

(then known as S.S. Public School #9), Union Street WI later became instrumental in petitioning to keep it as a community centre after it closed in the 1960's and faced being torn down.

Celebrations went on all day and a timeline from 1914 to 2014 and artifacts were displayed inside the hall where over 160 people visited. Union Street WI Member, Shirley Deavitt, was in attendance and was also one of the first Members to sit on the board in 1967 after the school was closed. The little hall is busy and Union Street WI Members still meet once a month and also help with many functions.

*Pictured: A display commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Community Centre.*



## Lorneville-Argyle WI

On August 7, 2014, Lorneville-Argyle WI (Victoria West District, Central Area) Members and friends gathered at Dogwood and Brambles, the farm of Penelope Beaudrow, a local herbalist. There were 15 WI Members and 6 guests in attendance. Lorneville-Argyle WI Members were pleased to be joined by Central Area President Hania White, Central Area Past President Joanne Lambert, Regional Board Director Barbara Weese (now FWIO President-Elect), Victoria West District President Gloria Blogett, and Members of North Emily WI.

Upon arrival, participants were served a light lunch that featured herbs from the farm and teas blended by Penelope. Following lunch, the group was led on a walk through a farm meadow to identify some of the herbs and plants growing there and to be instructed in the folklore, culinary and medicinal uses associated with the plants.

It seemed that the group could not learn enough of herb lore and, after the walk through the meadow, toured some of the garden spaces in the lawn. It was a beautiful day – sunny and warm – and everyone went home sated with good food and saturated with new knowledge.

*Pictured: Penelope Beaudrow explains the benefits of milkweed.*



## North Grey WI

On July 25, 2014, 12 Members of North Grey WI (Grey County District, Grey-Bruce Area) and 37 guests boarded a coach headed to the Walters Family Dinner Theatre in Bright, Ontario.



*Pictured: Members and guests await their meal at the Walters Family Dinner Theatre.*

During the trip, Marion Koepke kept everyone entertained with draws for prizes and an educational trivia contest with one side of the bus competing against the other. Much was learned and the contest ended in a tie, with all participants receiving a chocolate bar.

Once at the theatre, there was time to stroll around the beautiful gardens. A delicious roast beef dinner was enjoyed before everyone made their way to their seats to watch the production (direct from Las Vegas and Branson) of *OH WHAT A NIGHT! A Musical Tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons*. Everyone bounced in their seats as the four singers on stage rocked out to many familiar songs.

Following the two-hour show, there was a meet and greet with the entertainers and a chance to have pictures taken. Bradley Walters and his twelve-year-old nephew, Schyler, came on board the coach to thank the group for coming and to wish them a safe trip home. Many have already signed up to do this again in 2015!

## Bethel-Zion WI

On May 14, 2014, Bethel-Zion WI (Hastings District, Trent Valley Area) hosted its first ROSE Session with 29 participants. The topic was gardening with a focus on container gardening. All Branches in the District were invited, as well as friends and neighbours of Bethel-Zion WI. Jennifer Nash from Prosperity Gardens of Corbyville gave an interesting and informative talk on gardening. Jennifer demonstrated planting both a container and a hanging basket. She gave lots of tips along the way. Sandra Johnston donated several door prizes to be won. A delicious lunch was prepared and served by the Branch and it was a very successful ROSE Session, enjoyed by all.

*Pictured: Jennifer Nash generously donated this container as a door prize, which was won by Betty Sills.*

