



Pine Grove WI & West Shore WI

A ROSE Bloomed! Twenty-two women attended a ROSE Session hosted by the Pine Grove and West Shore Women's Institutes (Simcoe East District, Simcoe Area) on April 23, at St. Athanasius Church in Orillia.

An "Introduction to WI" was presented by FWIO Board Director, Alana Robinson. Alana described the Branch, District, Area and Provincial levels of the Women's Institute.

Glenys Hepinstall, a fifty plus year WI Member, spoke of the friendships she has made through WI and the many accomplishments she is proud of, such as – the unveiling of the Women's Institute Tartan, establishing the Foster/Brown Bursary at local high schools and the "Pitch-In" program carried out by WI Members in their communities.

Guest speaker, Dorothy Duncan, Author and Food Historian talked about the history of food and the incredible contributions found in the WI publications. Dorothy brought some examples of food prepared from the WI cookbooks. Samples of bannock, breads, Nanaimo bars and maple syrup tarts were passed around the tables and tasted by the guests. The food samples were delicious! Names of book buyers were placed in a basket. Alana Robinson was the lucky winner of a basket of items that Adelaide Hoodless, co-founder of the Women's Institute, would have loved to receive.

Jeanne Wallace received a plant from Marion Wilson in appreciation of her beautiful display of quilts she had

made from handkerchiefs. Door Prize Winners were Gloria Johnson, Helen Perrault, Ruth McDonald, Marilyn Graves, Jackie Gumbrell and Jeannette Barlow.

The Branch would like to thank the many donors who helped make this ROSE Session a success.

Woodland Springs WI

Each April, Woodland Springs WI (Grey County District, Grey-Bruce Area) participates at the Egremont Maplefest that is held in Love's Sugar Bush in Holstein.

The Branch has a building called the Biscuit Hut with a wood cook stove in which Members bake their tea biscuits and serve them warm to the public, along with their homemade Dandelion Jelly. It is always a "hit" and the jelly is sold at the Craft Sale area of the Maplefest to offset Branch expenses.

In early May, Premier Kathleen Wynne made a visit to Mount Forest and toured Love's Sugar Bush in Holstein. The Branch provided 18 dozen tea biscuits for the visit. The Members were pleased to be involved in this activity and had a photo with Premier Wynne.

Pictured: Premier Kathleen Wynne (standing) and Woodland Springs WI President, Shirley Love (seated) at the Coffee Culture Shop.




BOWEN ROAD WI

Bowen Road WI Members got crafty at a recent card-making ROSE Session!

