

HEADQUARTERS FUND UPDATE


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**“Nothing is impossible;
the word itself says
‘I’m possible!’”**

~ Audrey Hepburn



Museum Performance Explores Lives of WI Members

“I was born...” was presented by Peggy Coffey on January 27, 2013 at the Stratford Perth Museum. The one-woman show used masks and storytelling to explore the lives of the women of rural Ontario. The readings were based on the stories of Members of the Women’s Institute, which were collected and published by FWIO in a book called *From This Place*. The masks were fashioned by Heather Ruthig, a prop and mask maker for the Stratford Festival.

This event was sold out and was greatly enjoyed by all. Eleanor Williams, Southern Regional Board Director, was in attendance and extended congratulations on behalf of FWIO. The museum scheduled additional dates for this interesting presentation in the month of May.



Pictured (L-R): Eleanor Williams, Heather Ruthig and Peggy Coffey.



South Lobo WI Hold Tweedsmuir Open House

South Lobo WI (London Area) recently held a Tweedsmuir Day Open House to display their Tweedsmuir History Books and to honour Eleanor Babinsky (holding roses), who has been a Member since 1956 and Tweedsmuir Curator from 1981 to 2012. Along with the dozen roses, Eleanor was presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for exceptional recording of Community and Women's Institute History. Present residents and former residents of the community attended the Open House.

Pictured (L-R): Christa Clement, Vivian Ireland, Muriel Scott, Marg Harris, Eleanor Babinsky, Glenna Ladell, Marjorie Sharpe, Gerda Veel, Dorothy Fletcher, Rie Van Steeg, Colleen Tuckwood and Margaret Cormier.

Branches from Northumberland East District Participate in History Weekend

This past February, York Road, Community and Codrington WI’s (Trent Valley Area) participated in Brighton’s History Weekend. It was all about sharing information and history from the Brighton area. WI Branches were given tables and space to show their history and what WI is all about. They used pictures and displays and the 3 Branches put together a tea for the visitors on both afternoons. They made sandwiches, cookies and squares and took turns serving tea after visitors had a look at the displays or listened to the speakers. A representative was at each display and explained what each Branch does individually. Approximately 2,000 people attended the event.

Pictured: Shirley Young stands in front of York Road WI's display.

