didn't go into detail, she suggested that members of the Jewish community in Canada, who were familiar with Szegedi's anti-Semitic views, succeeded in convincing Canadian immigration authorities that he was undesirable and should be deported.

"This was supposed to be a dialogue for our community, for the Jewish community, a dialogue for the greater community, but we have been prevented from having that dialogue, and I have to say with great sadness," added Shanowitz.

When the meeting was declared open for questions, some were still bewildered by the turn of events. Others made it clear they'd come to give a piece of their mind to Szegedi, but wouldn't have the opportunity.

"You don't know what I went through," said Andrew Fuchs, who lost many family



Rebbetzin Devorah Shanowitz of Chabad Westmount explains why Csanad Szegedi was unable to speak as scheduled on December 9.

members and friends in the Holocaust. "I came over here to talk to him [Szegedi] face to face.

"I went to Budapest in a synagogue and the Hungarian Nazis beat me," he continued. "And now this makes me angry having these people here to talk to us ...

"You can forgive, but you never can forget ... This is a terrible thing this man is not here. And we are already fooled ... because this is a covering up ... This [person] will never be a Jew. He can't be a Jew."

Holiday parking tolerances

Westmount Public Security will not be enforcing time-related parking restrictions between December 21 and January 2 inclusive, officials said last week. This applies to 1-hour, 2-hour and 4-hour limits as well as overnight parking, according to assistant director Greg McBain.

As well, parking meters will not be in effect on December 24 and 25, or De-

cember 31 and January 1 although they must be fed on Boxing Day (December 26) and the day after New Year's.

It's important to note, however, that public safety officers will, as usual, be looking out for parking infractions dealing with safety such as at hydrants, corners and blocking access to driveways.



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Demo hearings January 16 set for Daulac, Surrey Gardens

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two demolition hearings have been scheduled for January 16 at city hall starting at 5:30 pm. The first is for 3122 Daulac. The second, at 6 pm, is for 4 Surrey Gardens. Both plans have been recommended by the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC).

The project on Daulac involves removal of certain parts of the roof for the addition of three dormer windows at the front to provide a habitable attic. Because the home is categorized as a 1* heritage dwelling, however, this work requires a demolition hearing even though the house itself is not to be taken down.

Designed by H.L. Featherstonehaugh

in the style of a neo-classical Georgian villa, this is a large detached stone house dating from 1929-30. Its value relates to the age, architecture and its association with the late Queen Mother Elizabeth, who stayed there in June 1987 when she came to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) and her 50th year as its colonel-

in-chief.

The owners of 4 Surrey Gardens have requested to demolish the bungalow to build a two-storey house with a habitable attic that the PAC found to be "more harmonious" to the streetscape, explained Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

Signs explaining the projects were posted by the city outside both houses December 3 for a period of 10 days during which persons opposing the plans could submit written objections to the city clerk's office.



June 6, 1987: above, on her way to a dinner engagement, the late Queen Mother Elizabeth leaves 3122 Daulac, where her standard flew during her stay (right).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BICYCLISTS NEED TO BE LICENSED

With the exponential increase in bicycle usage has come a concurrent increase in road violations committed by bicycle riders. These violations constitute a serious threat not only to motorists and pedestrians, but also to the bicycle riders themselves. It is now time for the city to demand that cyclists follow the rules of the road and that violators be ticketed in the same way as motor vehicle operators.

What exists at the present time is nothing less than a bicycle free-for-all. Drivers of cars are ticketed for not wearing seat belts while unhelmeted cyclists sail through red lights. Drivers of cars are ticketed for going the wrong way on one-way streets while cyclists cavalierly barrel down those very streets. Drivers of cars who operate without headlights at night are ticketed while cyclers without reflectors or lights travel like shadows without the intervention of the police. Even the sidewalks are no longer safe for pedestrians.

At the present time if a driver of a car or a pedestrian has an accident with a bicycle rider, he/she has no recourse. The cyclist, unless he/she chooses to identify him/herself, can simply take off without having any formal obligation to acknowledge the accident.

How can the city undertake to resolve this situation?

The first step in bringing some discipline to cyclist behaviour (particularly given the cash-strapped condition of the city of Montreal) is through the establishment of a bicycle licensing system (\$10 a year? Think \$10 times at least 10,000 cyclists to city coffers) and at the same time providing to licensees copies of the traffic code. Only by so doing, and given that the police enforce the rules, can some road accountability be expected from cyclists.

The city has endeavored, through the construction of multiple kilometers of bike paths that have narrowed streets, to make biking a safe activity without imposing an obligation on cyclists. It is time to oblige bikers to honour the city's effort by compelling them to obey the rules of the road and thereby make travel safe for everyone.

GILBERT PLAW, MT. STEPHEN

PARKING METER ISSUES

Although I am a resident of Montreal, most of my shopping, banking, etc. is done in the Victoria village area. This morning, for the fourth time in six weeks, a Westmount parking meter gladly accepted my shiny new loonie, didn't register that it had been received, and then refused to give it back to me!

Cash grab, or a need to re-calibrate the meters?

HELEN R. KAHN, DOWNTOWN

Marianopolis' O'Keefe: Dieppe goal was Enigma machine

By MICHAEL MOORE

A new book by Marianopolis history professor David O'Keefe is hoping to shed light on the true clandestine objective behind the disastrous 1942 Dieppe raid and perhaps deliver a degree of closure to those still asking "why?"

"I always believe that truth is stranger than fiction. As I was trying to debunk the story, the evidence just kept building and building, and the story just became more interesting as I went along," said O'Keefe, author of *One Day in August*.

The calamitous August 19, 1942 attack on the fortified French town is considered one of the darkest and most heavily criticized operations in Canadian military history. The doomed raid turned into a slaughter at the hands of the Germans, leaving 907 Canadians dead, and a further 2,500 wounded or captured.

After 18 years of research and writing, O'Keefe argues in *One Day in August* that the raid wasn't merely an ill-conceived and disastrously executed attack, but rather a failed clandestine attempt at unlocking the German military communication system.

'Stumbled' into find

O'Keefe says he initially stumbled onto what would become the crux of the book while poring over recently declassified British military files in 1995. The military historian came across a file on a previous unfamiliar commando unit when a throw-away line caught his eye: "The party at Dieppe did not reach its objective."

That seemingly innocuous seven-word sentence launched O'Keefe into a nearly two decade pursuit to uncover the true purpose of the Dieppe raid.

"It was kind of like having a big piece of the puzzle," said O'Keefe, who is teach-

ing two courses at Marianopolis this fall. "I had to wait to pretty much 15 years as other pieces were put one by one into the box."

In 1942, the Allies were plagued by the so-called "four-rotor crisis." The German navy had begun to upgrade its Enigma cipher machine – the military's message-coding – to a new, more complex four-rotor system, leaving the intelligence wizards of Britain's Bletchley Park in the dark.

To regain their footing, the Allies needed to obtain a new Enigma machine and its codes. To accomplish that, the Allies would launch a "pinch," an operation designed to continued on p. 7

I'm Dreaming of a Tolerant Quebec

(to the tune of 'White Christmas')

By RALPH THOMPSON

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And contracts without frills,
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And an economy with no inflation.

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Canada Post is a valued supplier, we wish everyone there well during its reorganization, and we await more details on its plan, especially the precise details of how it will be implemented in Westmount.

If the plan works for the *Independent*, we will continue to use Canada Post. If it does not (or does not for certain types of recipients), we will find another way that works best for our readers and advertising clients.

David Price, Publisher, *Westmount Independent*

Tree ventures



Westmount Scouting members were busy with their annual Christmas tree fundraiser at Mountinside United Church December 7 and 8. Venturers Griffin Leahey (left) and Marcel Desmond are seen here.

Photo courtesy of Virginia Elliott, area commissioner (Scouts Canada).

Dieppe, cont'd. from p. 6

steal an object or information without the enemy even knowing it had been taken.

Driving force

O'Keefe argues that not only was Dieppe raid one such operation, but that the "pinch" for Enigma-related information was the driving force behind the entire attack.

"When I first started I didn't know if [the pinch] was a locomotive or just a passenger car," said O'Keefe. "But as I gathered more and more information, it became clear that it was the lead locomotive."

O'Keefe finally sat down to write the book last December, 17 years after first reading about the Dieppe "party," and says he spent the next 242 days writing.

"I had great support from Marianopolis because everybody understood the importance of this subject," he said.

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During a recent visit to l'École Notre Dame de Grâce as part of UNICEF Canada's "Bring Your MP to School Day" initiative, I met with students, teachers and volunteers. One of the issues raised by the children was poverty in our community and the needs of some of the children attending the school. I was moved by their concerns for fellow students and I am calling on your generosity to help make a difference.

In this holiday season – a time of sharing, peace and hope – I would like to tell you about a wonderful initiative spearheaded by the Fondation de l'École Notre Dame de Grâce, which is currently holding a Christmas fundraiser to help the families of about 50 students attending the school.

The foundation, a long-running initiative operated by parent volunteers, is a charitable organization that raises funds

that are redistributed within the school to help improve the quality of life of its students.

One of the foundation's main objectives is to help families in need. This school is the fastest growing establishment of the CSTM and there are about 50 students living in financially difficult circumstances, some below the poverty line. The foundation supports several activities for these children, including a hot-lunch program, summer camps and other measures.

These days, the foundation is holding a Christmas fundraiser to buy food for the most disadvantaged families and offer Christmas gifts for their children during a celebration that will help them temporarily forget the hardships of their day-to-day lives.

As your member of parliament, I urge you to contribute generously to help these families, who are our neighbours. Together, in friendship and solidarity, we can make our community a better and fairer place.

I encourage you to donate to the Fondation de l'École Notre Dame de Grâce, a registered charity that brightens the lives of a number of students attending this

neighbourhood school.

I would like to wish you a wonderful holiday season. I truly hope that the new year will bring you joy, happiness and peace.

Happy holidays.

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31 years of history



David Freeman has retired as treasurer and director of the Westmount Historical Association – after 31 years in those roles. A retirement lunch was held in his honour at the Petit Club on Somerville on December 10. From left, seated, Doreen Lindsay, president of the association, Barbara Covington; standing: Jane Atkinson, Anne Barkman, Jane Martin, and Betty and David Freeman.

Photo courtesy of Doreen Lindsay.











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Services municipaux : période des Fêtes

Pendant la période des Fêtes 2013-2014, les bureaux administratifs de l'hôtel de ville, d'Hydro Westmount, des Travaux publics, des Sports et loisirs et de la Sécurité publique seront fermés du 24 au 26 décembre et du 31 décembre au 2 janvier. L'horaire habituel reprendra le 3 janvier. Les heures d'ouverture de tous les édifices municipaux sont indiquées ici-bas.

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Municipal Services: Holiday Period

During the 2013-2014 holiday season, administrative offices at City Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security and Sports & Recreation will be closed from December 24th to December 26th and from December 31st to January 2nd. The regular schedule resumes January 3rd. Opening hours for City buildings are included below.

**Avis important : horaire spécial
pour le recyclage pendant la
période des fêtes**

La collecte des matières recyclables du mercredi est devancée au lundi pour deux semaines, soit le 23 décembre et le 30 décembre. Les collectes de résidus alimentaires et d'ordures ont lieu selon l'horaire habituel au cours de la période des fêtes.

**Important notice : Special
Holiday Schedule for Recycling**

The Wednesday recycling collection will be moved to Monday for two weeks, taking place on December 23 and December 30. The kitchen waste and garbage collections will follow the regular schedule throughout the holiday period.

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Leaf cleaning of bike path earns ‘silver’



Patricia Dumais presents “leafaward” to director general Duncan Campbell.

The Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA) inaugurated a new award for seasonal upkeep of the bike path at the December 2 council meeting by presenting the city with a “silver leaf award.” Patricia Dumais of the WWCA said the city had done a silver-level job of cleaning the bike path of autumn leaves, which can cause accidents when wet. It was “a significant improvement” over last year when the city would have earned “the pile of leaves award,” she said. Gold represents the top level.

Come spring, the group would be presenting a “snowflake” award also based on the quality of snow removal over the winter. She also presented a small box of maple leaf chocolates, which caused Campbell to look at council and ask if he should accept it under the city’s code of ethics. “It’s under \$10,” Dumais announced. “I’ll share it with all of council and Public Works,” he replied amidst general laughter.

Victoria Hall gets facelift

Victoria Hall has been under wraps recently, but is now 100 percent visible again. The stonework was cleaned and mortar replaced. Since it is a heritage structure, the restoration involved special preparations. The tender was preceded by a scoping study conducted by experienced architect Jacques Nadeau and his son David. Following a tender process, the lowest bidder, Le Groupe Atwill-Morin was awarded the \$365,000 contract for Phase 1 of a two-phase project. Nadeau was retained to provide expertise during the project. Stephen Elder of Public Works was the project manager. Phase 1 covered the front and sides of the

building. Structural work was carried out on some of the turrets and pinnacles, and damaged stonework replaced. The contract included roof repair and replacement of all the caulking. Phase 2 is awaiting approval by city council and will probably go to tender next year. It will be similar work to Phase 1 but at the rear of the building. “The Phase 1 work was completed under budget and without incident. Some parts of the contract were not necessary but replaced by additional work,” said Elder. “The contractor and architect Nadeau worked well together and we’re pleased with the end result.” See photo p. 1

Ticketed for collecting garbage at 4:15 am

A garbage contractor was ticketed \$269 December 7 for collecting in the lane behind the Second Cup at 1386 Greene at 4:15 am, Public Security officials said. Following up a complaint from a resident of Sherbrooke St., officers found the truck in the throes of dumping a blue bin and compacting.

Woman falls on ice at the WAG

A 36-year-old woman was taken to the Montreal General Hospital December 9 after slipping on ice at the Westmount Athletic Grounds, Public Security officials said. She was reported to have suffered a possible broken ankle. The mishap occurred just before 9 am and officers informed the company where she worked of the mishap.

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Atom As tournament win attributed to new arena ice time

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's Atom A inter-city hockey team made up of 9- and 10-year-olds won the Centre Sud tournament two weeks ago in round-robin play against Montreal West, Centre Sud and Laval. It took place at the Aréna St. Louis on St. Dominique St.

"We won the final game in overtime," said Michael Denham, one of team's three assistant coaches. "It was terribly exciting."

The victory, he said "was a big deal for these boys. who have been playing at the Novice and Atom level, but haven't done that well in the past."

Denham, who had coached some of them last winter on the city's refrigerated rink at the Westmount Athletic Grounds, initiated the team's tournament entry, the only participant from Westmount at any level.

He attributes the success to the additional ice team made possible this year by the new Westmount recreation centre (WRC).

"Our ability to practise was key," he explained. With access to the ice three times

a week (twice on Saturdays and once on Monday), the practice time is double what the team would have had at the old arena.

This was the first tournament of the season.

Top scorers, Westmount bridge club

Westmount tally bridge winners with top accumulative scores for the two best sessions in October were:

- (1) Lise Beauchemin with 9,680 points.
- (2) Michel Blouin with 8,360 points.
- (3) Jim Richards with 7,710 points.
- (4) Viviane Agia with 7,620 points.
- (5) Nida Koudsi with 7,160 points.
- (6) Doreen Landry with 7,500 points.

Westmount tally bridge winners with top accumulative scores for the three best sessions in November were:

- (1) Nida Koudai with 16,440 points.
- (2) Viviane Agia with 10,500 points.
- (3) Jim Richards with 9,780 points.
- (4) Sheila Notkin with 9,670 points.
- (5) Doreen Landry with 8,830 points.

AVIS IMPORTANT RECYCLAGE : HORAIRE DES FÊTES

Veillez noter que la collecte des matières recyclables du mercredi est devancée au lundi pour deux semaines, soit :

le **lundi 23 décembre** et le **lundi 30 décembre**.

Il n'y aura pas de collecte le mercredi 25 décembre et le mercredi 1^{er} janvier.

L'horaire régulier reprendra le mercredi 8 janvier.

Les collectes de résidus alimentaires et d'ordures s'effectueront selon l'horaire régulier au cours de la période des fêtes.

IMPORTANT NOTICE HOLIDAY RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Please note that for two weeks, the Wednesday recycling collection will be moved to Monday. Collection will take place on:

Monday, December 23rd and **Monday, December 30th**.

There will be no collection on Wednesday, December 25th and

Wednesday, January 1st. Regular collection resumes Wednesday, January 8th.

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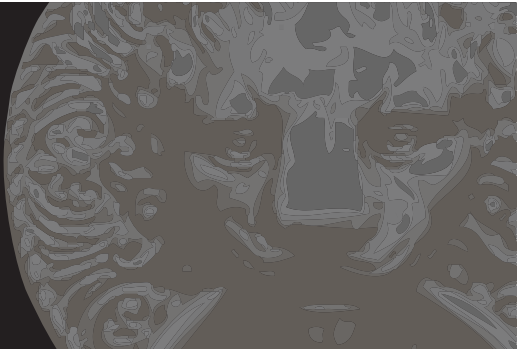
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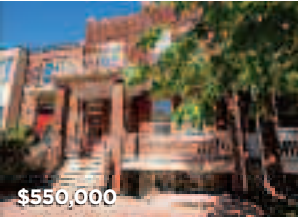
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Well, well, my dear design friends and fiends, I have been very irregular lately with my reportage on the interior design scene.

Now that the summer is over, my thoughts turn to the winter solstice – the darkest time of the year. We celebrate those sacred holy days with their roots in pagan times, build bonfires and make music to bring the spirits back for spring – so that we may see the return of budding plants and new births.

So for your holiday parties, do visit shops that are decorated for the winter season. Wander outside of your usual haunts and venture into other areas of our Montreal village to look at their decorations with a fresh eye for ideas.

Remember, it is all about a different and fresh look: Red and green are not the only colours that say “holidays!” Choose colours that harmonize with your existing décor. A peach and sky-blue living room looks super with silver crystal and other elements of rich royal and cobalt blue.

Festive (and different) holiday tables

Choose a lush cream peachy poinsettia rather than the usual hot red one for the table center.

Ethan Allen comes to Montreal

Recently, we were invited to a special designer event at the newly opened Ethan Allen shop at Les Cours Mont Royal. We were treated to a tour of its room displays, where the talented sales staff constructed three different tables decorated for the season.

The first glass-and-chrome table was all was all about silver, crystal and sparkle. Remember: silver and steel are the new gold and brass. All of these elements – a mirror silver sunburst centering the table with large glass hurricane lanterns flanking silver candles and pearly serviettes on large pewter plates – resulted in an airy feeling and reflected the room’s glamorous colours.

Their second table theme was cranberry and gold. We saw Indian bronze tableware and brass lanterns that had their golden candles surrounded by cranberries. The antique ivory French chairs sported lush bows of red tulle and golden gauze tied on their backs and golden plates were centered with ruby pomegranates holding

name cards.

As a finale, we were ushered into another area of the shop where a decidedly country mood was evident. On the pine-plank table, they arranged several small topiary trees, potted holly, amber glasses and jute placemats. Then they added a wooden bowls of nuts and dried fruits, and handmade cream-glazed plates and goblets. We were treated to jute bows and handmade wooden balls with animals painted in cocoa brown to take home for our own trees.

Kudos to staff

Altogether, the enterprising staff at Ethan Allen created three fresh and different approaches to the usual traditional red and green for the holiday season. It is always fun to explore outside of our usual haunts.

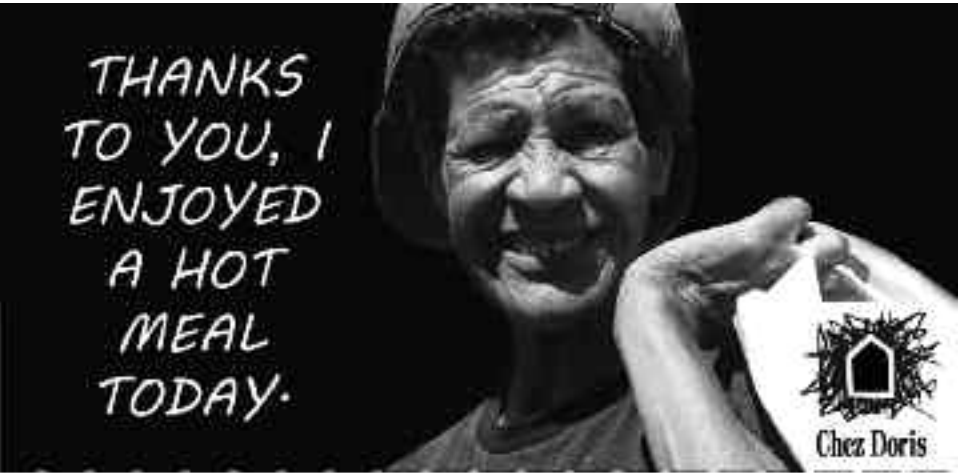
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Galapagos comes to Westmount



Virginia Elliott, Westmount’s assistant community events coordinator, gave a talk Dec. 11 about the Galapagos Islands as part of the Westmount Public Library’s 2 o’clock series. Trained in archaeology (see profile, Oct. 17, 2007, p. 10), Elliott has worked in several countries in that capacity. Over 35 people attended the presentation, according to the library. Photo courtesy of Wendy Waying/Westmount Public Library.



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Police Report

Jewelry thief breaks into Grosvenor home

BY MICHAEL MOORE

The following news stories are based on information from police reports provided by a Station 12 constable in an interview with the reporter.

An unidentified jewelry thief broke through the back door of a Grosvenor Ave. house between 11 am and 7 pm on De-

Beware of parking across driveways

Tickets for \$116 were issued December 9 to the drivers of three cars who parked across driveways blocking access, Public Security officials said. The cars were found at 4493 Sherbrooke, 513 Grosvenor and 315 Kensington.

"Watch out where you park, especially in the winter when the curb may be hidden by snow," warns assistant director Greg McBain.

In cases where someone needs immediate access to a driveway or private parking apron, a parked car may be towed at additional cost.

ember 9, according to Station 12 Constable Adalbert Pimentel.

The exact amount and monetary value of the mostly women's jewelry was unknown as its owner was out of town at the time of the report, said Pimentel.

The lack of a comprehensive list also prevented police from putting local pawn shops on the lookout for those specific jewelry pieces.

"We have a police officer who verifies everything that pawn shops receive recently across Montreal. Whenever we see a match, we can say, 'Hold that, it might be related to the break-in,'" said Pimentel.

Desktop left

During the break-in, the thief also carried a desktop computer down to the main floor, but did not leave the house with it. With just the jewelry in hand, the suspect fled through the back door, leaving footprints in the snow that may be able help police build their case, explained Pimentel.

"We try to follow the tracks as much as possible, then knock on neighbours' doors to see if they've seen anything out of the ordinary," he said.

"Sometimes it's in the littlest details that these types of criminal activities are solved."

Vacation security

With many Westmounters soon jetting off on vacation, many homes will sit unoccupied over the holidays, leaving them as tempting targets for thieves.

Pimentel says there are several low cost, but high-impact steps homeowners can take to deter potential thieves, such as the use of timers to turn on lights and music. Residents should also ask their neighbours to pick up any mail, shovel away any recent snowfall and make occasional visits to ensure no break-ins have occurred.

He also cautions residents about unwittingly advertising on social media that their homes are uninhabited. He says that posting vacation details on Facebook and Twitter before or during a trip is essentially advertising to tech-savvy potential thieves that the house is sitting unguarded.

"Wait until you're back to post the vacation pictures," he urged.

Electric jackhammer deemed okay

Workers using an electric jackhammer December 4 were allowed to continue their work at the Château Maisonneuve apartments, 4998 de Maisonneuve, despite a complaint from a resident at 6:14 pm, Public Security officials said.

The contractor had been given permission by the city to use an electrically powered jackhammer that was not deemed to be "heavy equipment" after the hours permitted for heavy equipment in lieu of a compressor.

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“Le potluck... un Noël à partager: le guide pour recevoir sans stress,” *Ricardo*, novembre-décembre 2013. Cette année, le magazine a été pensé à l’image d’un gigantesque potluck: au fil des pages, vous pourrez piocher, ici et là, des recettes inspirantes et des trucs pour prendre de l’avance pour les fêtes et, surtout, pour recevoir sans stress.

“Joy to the world,” by Alanna Kaivalya in *Yoga Journal*, December 2013, pp. 68-73, 89. Let the symbolism behind the pose *Natarajasana* inspire you to stand strong in your centre while life whirls around you.

Ebooks

David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants by Malcolm

Gladwell. Uncovers the hidden rules that shape the balance between the weak and the mighty and the powerful and the dispossessed..

The Valley of Amazement by Amy Tan. Violet Minturn, a half-Chinese/half-American courtesan who deals in seduction and illusion in Shanghai, struggles to find her place in the world, while her mother, Lucia, tries to make sense of the choices she has made and the men who have shaped her.

Adult English – Cozy mysteries for cold nights

Little Black Book of Murder: A Blackbird Sisters Mystery by Nancy Martin. Profiling a rich fashion designer for the *Philadelphia Intelligencer*, society columnist Nora Blackbird reaches out to her sisters and boyfriend for help when her interviewee is suddenly murdered.

Never Laugh as a Hearse Goes By: A Penny Brannigan Mystery by Elizabeth J. Duncan. While Penny attends a clerical conference at Gladstone’s Library in northern Wales, the bishop’s secretary is found poisoned. Later another dead body is discovered in the library and it is up to Penny

to help catch a killer before anyone else is murdered.

Adult French – Entertaining

100 bouchées festives: hors-d’oeuvre et verrines pour recevoir simplement by La Table des chefs. Twenty passionate chefs have created each five hors d’oeuvres from classic ingredients of Quebec cuisine. Lots of ideas for petits fours, open-faced sandwiches, quiches and more.

Le carnet rouge: notes pour les temps de fête by Josée di Stasio. The latest offering by this TV personality takes a new approach to entertaining for the Holidays. Instead of focusing on elaborate meals it shows how to organize and cook for more informal gatherings, such as having guests over for a brunch or afternoon tea.

Books on CD

The Lowland by Jhumpa Lahiri. Two brothers bound by tragedy. A fiercely brilliant woman haunted by her past. A country torn by revolution. A love that lasts long past death. An extraordinary new novel, set in both India and America, that expands the scope and range of one of our most dazzling storytellers: the best-selling author of *The Namesake* and *Unaccustomed Earth*

The October List by Jeffrey Deaver. Gabriela McKenzie’s daughter has been

kidnapped. In exchange for her safe return, her abductors demand two things: \$400,000 in cash and a document known only as the October List.

Children’s Books for the Holidays

Little Santa by Jon Agee. Jon Agee gives us a fun new classic about Santa growing up with his family at the North Pole.

Le Noël de Nicolas by Gilles Tibo. Nicolas cannot wait to open his Christmas presents. Finally, the big day arrives – he gets everything he needs for hockey, except that none of it fits! Nicolas decides to find a solution so that everyone will have a merry Christmas.

Reference

Canadian Writers’ Contest Calendar 2014
Lemon-aid new and used cars and trucks, 1990-2015 by Phil Edmonston.

Small fire extinguished in Summit Woods

A resident called Public Security December 7 at 5:31 pm to report a small fire burning on the north side of Summit Woods near Oakland, officials said.

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Intergovernmental conference?



Montreal police pulled over Westmount’s “water closure” vehicle at Sherbrooke and Claremont on December 13 just before noon. After a brief discussion, the truck was allowed to go on its way, seemingly without a ticket.

Photo: Independent.

Vic Hall, cont'd. from p. 1

artisans who offer their work for sale and pocket the proceeds?

Trent sympathetic

"It's a good point," replied Mayor Peter Trent who asked that the city look into the policy. Acknowledging that one could argue the book dealers are equally providing a cultural activity, he said, "I'm very sympathetic."

While no clear policy was provided at the meeting in reply to the question by de Freitas, various councillors suggested that perhaps the artisans were "grandfathered" at Victoria Hall or that they offered hand-made items, or that because their event charged admission that was donated to the city's holiday food drive, which de Freitas said he would be pleased to do.

It was even suggested that the book dealers were not allowed because they would take away from the Westmount library's book sales.

On the other hand, detailed written booking policy for Victoria Hall excludes private and for-profit events as well as those described as "politically partisan" or religious. The policy does, however, permit its use for events organized by and open to Westmount residents that are "cultural or educational in nature" (see story at right).

City Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier later told the *Independent* that de Freitas "would have to demonstrate that he qualifies under that policy."

As far as the city is concerned, she said, the book fair is considered a "commercial activity."

Cutler's camp also excluded

But it's not alone. The RMR was informed its premises could no longer be used for a summer camp, Poirier said. Last summer's camp, Laurus, was grandfathered for 2013 only. It is run by Philip Cutler, elected to city council November 3. "We're trying to be consistent," she



Wilfred de Freitas.

pointed out.

The book fair attracts some 15 to 20 independent dealers who specialize in "antiquarian material."

This includes not only antique books but also first editions, author-signed books and other material such as hand-written letters, documentation and posters.

"We don't have a store presence," de Freitas told the *Independent* last week. Each display "reflects the owner's passion."

He said the dealers hold similar book fairs throughout the year across Canada and in other parts of the Montreal area – the largest being at Concordia. The value of presenting in Westmount was to provide convenience to the community "so residents can drop in and view, and even touch, some of the material."

When the event was closed out of Westmount a year ago, it relocated nearby to Trinity Memorial Church on Sherbrooke at Marlowe. This it no longer available since the space is now being used on a daily basis by the NDG Food Depot.

Victoria Hall policy details permitted uses

According to the written policy for Victoria Hall: "In keeping (with) this building's mandate as a community centre, council has established the following guidelines to ensure the facility is used exclusively for not-for-profit, community-based public events that are of interest and of benefit to the community."

These give the highest priority to events and activities of city council, Sports, Rec and Community Events as well as those organized by other city departments.

Other permitted events given priority on a first-come, first-served basis and approved by city council are those organized and presented by Westmount-based not-for-profit groups with a minimum of 50-percent Westmount resident membership, or those organized by Westmount residents.

As well, all events must be organized by, and open to all, residents, free or with nominal admission to cover expenses, cultural or educational in nature and advertised and promoted locally.

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Charity hockey game: Public Security vs. Police Station 12. 4 to 5:30 pm, arena.

Neighbourhood Carolling, Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke, 6:30 pm

A Tale of 3 Houses: #178, 333, & 334 Côte St. Antoine. Lecture by Caroline Breslaw, researcher with the Westmount Historical Association. \$5. at door. Free for

WHA members. Westmount Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. 7 pm.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
Christmas Eve Carol Service. Westmount Park United Church, 4695 Maison-neuve Blvd. 7:30 pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 13
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APPEL DE PROPOSITIONS : WRC-2013-001

CONCESSION / BOUTIQUE D'ARTICLES PROFESSIONNELS (PRO-SHOP) / CENTRE DES LOISIRS DE WESTMOUNT

La Ville de Westmount sollicite des propositions concernant l'exploitation de la boutique d'articles professionnels (pro-shop) localisée dans le nouveau Centre des loisirs de Westmount au 4675, rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest, et ce, pour une période initiale de cinq (5) années à compter du 1er janvier 2014.

Les documents relatifs à l'appel de propositions sont disponibles au bureau du greffe de la Ville de Westmount, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, à partir du 10 décembre 2013, pendant les heures d'ouverture, soit du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

Seules les propositions déposées au bureau du greffe au plus tard, le **20 décembre 2013 à 11 h 00** seront acceptées.

Les propositions seront ouvertes publiquement dans la salle du conseil de la Ville de Westmount, le même jour à 11 h 05.

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Nicole Dobbie
Greffière adjointe de la Ville

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The documents regarding the call for proposals may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Westmount located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount, as of December 10, 2013, during regular business hours from Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Only the proposals received at the Office of the City Clerk **by 11:00 a.m. on December 20, 2013**, at the latest, will be accepted.

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November sales: Slow but steady

Mood of the Market

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings that were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in November 2013. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses and prices cannot be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph at right offers a picture of these trends over time.

The brief flurry of activity that was Westmount in October appears to have fallen back again, with only eight home sales in the month and no prices higher than \$1,500,000. All but one of the sales exceeded the 2011 municipal evaluation. The average was 18 percent over tax value, slightly lower than the average so far this year, but certainly not severely lower.

Prices have not moved significantly for

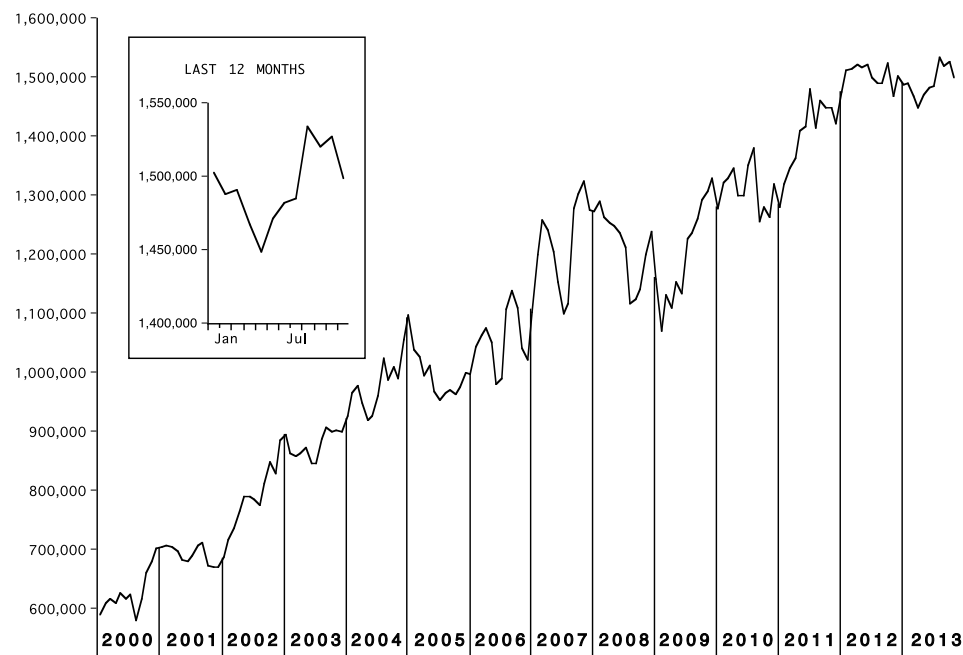
almost two years, but certainly the volume has suffered this year as buyers hesitate to commit themselves to the substantial prices – over \$3 million for 41 houses in Westmount. So far this year, 131 houses have sold, the lowest number of sales since 1994, just before the last provincial referendum.

What is perhaps surprising is that the average time on the market dropped from over 100 days in each of the last 12 months to 71 in November, with one sale over the asking price in four days and two more in less than three weeks. In only one case had the asking price been reduced while the house was on the market.

The month also saw the sale of four co-op apartments – two in Westmount Square – but only one condominium, a former duplex on Prince Albert Ave. This brings to only three the number of condo sales in the fourth quarter of 2013, compared to 11 condo sales in the fourth quarter last year.

And if prices were fairly low in Westmount, they were hardly so in adjacent-Westmount continued on p. 20

Average adjusted price of a 'typical' Westmount home by month from January 2000 to November 2013 based on accepted offer dates



Source: Andy Dodge & Assoc. Inc.

BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the first meeting

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551-553 Grosvenor: to replace all windows and some doors and enlarge some openings in the rear façade; to enlarge the rear second-storey balcony;

365 Metcalfe: to replace some windows;
12 de Casson: to replace railings on rear balconies;

4291 Sherbrooke: at a Category I house, to landscape the front yard including a new driveway surface;

4927 Sherbrooke: at a Category I building, to replace a front door;

50 Forden Cresc.: at a Category 1* house, to erect a back fence;

15 Park Place: at Westmount Park School, a Category I building, to replace some doors;

21 Gladstone and 4110-4112 St. Catherine: to erect signs for “Alain Simon Fleurs,” “Gladstone” and “Furst;”

Alexis Nihon Plaza: to install screens on the roof to conceal mechanical equipment;

3040 Sherbrooke: at Dawson College, a Category 1* building, to work on exterior wood, restore and paint the corniches; to replace windows identical to existing ones on the fourth and fifth storeys of Wing D and windows and doors of the daycare annex to the southwest;

3001 St. Antoine: to convert a west win-

dow into a garage door with bollards and install mechanical units and louvres;

218 Metcalfe: to build a back fence;

406 Côte St. Antoine: to replace a garage door;

646 Lansdowne: to replace a front door.

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The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved by city council at its December 2 meeting.

607 Roslyn: to build a single garage in the back yard and demolish the rear balcony to build a new landing and stairs;

28 Shorncliffe: landscaping to include new driveway and walkway pavers, a new railing for stairs in the backyard, re-shape the terrace, rebuild the retaining wall and add a rear terrace;

11 de Casson: to replace the back door;

29 Barat: to raise the height of the wrought iron fence by 32 inches;

120A Arlington: to replace some windows and doors and change some rear second-storey openings;

452 Lansdowne: landscaping in the front yard to include re-grading the land to remove wood retaining walls replacing them with a stone border;

730 Upper Lansdowne: to erect a back fence.



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Social Notes

from Westmount
and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE



Federation CJA's annual and eagerly-anticipated Night of 100 Dinners took place October 9. Attendees first met for cocktails in the Oval Room of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel before they went to the dinners throughout the city.

Some were held in private homes; some in restaurants. Those hosting dinners sponsored the meals to raise funds for CJA. The 100 Dinners event was co-hosted by Westmounter **Liza Kaufman**, with **Sandy Mamane** and **Susan Rappaport**.

The Ritz cocktail was hosted by Westmounters **Carrie and Garry Garbarino**, **Joy and Jeff Bultz**, **Alta and Harvey Levenson**, along with **Margaret and Sylvan Adams**, **Susan Rappaport** and **Perry Britton**, **Gloria and Neil Mintz**, and **Linda and Irwin Zelniker**.

Noted amidst the chic crowd were Westmount- continued on p. 23



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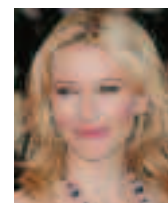
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In Conversation

Jaswant Guzder: artist and clinician

BY HEATHER BLACK

Westmount psychiatrist and artist Jaswant Guzder is currently exhibiting at the Gallery at Victoria Hall. Her solo show entitled *Exile and Attachment: A Refugee Journal* depicts the uncertain world of our new immigrants. A recent recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal, Guzder spoke to me about her painting and profession.

Clinician's eye

As the current head of Child Psychiatry at the Jewish General, Guzder's work with immigrants and refugees forms the impetus for this series of 68 pen-and-ink paintings on handmade paper. With expertise in trauma and transcultural counseling, she has worked with families from Jamaica, Antigua, Turkey, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Israel. In this context, she has seen the effect of "trauma, torture and abandonment" on children and families as

well as the uncertainty that comes from being uprooted.

In *Exile and Attachment*, Guzder's goal is to capture the psychological or emotional state of these new immigrants, many of whom "have not been able to shield their children, or have lost children." She paints loose "floating figures" of children and adults in tones of burnt umber, sepia and raw sienna. Her use of minimal line evokes universal emotions of contentment and uncertainty. Painted without a background, the separation of the individual from community and culture is expressed.

Some images express the carefree happiness of a parent playing with a child, now removed from a violent or war-torn community. In others, the adults appear angry and menacing in their interactions with children. Frequently painted in awkward or contorted positions, the effect is at times ambiguous. Guzder explained that "you can continued on p. 23



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ters Nancy and Harry Bloomfield with son Jon; Pauline and Jeff Segal (chair CJA General Campaign); Mark and Wendy Spatzner (chair Women's Philanthropy Campaign); Linda and Terry Smith, Therese and Michael Brownstein, and Sylvia and Alan Vosko.

The evening's themed-dinners were hosted by Liza Kaufman and Nicole Bitton; Debra Margles and Pino Forgione with Jill and Jordan Aberman; Galit and Joseph Antebi, Nancy Benamor, Sandy Mamane, Karen Soussan and Georges Sabbah; Julie and Peter Castiel; Tina and David Cytryn-

baum; Jodi and Mitch Tessler; Shana and Julius Gomolin; Dana and Jonathan Goodman, Geraldine and Jeff Hart, and Lisa and Gideon Pollack; Jane and Herschel Segal; and Emmelle and Alvin Segal.

I was invited to attend former Westmounters Emmelle and Alvin Segal's dinner, appropriately named Puttin' on the Ritz as it was held in the Ritz Residences' penthouse, co-hosted with the Résidences.

The Ritz-Carlton Hotel created the amazing dinner. Their evening featured a 1920s style poster – The Cotton Club with the Segals – and featured jazz music of that era. Guests were co-host Rucsandra Calin, along with Dana and William Bell,

Jewel and Paul Lowenstein, Brenda and Harvey Blatt, Bernice Brownstein, Terry and Sam Minzberg, Barbara and Donald

Seal, Maily and Irving Teitelbaum, Susan and Peter Varadi, and Roslyn and Harvey Wolfe.



Michael and Therese Brownstein.



Terry and Linda Smith.

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read what you want in them."

Healing art

When asked if each painting depicted a specific story, Guzder replied that the process was more subconscious. The fluidity of ink on paper allows her "floating figures," "some happy, some dark," to emerge. For her, art is a means to express the tragedy that many have experienced and communicated to her.

Guzder's goal is to give a voice to new immigrants, and to remind us of their existence within our community. But art is also a means to express her own helplessness in the face of unsolvable social or historical issues. Recently her work was selected by author Jaspreet Singh as illustrations for *Helium*, a novel of genocide following the assassination of Indira Gandhi.

Art has been a lifelong passion for Guzder. From 1968 to 1972, she studied drawing, printmaking and filmmaking part time at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. Since then, she has exhibited across Canada, the United Kingdom and India, and was artist-in-residence at Esalen Institute in California in 2011. She has also been a lecturer in the department of Creative Art Therapies at Concordia University.

A voice for the invisibles

For Guzder, the series *Exile and Attachment* provides a voice for the "unnamed suffering" of our new immigrants.

An intriguing expression of art and profession, these paintings are currently on display at the Gallery at Victoria Hall until December 14. Guzder will also be a future guest speaker at the Visual Art Centre's Norma Morgan Lecture Series, an event Westmounters won't want to miss.

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