

# What's Happening . . .



The FWIO London Area Maryn Pardy Scholarship was awarded to Theresa Knox of Blyth who has contributed a great deal to the 4-H program in Huron County. Presenting the award was Lois Elliott, Provincial Board Director.



Many ideas are exchanged when WI members from different countries get together. Last fall Brenda Gough (left) from Sussex, England, visited with Hilde Morden (centre), FWIO Program Co-ordinator, and Geraldine Campbell (right), FWIO Public Relations Officer. Hilde had previously enjoyed Brenda's Bed and Breakfast hospitality while in England.



Ruth Aberle, President of the Winterbourne WI, and her granddaughter Jill take tin cans to their local recycling bins - and help save the environment for future generations.

## Norfolk South and North WI

Each October, members from these two districts join together and hold a Fall Rally. Each Branch donated proceeds to the local Women's Shelter. And in November, about 60 members attended a joint Christmas craft workshop.

## West End WI

Last fall, six members representing Women's Institute branches from the Huntingdon-Chateauguy area of Quebec and district WI branches gathered at Barrie Hill United Church to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the West End WI. Church members served tea to the 99 in attendance. The following day, West End members treated their Quebec visitors to a bus trip to the Erland Lee and Adelaide Hoodless Homestead Museums. A supper and singsong concluded the two-day event.

## Elgin West District WI

A variety of projects kept members of this district busy last fall.

Many of the Branches and individual members contributed a great deal of time and money in

support of the Southwold Tornado Relief Fund; meals were prepared and a sum of \$30,500 was donated to help the victims. And to help raise funds for cancer patients, a Tea was held by District members at the Iona Station Branch. Other events included hosting a workshop on "Landscaping Your Home" and assisting in Christmas programs at the local pioneer museum.

## Gowanstown WI

Gowanstown Branch members are proud of their Program Director, Vieta Karges, who was a recipient of the Norman Stirling Award for Wallace Township's Citizen of the Year. She shared this honor with her husband Mervyn. Both are lifelong residents of the township.

## Peel County WI

The Peel County Women's Institute Scholarship was awarded to Cheryl Ferguson from the Mayfield area. Kevin Martin from the Alton area was granted the Bursary. Cheryl is studying science and nutrition at the University of Guelph and Kevin is taking mechanical sciences at Georgian College.



Marjorie Durnford, Tweedsmuir Curator of the West End Branch WI, reviewed their 75 years of history with visiting Women's Institute members from Quebec. Pictured left to right are: Alyse Leslie, Quebec WI member; Esther Cavanaugh, Dewittville Branch member and WI President of Huntingdon-Chateauguy Counties, Quebec; Marjorie Durnford, Tweedsmuir Curator, West End WI, Ontario; and, Liz McNaughton, Quebec WI member.