



HEADQUARTERS FUND UPDATE

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“One of the most difficult things to give away is kindness; usually it comes back to you.”

~ Anonymous

Prince Edward District Holds 30th Annual Art & Craft Sale

The Prince Edward District Women's Institute (Trent Valley Area) recently held their 30th Annual Art & Craft Sale at the Picton Fairgrounds in Picton, ON. The 2013 one-day sale attracted over 240 artisans and vendors from all over Ontario and even Quebec, and over 3,500 customers came through the gates.



This very popular Art & Craft Sale began 30 years ago to provide funding for accessible transportation for Prince Edward County. It has been instrumental in raising money for this much needed service in the county and, to date, over \$120,000 has been donated to provide door-to-door busing for seniors and the physically disabled. Two artisans, Jeph Bailey, potter, and Arthur and Peggy Allison, wood crafters, were recognized for having attended the Art & Craft Sale for the 30 years.

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The sale is totally organized by the ladies of the Prince Edward District Women's Institute. There are approximately 10 ladies on the committee but, on sale day, they have the help of nearly all Members in the District. They also work with local organizations such as the Kinsmen, the Curling Club, the Lion's Club etc. to help with the gate, picnic tables and marking of vendors' spots. The sale is held the last Thursday before the Civic Holiday in August. Mark your calendars for this year's sale – Thursday, July 31, 2014!

Rainy River District Women's Institute Museum Renovated



On October 24, 2013, Members of the Women's Institute, together with the public, gathered at the Rainy River District Women's Institute Museum to celebrate the completion of the renovations. Refreshments and cake were served at the Ribbon Cutting ceremony, with an opportunity to tour the museum. The museum, located in Emo, has been working to improve the functionality of and public access to the facility since it was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation in 2012.

The Rainy River District Women's Institute Museum is owned and operated by the Members of the WI Branches of the District (Northwestern Area). Being non-profit, they operate on a minimal budget counting on public support and fundraising projects. Special events include a "Heritage Day Luncheon" in February, spring and fall lunches, July Pie Social, a summer program for school-aged children, and a Christmas Celebration in December. The museum houses a wide variety of artifacts that reveal the history of settlers in the region and is also used as a tourist information centre.

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