

Eastern Area WI

Members from Eastern Area participated in a filled day of activities at their Rally held in the Renfrew Armories in May. The focus was on the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC), with each of the 11 Districts in the Area putting up a display on their assigned province or territory. A three-minute talk or skit depicting the dress, climate, industry, food and points of interest in that region was entertaining and informative. Needlework, candy making and writing competitions, fashion shows and numerous officer recognitions were also a part of the day-long event.



Renfrew North District PRO Vicky Duffey (right) and District Newspaper Liaison Elaine Hennessy (left) are shown in front of their display on Newfoundland and Labrador.

Submitted by Elaine Hennessy.

Junetown WI, Leeds, Kingston Area



For this Branch, Easter celebrations last spring included an Easter Bonnet Parade and Tea Party held at the Mallorytown Community Centre. Prizes were presented to those donning the most original, funniest and most artistic bonnets. The proceeds from this fun day went to "Focus High for WI."

Submitted by Beverly Ferguson, President, Junetown WI.

Maple Ridge WI, Lennox-Addington, Kingston Area



Members of this Branch gathered for a photo opportunity in front of the Jubilee Flag in celebration of the Queen's 50th Jubilee in March. Everyone sang God Save the Queen, received a Jubilee Pin and enjoyed a proper cup of tea served in fine fashion in honour of the occasion.

Submitted by Margaret Winter, PRO, Maple Ridge WI.



Rosedene WI, Lincoln, Hamilton Area

Braving the cold with much enthusiasm, members of the Rosedene WI walked the Smithville Santa Claus Parade last year. A float filled with toys, doll cradles and stuffed animals of all shapes and sizes fit the theme of the Parade - "Babes in Toy Land." With sore feet and cold noses and toes, members wished all a Merry Christmas as they handed out candy and WI pamphlets. From left to right are members Bonnie Byleveled, Maryana Willms, Jan MacLean, Brenda Vaughn, Virginia Blackman, June Fenwick, Gail Schellenberg and her baby daughter Joyclyn.

Submitted by Virginia Blackman, PRO.



DeCew Falls WI, Niagara, Hamilton Area



This Branch honoured three long-time members - Esther Summers (left), Edith Warner (centre) and Jean Sutherland (right) - at a luncheon in June. All three are active members of the Branch.

Submitted by Margaret Lawrence.

Mount Albert WI, York North, Central



The Mount Albert WI gathered to honour long-time member Dorothy Jordan. The Branch hosted a day's festivities by catering refreshments to the nearly 200 friends and family that came to recognize Dorothy's dedication. The group proudly wears their WI pins and aprons. Shown from left to right are Ellen Bunn, Joyce Colvin, Lucille Graham, Ellen Power, Iva Wood, Dorothy Jordan, Miriam Jardine, Ann Potts and Betty Dixon.

Submitted by Ellen Power, Secretary-Treasurer.

Russell District WIs View Quilt of Belonging

In July the Cumberland Branch hosted a bus trip to Williamstown, Ontario, to view "The Quilt of Belonging." The quilt is being created as a celebration of all ethnic and cultural groups across Canada. This unique tapestry will be 140 feet long by 12 feet high. The needlework quilt will travel the country to be viewed by all.

Submitted by Colleen Cox, Education Coordinator, Russell, Eastern Area.



Hampstead WI, Perth Centre, Guelph Area

Hampstead WI member Celine Kollmer made and donated a Log Cabin Quilt to the Stratford Quilt Show. She made the quilt in memory of her niece who died of breast cancer at the

age of 38 in Germany. All of the quilts are auctioned and the money is donated to the Cancer Society.

Submitted by Isabel Diehl, PRO & Tweedsmuir History Curator.



Allanburg WI, Niagara, Hamilton Area

In April, the Allanburg WI invited

neighbouring Branches to a course where they made a 12-point star centrepiece. The proceeds from this event were donated to the Erland Lee (Museum) Home Restore the Roof Project. Seated at the sewing machine is Barbara Senske from the DeCew Falls WI and beside her is Hanny Lenson, Allanburg WI President and course instructor.

Submitted by Margaret Bent, Secretary.

