



Reid's Corners WI

Reid's Corners WI (Bruce County District, Grey-Bruce Area) celebrated their 100th Anniversary in 2013. As part of their celebration, they chose to continue their sharing philosophy through the donation of the Learning Chair installed in the Bruce Botanical Food Gardens' future outdoor Living Wall classroom.

The Institute's most notable initiative is the ROSE Program - Rural Ontario Sharing Education - which works to increase awareness and expand skillsets of Members and community. "The Learning Chair was a perfect fit for their organization", said Lynne Taylor, President of the BBFG. The walls have not yet been built around the space so the chair is openly visible.

Made by Elmer Brubacher in the true reclamation spirit of the Gardens, the chair is built of a potato harvester, tractor wheels, a fly wheel and is edged with horseshoes. The piece of art illustrates the importance of agriculture in the lives of those in the community, wonderful cultural connections, and the importance of sharing experiences. Once the classroom has been built, the space will provide opportunities to share life experiences, wisdom, questions, ideas both old and new, celebrate with others, and showcase regional talents.



Standing: Brenda Ramsdale, Ruby Walden, Alberta Munro, Judy Snobelen, Lucille Fischer, Linda Campbell, Nancy Copeland and Ellen Waye. Front: Barb Messenger. Seated: Evelyn Elliott, Life Member and Joan Wand, Branch President.

Grey County District

Congratulations to Marion Genoe of Rocklyn WI and Fern Vereshack of St. Vincent WI (Grey-Bruce Area) who were presented with the "Agnes MacPhail Award" at the 108th District Rally at the New Life Centre in Owen Sound on August 19, 2014. These awards recognize Marion and Fern's worthy service for Home and Country and for volunteering in many community events.

Pictured (L-R): Marion Genoe and Fern Vereshack.



Bealton WI

In honour of their Branch's 100th Anniversary, celebrated in 2014, the Members of Bealton WI (Norfolk District, Hamilton Area) decided to take up a collection to purchase a wreath for use each year at Remembrance Day services. The Branch was also able to make a sizeable donation to the Poppy Fund. In November, Members attended Remembrance Day services, followed by lunch at the Waterford Legion.

Pictured: Branch President, Marian Austin lays a wreath on behalf of Bealton WI. Photo by E. Newton.



Russell District

Laurie Heymans and Deron Brookes of North Russell WI (Eastern Area) lay a wreath on behalf of Russell District WI at the cenotaph in Russell, Ontario on Remembrance Day 2014.