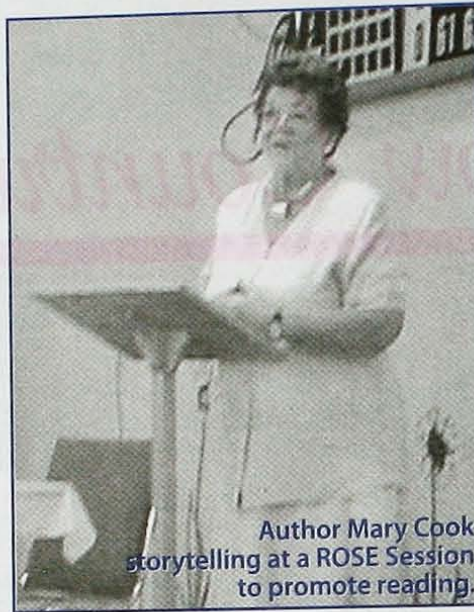




Renfrew County Readers

Inspired by Mary-Joan Hale, librarian at the Greater Madawaska Library and Ontario Government, Calabogie WI hosted their first ROSE Session. Renfrew County Reads is a book club for the entire county to promote reading and discussion by bringing people together around "one great book". Selected for this inaugural program was CBC Broadcaster and Best-selling author Mary Cook. The book is her latest "Another Place at the Table" and is based on her mothers life growing up on a farm in Renfrew County during the 30's.



Author Mary Cook storytelling at a ROSE Session to promote reading.

WI Members decorated the community hall with antiques and quilts and dressed in 30's attire. Approximately 40 people were there to hear Mary talk about her book and life. Mary spent time autographing books for attendees and donations were accepted for the library.

Submitted by Calabogie WI



Guest Speakers included L-R Lori Lee Jones from the Health Unit, Elizabeth Smith from the Health Centre, Martha McSherry from the Health Unit with WI Member Sharon Jarvis.



A Day For You

Over 25 participants attended a "Day for You" hosted by the Temiskaming WI. For a small admission fee of \$15, guests enjoyed several workshops, displays and a delicious lunch. The purpose of this session was to increase the number of people that show at the fair and to give everyone a chance of winning. The response from the audience was extremely positive.

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"Bloom where you are planted" – Agriculture Programming

Why not?

- Plant an organic community garden and encourage children to plant plots of their own
- Encourage apartment dwellers to get involved by planting their own plot to grow salad fixings for their summer enjoyment
- Ask an organic farmer or gardener to speak at your meeting
- Invite a speaker to come and talk about "planter gardening". It is quite an art to chose the right combination of flowers to make those planters bloom all summer. Many vegetables can be grown on balconies and patios.
- Organize a farm tour for local school children – many have never been on a farm and would be thrilled to see calves, pigs, horses and barn cats. Children love to pick bunches of buttercups to bring home for Mom!

Good Idea!

The Alfred Watt Memorial WI held a ROSE Program on Financial Planning recently. **Although just six people attended, the group still feels the effort was worthwhile.** There was information distributed, snacks and refreshments and the small turn out allowed a friendly and informative session. WI Member June Mason writes "Everyone felt they had learned something from the presentation and that having a simple ROSE Program like this was worthwhile. We were discussing future programs and perhaps will get together and combine our efforts. I feel some Branches have been discouraged from having a program as they felt it should be more elaborate and involve a great deal of preparation. We are quite prepared to add a ROSE Program to our agenda for next year. We might put up notices at the Library Bulletin Board and other such places."

