

Cats' committee honours Lang



On August 26, former Côte St. Luc mayor Bernard Lang, who died in June, was honoured during the city's annual Cats committee benefit concert. According to a press release, the concert was held in his memory as he was "a cat lover and attended meetings of the Cats committee." The concert was entitled "The Music We Love: Best of the Classics – the Cat's Meow." It was the third benefit concert the Musicians of the World Orchestra has performed for the Cats committee. From left: Councillor Sam Goldbloom; Mayor Anthony Housefather; Dylan Lang, Bernard Lang's grandson; his wife, Miriam Lang; son David Lang and Councillor Mike Cohen.

Photo: Isaac Olson

Maison Fleuries Garden Beautification Contest to include all properties

By ISAAC OLSON

The Maison Fleuries Garden Beautification Contest has been an annual tradition for years, but, unlike years past where participants had to apply to compete, this time around every property is being judged.

"We've simplified the process this year by automatically entering all gardens into the contest," states the city's website. "You no longer need to register."

The judges have been out touring the city's gardens throughout the month of August, according to David Taveroff, director of Parks and Recreation. He said each political district will have a first-, second- and third-place winner for single-family dwellings. Plus, he said, there are other categories such as religious institutions, seniors' residences, public buildings, apartments/condos, townhouses and duplexes.

"There's more of an opportunity to earn prizes because you don't necessarily have to be registered to compete," said Councillor Mike Cohen, who is co-chairing the

contest and award ceremony. "The judges are experienced. Most of them have been doing it for a number of years."

Cohen said the judges would already be going up and down the streets to check out participating gardens, but this way eliminates the cost of postage and the time spent on applying.

He said the award ceremony, complete with professional photographs of the winning gardens, is held in the fall and the event has always served as a nice transition into the winter.

"It's amazing how hard people work to produce beautiful gardens, which are beautiful for all of Côte St. Luc," said Cohen. "People really take great care in this."



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passenger car seat and turn them into paintings, blur and all."

She has landscapes full of earthy colours depicting scenes *en route* to Lachute and Ottawa. Lone highways take on a surreal aspect where a slight blur conveys movement. Nothing misses her eye or her camera. Jackie Rae has come down to earth, because she started by doing clouds and eventually worked her way "down to the ground," as she puts it.

She has recreated the most famous parts of the Vatican ceiling – not for a religious exhibition, but for a now defunct bar on Crescent St., aptly called The Vatican. Her drawings and paintings of dogs, horses, people, house facades – all private commissions – can be as small as 8 x 10 inches or as large as 4 x 4 feet, and not one of them suffers from a straight static replication.

One of her paintings of the *Mona Lisa* was commissioned by a dentist to be used for his storefront sign. But her *Mona Lisa* is smiling showing a brand new set of porcelain teeth. It's hilarious.

On a more serious note, she revealed some recent good news: "One of my ROM staircase paintings was purchased by the Rossy Foundation in Montreal for the Colart Collection. It was submitted among 500 artists' entries, and 25 were selected. I was one of them!" (<http://colartcollection.com>).

She's come a long way since those university days. "I like to make the usual unusual; this creates an element of surprise – the image is slightly distorted but it comes from reality. I believe there is more to what we see than can be seen at first glance. The more we look, the more we can see."

Her work can be seen in The Campbell Picture Framing Gallery at 4916 Sherbrooke St. West. Fortunately, lots of her work has been turned into greeting cards, sold at Cartes Etc She accepts commissions. Her email is: jackirae@colba.net.

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Library to host play-reading performance

The Côte St. Luc library will be hosting an English-language play reading of *The Eddie Cantor Vaudeville Show* on October 7 (7 pm to 8 pm). Tickets are on sale now for \$5.

Cantor, who lived from 1892 to 1964, was an active actor, comedian, dancer, singer and songwriter from about 1907 to 1962. Cantor was on Broadway, radio and television while appearing in a long list of movies.

The play, written and directed by Aviva Ravel, is a mash-up of jokes, skits and renditions of the "songs of yesteryear," according to the library's website.

Canadian Open Dance Sport Championships return to CSL

On September 27, top-level dancers from around the world will be competing in the Côte St. Luc gym located at 7500 Mackle Rd.

Hosted by Danse Sport Québec, this will be the third edition of the Canadian Open Dance Sport Championships. It will include international standard and Latin dancing for adults as well as for seniors, under-21 and more. There will also be a junior and youth competition.

Dancers dress up in their very best dancewear for the event. The competition runs all day and into the evening.

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