
getting new members



"...The members are friendly and helpful. I feel that we have a good network..."

Cathy Morris

profile," said Mrs. Morris. The branch advertises its upcoming programs and always invites members of the community to its meetings. As well, when new people move to the area, they are asked to come out to meetings.

Interesting programs are another drawing card for new members, according to Mrs. Morris. The branch has an annual banquet for members and spouses, holds cooking demonstrations, hears from special speakers and discusses local matters of interest to everyone, said Mrs. Morris.

STAMFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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"Many of the other women's organizations do a lot of good community work, but they don't have programs with a guest speaker or a slide presentation, for instance," Mrs. Mewburn said. Courses provided by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food are also a drawing card, added Mrs. Mewburn.

Stamford uses the media to promote their upcoming activities and like several of the other branches mentioned here, encourages members to bring visitors.



Springtime is here...

The creeks are overflowing
With last winter's melted snow,
The maple sap is pouring
Into buckets, row on row.

The crocus and the daffodil
With color fill the air,
The children's kites are blowing,
Saying, "Blow me if you dare".

And mothers, with their cloth and broom
House cleaning every nook,
And fathers, with their fishing gear
Are fishing every brook.

The buds are trying hard to peep,
On every branch and bush,
They're whispering, "It must be
spring,
It's time I gave a push".

And everywhere, the birds on flight,
To gather straw and string,
To make their nest a cozy home,
They know that it is spring.
Miss Spring is very glad indeed
To see no ice and snow,

She knows the sun and rain and breeze
Will make her children grow.

**Dorothy H. Dobbie
London**

Quilt show and contest

York Heritage Quilters Guild will host a major exhibition of contemporary and traditional quilts by guild members and other artists from across Canada, Oct. 8 to 11 at the Civic Garden Centre, Edwards Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave., East, Don Mills. The show will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Also, the guild in-

vites all Ontario quiltmakers to participate in a quilt block contest. The theme for the contest is Thanksgiving — Things We Are Thankful For. If you would like more information on the contest, please contact Bette Procnier, 40 Highcourt Cres., Scarborough, M1H 2L8.