

back 2 basics



Russell Village WI

In the 75th Anniversary year of Russell Village WI (Eastern Area), the Branch decided to replicate some of the "ole-time" meetings which they discovered in their vintage Minute Books. They undertook a meeting to re-introduce the Art of Tea Biscuit Making and nothing goes better with tea biscuits than tea so they gave a talk on it as well! Several varieties of tea biscuits were made: fresh fruit, savoury garlic, cheese and chives, and a traditional plain, all to be served with fresh butter and homemade jellies. Each was made by a different method: food processor drop biscuits, traditional rolled out and cut, and rolled out and cut but from a packaged mix. As the tea was steeping and biscuits were baking, the ladies discussed the history of tea and the various categories they break down to: Black, Green, Oolong, White and Herbal. The aroma of the fresh tea and cooking biscuits even brought the fellows in to check out the meeting. It was a wonderfully simple and fun evening!

Pictured (L-R): Jean Williams and Ina Henry led the Ole Fashioned Art of Tea Biscuit Making and Tea Convenorship and stand with their goods, which included cranberry drop tea biscuits; garlic, cheese and chive rolled tea biscuits; plain rolled tea biscuits; and chai tea, decaffeinated orange pekoe tea, and apple-cinnamon herbal tea.



North Grey WI

Approximately 100 people attended a ROSE Session presented by North Grey WI (Grey-Bruce Area) on October 27, 2012 at the Christian Reformed Church Fellowship Hall in Owen

Sound. Wendy Tomlinson, who conducts her business, "The Dressing Room" in Owen Sound, has developed several subjects relating to fashion history and joined the Branch on this day. After morning coffee and cookies, Wendy presented her topic, "Underneath it All: A History of Undergarments". She spoke on and displayed several antique garments, followed by Members presenting a comical skit relating to undergarments. Vocalist, Jackie Ralph, provided entertainment throughout the program with several musical selections.

Following a delicious lunch of turkey a la king served on a tea biscuit, green salad and cheesecake for dessert, the afternoon speaker Linda DeBoer, decorator, demonstrated and instructed how to make fall and Christmas decorations for your home. Several door prizes were awarded during the program. An interesting and informative day was enjoyed by all!



Zion Line WI

The Members of Zion Line WI (Eastern Area) recently organized a ROSE Session where women could learn how to tile. The workshop was held on a Saturday morning at Home Depot, with approximately 10 participants in attendance.

The workshop leader, a Home Depot employee, offered many useful tips including how to save on costs but still obtain good quality. Gift certificates were handed out to everyone for the flooring department, and a draw took place for a book on home renovations and repairs. It was an interesting, humorous and worthwhile morning!

Algoma Centre District

Algoma Center District WI (North Central Area) met at the Prince Township Hall on November 22, 2012 to learn how to make a frilly scarf. Sarah Fabbro demonstrated the technique for approximately ten Members who each brought a ball of Sashay yarn and knitting needles. She helped anyone who required assistance. It was a fun, educational morning for all, followed by a delicious lunch!

Also in Algoma Centre District, **Prince WI** has been busy holding several Back 2 Basics ROSE Sessions. Among the topics: Beginners Quilting – the Basics, Making Pie Crust, Knitting (European and North American Methods), Pickling Beets, and Making Jam Using Jello, Rhubarb and Crushed Pineapple. Way to go Prince WI!

