

Great Village Students Receive Awards from Legion

Lika Spencer and Josie Eagles were totally surprised when Logan Spencer and fellow Royal Canadian Legion member, Diane, Great Village branch showed up at Great Village Elementary towards the end of March. The Legion

representatives had one duty in mind. Meet with the school's grade 3 / 4 class and honour Lika Spencer, grade 3, and Josie Eagles, grade 4 for their winning Remembrance Day posters.

Josie was awarded first

place in the junior division, and Lika was awarded second place in the primary division in contests sponsored by the Great Village branch. Winning posters had been forwarded and entered into a province wide contest. Lika also won first place, on the provincial level!



Great Village Elementary students Lika Spencer, grade 3, and Josie Eagles, grade 4, proudly show off their award winning posters, which resulted in a surprise presentation from Great Village Legion representatives. (Contributed)



Great Village Elementary student Lika Spencer, grade 3, award winning poster. (Contributed)



Great Village Elementary student Josie Eagles, grade 4, award winning poster. (Contributed)



Logan Spencer, Great Village Legion representative presents Lika Spencer, Grade 3 a certificate for her second place finish in Great Village Legion, Remembrance Day poster contest. Lika's poster was subsequently entered into a province wide contest for which she won first place. (Contributed)



Josie Eagles, GV Elementary Grade 4 student, receives an award from the Great Village Legion representative Logan Spencer, for her first place Remembrance Day Poster in the junior division. (Contributed)



The PAINT CORNER by Richard Crawley

Are you thinking about painting a concrete floor? Here are a few tips to remember.

A good start is to cut out a 12" by 12" piece of clear polyurethane, 1-3ml, duct tape it to the concrete on all sides. Leave it for 24 hours and then examine it for excessive moisture in the concrete.

If the concrete under the plastic has darkened or if there's excessive moisture on the plastic then it's not an easy floor to apply a coating. It's better to know before than after the fact. There are solutions, and I highly recommend seeking out the advice from a professional before continuing.

If the floor passes the moisture test, then you can clean it with a degreaser. If the floor was previously painted and there was any peeling of paint, use a mesh sanding sheet to sand the bare areas and feather out the edges of the paint before applying the new coating. On basement floors a good single component epoxy or urethane will hold up very well.

If you're looking at coating a garage floor, especially where vehicles will be parked over many years. I recommend a two-part epoxy. There are many types of epoxies on the market. But if this is a job that you want to tackle by yourself, use a solvent based epoxy that is user friendly.

These epoxies are as easy to apply as paint but are so much stronger and longer lasting than a floor paint. These epoxies are around 70% solids. With a two-part epoxy, there are two components, one part is a hardener, and the other part is the epoxy. Once you mix the two parts together there is a window of roughly 4 hours to apply the product before it starts to set up and eventually get as hard as concrete.

If the floor has in-floor heat, turn it off as heat can affect the look of the coating and this will also speed up the time that you have to apply. If this is a newly poured con-

crete floor, wait at least 30-45 days and allow the concrete to cure before applying any coating. Again, a good first step is to tape down the clear plastic and check on how much moisture is in the concrete. If everything is OK with the moisture then you can start to degrease the floor.

When you're finished and if its a polished floor, it should be roughed up, which will enable the coating to grab a hold of a rougher surface. You can do that by either using a machine, a mild etching solution or just good ole mesh sandpaper, 60-80 grit.

If you decide to apply a two-part epoxy by yourself, purchase a couple 1L measuring cups so you can mix the smaller amounts to use for cutting in the floor and any other surfaces that a roller just can't reach. If you are unable to use a solvent based epoxy, there are water-based and water-

Garage and Basement Floors

borne two-part epoxies that perform well with salt, ice, snow, and hot tire pickup.

Remember to shop local as it always benefits your friends, neighbours and community. Have a wonderful spring, and next time we will discuss painting cupboards.

Until then, take care,
Richard



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