

July 8, 2004

**Ste. Anne's Spa Honours Master Craftsman
Antonio Depinto in Special Ceremony this
Sunday, July 11, 2004 at 2 p.m.**

GRAFTON, Ontario – In a special ceremony this Sunday afternoon, Ste. Anne's Spa will commemorate the tireless efforts and professional talents of Antonio DePinto (1948 – 2004), master electrician. Mr. DePinto handled the intricate wiring needs of the spa's new three-story expansion, which opened to guests in December 2003. He vowed he would complete the job despite his long-term battle with cancer, which he achieved just weeks before he died in January.

“Tony was our electrician for many years, and played a lead role figuring out how to transform a historic country farmhouse into a premier spa,” says Jim Corcoran, owner of Ste. Anne's Spa. “In many ways it was Tony who ensured this place ran smoothly for our guests, and we wanted to pay tribute to his incredible commitment and ingenuity. Tony and his wife Marg, son Stefan, and daughter Claudia have also been supporters of our vision and true friends.”

A special dedication ceremony will take place naming the new wing at Ste. Anne's Spa in honour of Mr. DePinto. Father Hood of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grafton will bless the new building before a gathering of fellow tradespeople, suppliers, employees and neighbours who also contributed to the expansion's successful completion.

During the event presentations, Jim Corcoran will also announce the establishment of the new Antonio DePinto Haldimand Hills Bursary. The annual bursary will award \$2000 to a graduating high school student wishing to pursue a trade at a technical school of their choice.

This Sunday, July 11th, would have been Mr. DePinto's 56th birthday.

Located one hour east of Toronto near Grafton, ON, Ste. Anne's Spa is operated by flagship company Haldimand Hills Spas. Haldimand Hills Spas is the largest destination spa operating in Canada, offering the finest wellness experiences in natural healing

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