

# back **2** basics

FWIO recently kicked off its new two-year integrated theme, BACK 2 BASICS! Don't forget to share how your WI is taking part by sending stories and photos to the FWIO Provincial Office. Look who got a head start!



ABOVE: Participants get busy peeling apples!

in the evening) was filled to capacity with 12 participants at each. Ages ranged from 8 to over 80, with one husband also in attendance. Three quarters of the participants were non-members.

The ROSE Sessions were appropriately held at the Ameliasburg Historical Museum, which has a pioneer village. The curator, Janice Hubbs, shared with participants the history of apple butter making and the various ways to do it, including using a slow cooker, or the oven. She had everyone peeling and chopping the apples and then putting the finished product into sterilized jars. All participants left their ROSE Session with their own jar of apple butter and different recipes so they could try making them at home!

## Prince Edward District

In keeping with the new "BACK 2 BASICS" theme, Prince Edward District Women's Institute (Trent Valley Area) held three ROSE Sessions, in which they learned "How to Make Apple Butter". Each two-hour ROSE Session (one in the morning, one in the afternoon and one



## Home and Country and Provincial Tweedsmuir Digitized

This past June, we had some excitement in the FWIO Provincial Office! Ruthann LaBlance, Manager of Digitization from the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS), spent some time digitizing the Provincial Tweedsmuir History Books as well as all of the *Home & Country* newsletters – dating back to 1933! Ruthann brought along all of her equipment and explained that to digitize, she essentially must take a photograph of each page. Certainly you can imagine what a long process this is! It involves lots of standing and strain on the arms. Ruthann is the only person in her department, so she is responsible for all of the digitizing and the editing that comes afterwards. For every hour of digitizing, there is approximately 3 hours worth of editing. This involves going through each page to ensure there are no items that should be kept private. It was wonderful having Ruthann in the office and seeing FWIO's history being preserved for future generations. For more information on the digitizing project, please read Irene Robillard's report on page 12.



ABOVE: Sandra MacDonald demonstrates how to make pastry.

## Bervie WI

Bervie WI (Grey-Bruce Area) hosted a "Pie-Making 101" ROSE Session at their Institute Hall in Bervie. Three WI Members made pie pastry and filled 2 pies for the 8 ladies and 1 gentleman in attendance. Everyone got a chance to roll out pastry and take their pie shell home. An information booklet on pastry and some recipes were handed out. Discussion and pastry tips followed with good participation from younger (and older) participants. Everyone enjoyed pie and tea!