

Desbarats WI

The Members of Desbarats WI (North Central Area) were asked to wear green to their March 2013 meeting, which was on the topic of Ireland. Arthena Hecker, FWIO Past President, was the guest speaker and showed everyone the woolen cape she purchased on her visit to Ireland. Arthena also provided a very informative PowerPoint Presentation on her travels. The meeting was enjoyed by all!



Pictured in back (L-R): Shelagh Priest, Ann McHale and Arlene Hunter. Front: Arthena Hecker, Helen Heubner and Marlee Hopkins.

Thunder Bay District

The Members of Thunder Bay District (Northwestern Area) held a ROSE Session on "Creating a Healthy Home Environment". It focused on 5 areas where you can take simple, low-cost actions to protect children and adults from toxic substances commonly found in the home. This topic was the result of an initiative between the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and EcoSuperior. An informative video and handouts were produced through this initiative. Though rain and sleet impacted attendance, 28 individuals still came out and the event received excellent media coverage after a media release was circulated throughout the Thunder Bay area. WI Members Gerd Hamilton and Sharon Corston were even interviewed for the evening news! Way to go Thunder Bay District!



Pictured: Members of Thunder Bay District and the public attended this very informative ROSE Session on November 4, 2013.

Alford & Park Road WI

Members of Alford & Park Road WI (Hamilton Area) planted herb gardens for their annual sale under the direction of Joanne Hanson. The Branch's meetings take place at the Pine Grove and Howell Community Centre.

Pictured (L-R) are Kathy McBlain, Willie Bartels, Ruth Mitchell, Dorothy Wagner, Barbara Kernaghan, Muriel Ferguson, Marjorie Featherston, Lois Foster, Betty Clubine and Doreen Pate.



Silver-Wood WI

Ann Lawlor, manager of the historic Devereaux House in Georgetown, joined Silver-Wood WI (Guelph Area) at their August picnic meeting and judged this year's competition: make a piece of garden art from recycled materials.

"I decided that I would choose the one that best displayed the theme of heritage and friendship. I considered heritage because the garden ornament would be displayed at Devereaux House, and friendship since it is a foundation of the Women's Institute," Ann explained. "Donna Thompson's wind chime, made of old tin measuring spoons, vintage coffee percolator top, and tea ball, conjured images of friends sharing coffee and tea with home baking in a country kitchen. It will look great tinkling under the eaves of Devereaux House."

Pictured: Ann Lawlor (R) holding the winning entry created by Donna Thompson (L).



Philipville WI

The Members of Philipville WI (Kingston Area) hosted a ROSE Session, "All About Tea". Guest speaker, Karen Croxall, educated participants on where tea is grown, the different types of tea, along with the benefits of each type. They were also able to taste many different varieties!



Pictured: Guest speaker, Karen Croxall, had a wide variety of teas for participants to sample!