

# What's Happening . . .

## Selwyn WI

A flowering crab apple tree was planted in Selwyn Park by members of this Branch earlier this year. In addition, Selwyn WI donated money to the Parks and Recreation Department of Smith Township for the purchase of four picnic tables for the park.

## Nassagaweya WI

This Branch sponsored HOMEFEST 1991 in early November at the Nassagaweya Community Centre. The event is held in support of local artisans and has earned the reputation as "a day of good food, great fun, excellent bargains and quality craftsmanship." Each year, more and more visitors are drawn to Homefest, and from as far away as Toronto and London.

## Kent Centre WI

Members of this Branch toured Frank and Theresa Vercouteren's Pioneer Village and Aviary near Blenheim, Ontario. The aviary featured a number of exotic birds, including Chinese geese, whooping swans and Indian runner ducks.

## Elgin West WI

A workshop held at the Shedden Fire Hall renewed the enthusiasm of several Tweedsmuir History Curators from the Elgin West Women's Institutes to record their local history. District Curators Edith Auckland of Paynes Mills WI and Yvonne McCallum of Cowal WI were the Convenors. It was agreed that a similar workshop would be held in a year or two.

## Bruce Centre District WI

The proceeds from the 21st Annual Craft and Hobby Fair in Southampton, sponsored by the Branches in this District, were distributed to a variety of causes: Women Feed the World Coupon #180; Pennies for Friendship; an electric hospital bed for the Saugeen Memorial Hospital; the FWIO 100th anniversary celebrations; the Red Cross Homemakers; the Bruce County Museum; and, the Branch and District funds.

## Picnic Grove WI

The Picnic Grove Women's Institute volunteered many hours serving Sunday afternoon tea at the Nor'Wester Loyalist Museum in Williamstown. Members of this Branch also assisted with a Loyalist Workshop held at the Museum. The theme of the workshop - "Boys and Girls Come Out to Play" - coincided with a popular exhibit entitled "Toys and Dolls."

## Arkell WI

Andy Schuyler of Guelph, Ontario, won first prize at the national level in the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada Past President's Essay Competition. The Arkell Women's Institute presented Andy with a \$75 cheque for his winning entry on "What Society Should be Doing to Preserve the Environment."

## Kirkton WI

Earlier this year, two Kirkton WI members - Dorothy Switzer and Ruth Shier - were presented their 50 and 60 year pins, respectively, at the Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre.

## Ponsonby WI

Residents of Eden House Home in Eden Mills were treated to a social afternoon, courtesy of the Ponsonby Women's Institute. The "Singing Seniors" from the Elora and Fergus area entertained the residents, who were later served dessert and presented with carnations.

## Fenelon Falls WI

The Fenelon Falls Branch of the Women's Institute donated a Harlequin maple tree to the Immanuel Baptist Church in their community. As part of the organization's 1991 tree planting theme, some of the Branch's twenty-five members also planted trees on their own properties.

## Adolphustown WI

A crimson red maple tree was planted at the Dorland Ball Park as a living monument to this WI Branch. President Eileen Lord presented the tree to the Reeve of the Township, who accepted it on behalf of the Recreation Committee.



*The first two Tweedsmuir History Books compiled by the Nestleton Women's Institute were recently microfilmed and donated to the Scugog Shores Historical Museum. Pictured above is Rika Wygerde (left), President, and Gwen Malcolm (centre), Curator of the Nestleton Branch, presenting the microfilms to Gail Sheridan (right), Curator of the Scugog Museum. (Photo courtesy of the Scugog Citizen.)*