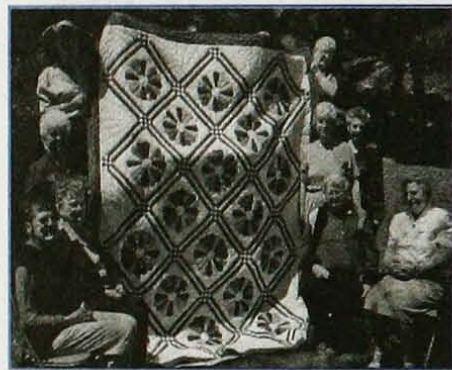


Cross Country Happenings

Good Bears and Good Deeds

Chase, Dallas and Gracin MacMillan, grandchildren of Finch WI Member Sandra MacMillan, donated bears to the "Good Bears of the World Canada" project. Bears collected at the "Quilts, Quills and Bears" show in September were distributed by hospitals, police officers, fire fighters and other emergency personnel to sick, injured and underprivileged children, lonely seniors and victims of accidents and domestic violence. To learn more about this project, visit www.goodbearsoftheworld.ca or call (905) 403-8458.

Submitted by Sandra MacMillan, PRO, Finch WI



St. Vincent WI Members worked hard this past winter to create the beautiful "Dresden Plate Quilt" which was on display at the "Quilts, Quills and Bears" show this fall. Members posed to show off their handiwork. From bottom to top left side – Helen Weaver, Luella Bumstead, Grace Weylie, Peggy McKay. Right Side – Freda Skippen, Ethel Clubine, Meri Dianne Carroll, Sheila Carmichael, Irma Shortt. Absent from the photo are – Isabel Burgess and Shirley Moore.

The Thunder Bay District Women's Institutes held a "Blue Hat Tea" April 30th, 2005 to raise funds for the Cardiac Care Unit at Thunder Bay District Health Science Centre. All Branches in the District took part and a lot of fun was had by all. There was great interaction between the Branches and people who attended. Shown in the picture from left to right are June Feaver, Anita Glavish, Blue Hat Tea Convenor, Sandy Vibert, Thunder Bay District President and Georgie Hari, President and CEO of the Thunder Bay District Health Science Centre Foundation.

Submitted by June Feaver, Thunder Bay District WI



Good Idea!

Good Idea - FWIC Into the North

Learn about the communities FWIC has adopted in Northern Labrador. Host a program about the Inuit and Innu cultures. Learn more by visiting www.nald.ca/fwic.htm

Did You Know?

Gamebridge Women's Institute is the only WI in Ontario District with its own hall? District President Barbara Evans presents Joanne Lambert (Gamebridge WI) with a picture of the Queen at their Ontario District Annual in May 2005.



Submitted by Doreen Brethour, PRO, Gamebridge WI

Did You Know?

According to the 2000 National Survey on Giving, Volunteering and Participating, 28% of Canadians aged 55 - 64 years volunteered.



Four deserving ladies from the Russell Village WI were nominated at the first Russell Township Volunteer Gala this past spring. Diny Achtereekte, Cherry Bekkers, Judi Hubbard and Ina Henry (pictured L-R above) were among 30 volunteers honoured at the gala, attended by over 300 guests, politicians and family members. Jean Williams includes in her letter to Home & Country that "any of our members could have been selected as they are all vibrant and active ladies of our Institute". Job well done ladies!

Submitted by Russell Village WI