DOWN THE Garden Path

Wabash WI

Wabash WI (Southwestern Area) held an "Arts & Crafts Demonstration" as one of their ROSE Sessions this year. Five local artisans demonstrated the ideas, techniques and working knowledge of their individual art or craft. Ruby Williams presented "The Anatomy of a Painting", taking participants from the idea of a painting through all the tools, supplies and stages of producing a piece of artwork. Kay Hooyer presented an array of paintings, paper mache, collage, stone sculptures and an impressive assortment of tiny boxes made from recycling her favourite greeting cards. Shirley Phillips demonstrated the techniques behind hand quilting and applique. Another presentation was on "The Art of Felt". The presenter, Ann, took fine strips of raw wool and combed them into strands of material. then "jabbed" them into bracelets, ornaments and costume jewellery. Evelyn Howe and friend Lynda Whitson rounded out the program with a dazzling presentation on "The Art of Traditional Rug Hooking". All of the artisans answered questions from an audience of approximately 50 individuals. This program highlighted the talent that is right in the community. A number of visitors expressed an interest in demonstrating a craft or hobby they have. Due to the success of this demonstration, Wabash WI would like to make this an annual event, featuring 5 local artisans each year. There is no fee to demonstrate or attend!



ABOVE: Lynda Whitson and Evelyn Howe presented "The Art of Traditional Rug Hooking".



Kirkton WI

The Members of Kirkton Women's Institute in Perth South District (London Area) held a ROSE Session "Photography Workshop" on September 24, 2011. Anthony Chodas of McKittrick's in London shared with participants, "What your camera can do for you".

ABOVE: Pictured (L-R) are Eleanor Williams, Elaine Stephen, Anthony Chodas and Pauline Crawford.

York Road WI

Members of York Road Women's Institute (Trent Valley Area) participated in the Brighton Applefest on September 23, 2011. The ladies have judged the Apple Pie Baking Contest, as well as apple specialty baking and apple jellies for several years!

RIGHT: Marian, Joyce and Jane get ready to sample some delicious desserts!

