



DOWN THE *Garden Path*



Penage Road WI

Painting “en plein air” has been added to the accomplishments of a significant number of Members of the Penage Road WI (North Central Area). On a beautiful June day, the ladies arrived in Killarney, Ontario at the studio of artist Pierre A.J. Sabourin (Red Rock Sunset Studio) and began an enjoyable and enlightening three hours of painting and instruction in painting in the outdoors. The scene overlooked Killarney Bay, which more than one of the Group of Seven also painted! Each Member produced a painting and the teacher/artist was able to find positive aspects in everyone’s work! While some ladies muttered about not being related to Grandma Moses, others obviously have some real talent. After such intense artistic endeavour, the group refueled with the world famous fish and chips from Herbert’s Fishery on the docks in Killarney. They ambled about the town not wanting to leave but did finally head home with talk of going for painting lesson #2 next year.



Pictured: What a scene! The Members of Penage Road WI stand in front of the beautiful view which they captured in their paintings.

Walsingham WI

Walsingham WI (Hamilton Area) held a ROSE Session on June 4, 2013 at the Walsingham Community Hall with over 50 guests attending from the local community. Convener for this second annual luncheon meeting was Sharon Beausart. Attending the luncheon were Marie Dickens, President of Norfolk District WI, Branch Members from St. Williams WI, Mayor of Norfolk County Dennis Travale, his wife Barb, and Councillors Betty Chanyi and Peter Black. Guest speaker was Paul Smith who spoke on the local history of the War of 1812 - 1814 and the connection to Norfolk County. It was a very interesting and educational program. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch, friendship, laughter and fun. Sharon asked that everyone bring an item for the food bank and received a great response.



Pictured: Members hold British flags that were sent from England by a Member’s sister for this special meeting. Back row (L-R): Frances Millen, Margaret Wheeler, Pat Salembier, Diane Salter, Mary Wiebe, Jeanne Robillard and Sharon Beausart. Front Row: Frances Evans, Jan Butts, Doreen Dedrick and Pauline Rockefeller.

Nobleton WI

On April 18, 2013, approximately 50 guests attended a presentation sponsored by the Nobleton WI (Central Area). The guest speaker was Kristine Soufian who has volunteered for the past 5 summers teaching ESL in Ethiopia. By teaching ESL to Ethiopian children, she offers them hope for a better tomorrow through education.



Kristine’s topic was entitled “Something Good in Every Day.” She shared her philosophy that “Every day may not be good but there is something good in every day.” The audience left the presentation knowing that we do not necessarily have to travel halfway around the world to do “something good in every day.” “Something good” can be as simple as a smile or nod to a stranger passing by or lending a helping hand to someone in need.

Pictured in the back row (L-R): Rosa Valentini, Kathy Ball, Bernice Tasca, Elizabeth Douglas, Gloria Jansons and Claire Mills. Front row: Franca Gaio-Mazzolin, Kristine Soufian and Robin Pereira.

