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Guelph Area

Each summer, the Members of Guelph Area serve as Hostesses of the Mountview Women's Institute Hall at Country Heritage Park in Milton. The ladies set up displays, look after the gardening around the hall, and put on various programs. After stumbling upon an old sock knitting machine in one of the storage attics at the park, the ladies decided to have the machine on display last year. This year, they thought it would be a great idea to hold a demonstration, so they invited Marnie Parkin to a one-day event where visitors to the park could drop into the WI Hall and observe a sock knitting demo. Also at this event was Cynthia Tromblay, who gave a demonstration on weaving. It was a wonderful way to celebrate FWIO's Back 2 Basics theme and to connect with people of all ages!

Mountview Women's Institute Hall represents a 1928 community hall and is meant to depict the history of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. WI Members have been involved with the hall since 1999. For more information on Country Heritage Park, visit www.countryheritagepark.com.



Pictured: Cynthia Tromblay (L) shows a visitor how to weave.

Hay Bay WI

On September 22, 2012, the Members of Hay Bay WI (Kingston Area) hosted a ROSE Session with 25 participants. The morning session included a speaker on "Everything about Tea" – from plant to tea cup! It covered the many varieties of tea, how it grows, how it is harvested, its health benefits and more! The afternoon session was "A Scarf for Any Occasion" and involved all ladies learning how to make a frilly scarf. Shortly after this ROSE Session, one person had made 9 scarves, while a 10 year-old participant had her scarf half completed! The day was wonderful from start to finish, with a lovely lunch provided. It was a ROSE Session filled with fun, chatter and lots of learning!



Pictured: Participants get busy making frilly scarves!

Grand Bend WI

Grand Bend WI (London Area) hosted a ROSE Session on October 25, 2012 at the Lambton County Museum. The rug braiding course was well attended. Instructor, Jean Bennett, had materials ready for the hands-on



Pictured: Shelly Palframan, Barb Kilback (coordinator) and Jean Bennett (instructor).

course. Jean offered many ideas and hints and encouraged participants to complete their projects. Many sources of wool and rug braiding tools were noted.

