

TWEEDSMUIR UPDATE By Tweedsmuir Coordinator, Christine Reaburn

A special thank you to the 22 District Tweedsmuir Coordinators, one Branch Tweedsmuir Coordinator (who sent her report to me as her District Coordinator was not well), and one Area Coordinator. The statistics will be shared with Irene Robillard, Digitizing Coordinator.

I really enjoyed reading the written reports which accompanied the statistics. From having a "work bee" to categorize items to be placed in volume(s), to Tweedsmuir Teas, attendance at various community activities and the workshops held to share and gather information from one another - what an interesting year Branches and Districts spent!

By far, however, is the time and devotion of the Coordinators as they continually update and add to the volumes, recording the ever changing history around their communities.

A number of Roll Calls were shared:

- Early memories of your local town
- A good picture is worth a thousand words - bring an old Family photo and tell its story
- Something I would like the public to know about WI
- An interesting story of one of your ancestors
- Tell the year your family immigrated to Canada and where they settled
- Something learned from Mother or Grandmother

Some programs presented were:

- A Collection of Aprons
- 200th Anniversary of Sir John A. Macdonald
- British Home Children
- Creemore and her neighbours the Petun Indians and a visit by Samuel de Champlain in 1616.

And, one Motto:

- "The quickest way to find a lost item is to buy another just like it" - how true.

Finally, a salute from one of the District Coordinators, "May all curators at Branch level be rewarded in years to come for their effort and work they are putting forth in producing such great records of their local communities through their Tweedsmuir Histories. REMEMBER: The past weaves a web of memories to treasure."

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Again, my thanks for all the work you do and for sharing your reports with me.

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UPDATE

By Canada 150 Chair, Irene Robillard

Real Life Stories – This summer we applied for a grant to help publish our stories through the Canada 150 fund. We should know by mid-2016. Because of this we have been slow to start reviewing your submissions. Hopefully this will start by the end of September.

Our Canada, Our Stories – Don't forget that you can submit stories to this Canada-wide project at www.Canada150.com.

Human-Animal Bond Stories – A reminder that the Canadian Foundation for Animal Assisted Support Services is also collecting stories that will be part of Our Canada, Our Stories. If you have a human-animal bond story you want to share, please go to their website.