

Tweedsmuir History Book Competition

– *A Great Idea for All Districts!*



Does your District or Area have a different initiative to encourage Branches to record their community histories? Just recently as Provincial Curator I read the Branch and District Reports. I did not come across another District who has a competition like we do in Renfrew North.

In the 1950s, Hazel Davis, a former Provincial Board Director, wanted to do something to encourage Branches to keep up their Tweedsmuir History Books. So, she donated a large trophy. Each year since, the Tweedsmuir History Books have

been judged in April and the trophy awarded at the District Annual. A plaque, with the winning Branch inscribed on it, was placed on the trophy and that Branch kept it for a year. If your Branch won, you could not compete for the next five years. The Hazel Davis Trophy was first awarded in 1956-1957.

Then in the 1990s, the entries for the competition dwindled. In November 1994 new Tweedsmuir History Judging Recommendations were drawn up. It was decided to hold individual category competitions for four years, and then in the fifth year judge the entire set of Branch Tweedsmuir History Books. The categories were outlined as follows:

- 1995 – Farm History
- 1996 – School History
- 1997 – Branch History
- 1998 – Church History
- 1999 – Entire Set of Tweedsmuir Books
- 2000 – Family History
- 2001 – Business History



This method of competition proved successful, so in February 2001 another set of categories were outlined as follows:

- 2002 – Profiles or Branch Member Autobiographies
- 2003 – Quilts, Arts and Crafts
- 2004 – Entire Set of Tweedsmuir Books
- 2005 – Branch History (up to present)
- 2006 – Grandmother's Legacy
- 2007 – Community Personalities

The new category of Quilts, Arts and Crafts this past year created great interest. It required cooperation and input from all Branch members. Six of the nine Branches had entries. They were informative, attractively portrayed and interesting to read. The judges, two former schoolteachers, were fascinated as they read through the books.

What about your District? Do they have a different challenge for your members? A Branch in the Kingston Area began a new section, "Old and New Farm Machinery." I am sure this proved to be an interesting area of exploration.

Remember, it is critical that we continue to record the history of our communities.

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Big Lake WI Member Receives Prestigious Award



Last winter, Branch President Carol Middaugh was presented with the Vivian Levensohn Award. Network North first presented the Award in 1996. Vivian received the award for her volunteer work for community development and improvement. Because she believed it should be presented on an annual basis to a community volunteer, each year's recipient helps to choose the next year's recipient.

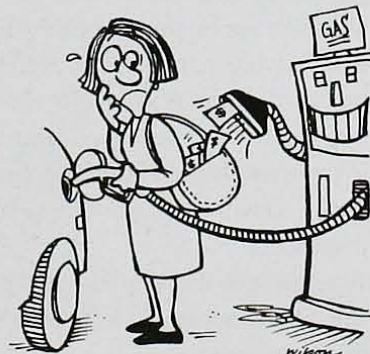
In part, Carole Middaugh received the award for spearheading the Big Lake Women's Institute Cookbooks, with the proceeds going to the renovation of the Mindemoya Hospital. Some of her many other accomplishments include: inspiring the Branch to adopt a portion of Highway 542; initiating the establishment of a fire department in Sandfield Township; rallying support for a friend diagnosed with cancer; and, tirelessly fundraising for minor hockey, equipment for the local fire department, the local historical society, improvements to the Sandfield dock, and a beach area at Big Lake.

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- Ensure that tires are properly inflated. Under inflated tires reduce fuel efficiency by up to 5 per cent. As well, the tires wear out faster.
- If you use snow tires remove them as soon as weather permits. Snow tires reduce fuel efficiency by up to 4 per cent.
- Use the optimum grade of fuel suggested by the manufacturer of your car. A higher grade of fuel will not improve your car's performance and it costs more.
- Keep the car's load to a minimum. Studies show that fuel economy is reduced 1 to 2 per cent for every extra 45 kilograms of added weight.
- Speed is the worst enemy of fuel consumption. Driving at 90 kilometers per hour instead of 110 will reduce fuel consumption by up to 20 per cent.



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