

## Metal art gallery has everything from wine racks to oil paintings

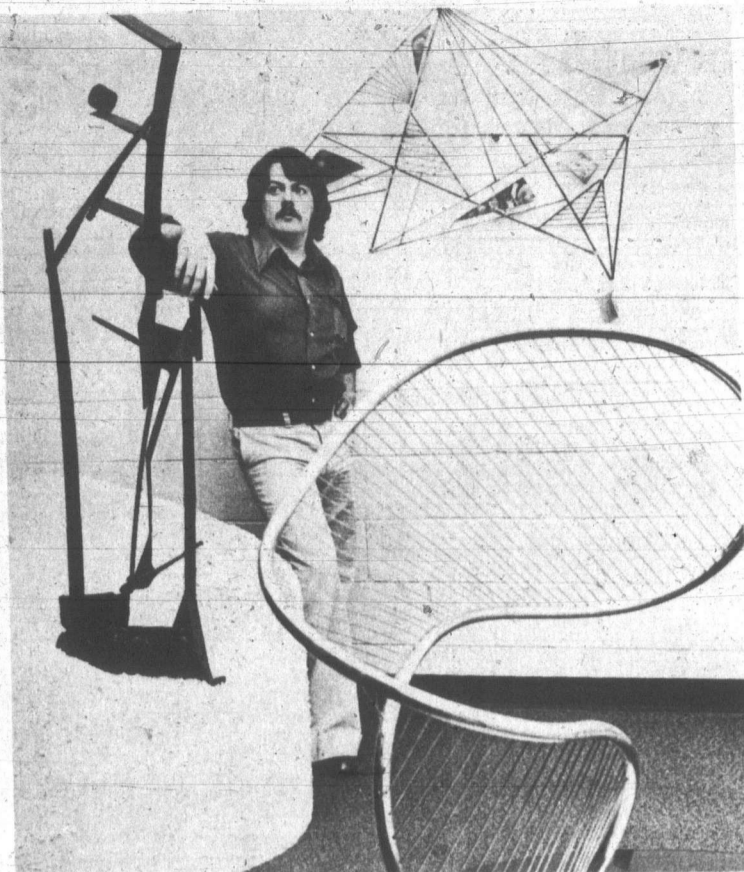
A group of Toronto artists have opened what they call a "metal art gallery" on Dixie Road in Mississauga. Wrought and Art, in the Aerowood Industrial Mall, is selling everything from wrought iron wine racks, sculpture, room dividers and wall hangings to oil paintings and "artistic furnishings" such as coffee tables.

Allan Heaps, one of the Rexdale artists who began the venture says the store carries everything from \$15

ceramics to \$700 metal sculptures. The gallery-store is an outlet for professional artists working in wrought iron, copper, brass and even stainless steel. Heaps says the gallery is the only place in Toronto where artists can display on consignment. "Most galleries can mess you around pretty good," he says. "You have to wait for your money and you walk in one day and find them

having coffee on your \$700 coffee table." Heaps still considers himself an artist despite the venture into sales. "I haven't a clue how to sell," he claims. The gallery will appeal to people who want original and unique furnishings and art in their home, the owners believe. The artists hope to interest interior decorators in their work and may be able to

lease some of their work to office firms. A self-taught artist who began working with wrought iron when he made a table for a friend, Heaps says Wrought and Art prices are comparable to those of most commercial outlets. The owners say they have no idea how successful Wrought and Art will be. "It's not really a gamble," Heaps says. "We have only invested a small amount of capital."



Allan Heaps, above, and several artist friends who work with metal have opened a gallery named Wrought and Art at 5200 Dixie Rd. (Times photo by Ron Pozzer).

## Council stiffens defence against developers' suit

Mississauga councillors have voted to continue the town's defence against a mandamus suit by two developers seeking to build stacked townhouses in Malton.

With Mayor Chic Murray opposed and Councillor Harold Kennedy abstaining, councillors authorized lawyer Edgar Sexton to continue to battle Lornal Construction and Solmor Builders in an appeal before the Ontario Court of Appeals.

The two builders failed last week in a bid before the Ontario Supreme Court to obtain a mandamus forcing the town to issue permits.

Council and planning staff oppose the projects because they believe the stacked townhouses will generate perhaps three times as many school-aged children as normal apartment projects.

Lornal proposes to build on a 1.5-acre site on the northeast corner of Goreway and Morning Star drives. Solmor wants to build on 10.5 acres at the northwest corner of Etude Drive and Darcel Avenue.

Sexton told councillors the town's mandamus victory was on a technicality. The action was refused, he said, because neither builder is an owner or an owner's agent and therefore is not entitled to obtain a building permit.

Although Sexton told council no new evidence could be presented before the appellate court and that one judge has already made a favourable ruling, Mayor Murray said he has "a feeling that we're going to lose this thing."

Councillors called an emergency morning meeting last week to quickly pass a by-law redefining apartment building zones to exclude stacked townhouses. The purpose was to keep Solmor

and Lornal from filing new applications following their mandamus defeat.

If the ruling is upheld by the appeals court, both builders would have to reapply under the new definition. That would give the town site-plan control over the project.

"The Goreway project was approved by the residents in favour of the alternatives (high-rises) that could be put in," said Malton area Councillor Frank McKechnie.

Councillors agreed it is a matter of principle and instructed Sexton to continue the town's defence before the appellate court.

## Bus signals ignored, safety warning issued

The Mississauga Traffic Safety Council says motorists are disobeying flashing lights on school buses and are endangering children.

Oncoming traffic is required by provincial law to come to a full stop when a school bus flashes its lights while loading or unloading children, unless there is a median strip or barrier between traffic lanes.

Traffic moving in the same direction as the bus must always come to a full stop when the flashing lights are operating.

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## Conservation areas open May 18

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Camping at 126 Terra Cotta sites and 45 Monora sites is \$2.50 per unit per night. Parking fees remain \$1.50 per car.

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## Skinner on the move?

Derek Skinner, one of the originators of the Council of South Mississauga Community Associations and the Peel Association for Good Government (PAGG) may be moving from Mississauga.

Skinner said this week that he has left his engineering position at Acres Ltd. and cut his ties with PAGG, of which he was a director.

As a result he said he would have to drop any consideration of running for Mississauga council this December.

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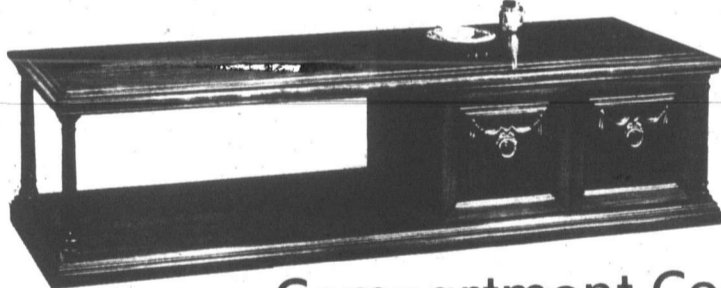
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