

### Burnstown WI, Renfrew South

This Branch raised \$150 for the "Focus High for WI" fundraising project for the Headquarters by organizing a yard sale. They also donated \$100 towards the shipping costs of hay to Western Canada. Currently they are in the process of moving a little known historic plaque to a more public site. They are a busy bunch and enjoy every minute!

### Hawkestone WI, Simcoe Kempenfeldt

In June, the Hawkestone WI presented a swing to a young boy from Orillia who is challenged. The swing is a contoured plastic model that can accommodate him indoors and out as he grows. He and his family were delighted with the gift and look forward to many happy hours swinging. Members of this Branch were also proud to present Mallory Hazlett of East Oro Public School with a plaque for academic achievement. The group always has a great time creating a float for the Annual Hawkestone Parade.

### Demorestville WI, Prince Edward

Upon her death, Demorestville WI member Mary Elizabeth Sallans requested that all Memorial Donations be given to the Branch. In response, Branch members purchased a sign for the Sophiasburg Cemetery with a plaque on the back dedicated in memory of Mary.

### Pleasant View WI, Renfrew North

This Branch organized the collection of eye-glasses, sunglasses and their cases for use in developing countries. The glasses will be fitted to individuals by a group of eye doctors going to these countries.

### Grand Bend WI, Huron South

Verna Lovie, Loreen Gill and other members of the Grand Bend Women's Institute are well known for their colourful display they create at the local Farmers' Market each fall. The display is a Thanksgiving Weekend tradition in the Lake Huron village.

### Greenwood WI, Renfrew North

Greenwood Branch members experienced the Creative Memories approach to scrapbooking, presented by Barbara Fricker. Members also held a perennial plant exchange at the same meeting. To raise funds for "Focus High for WI" this group organized a silent auction. Other recent programs included exhibiting and talking about a current craft project, presentations of autobiographies and participating in Pitch-In Canada Week.

### Alice WI, Renfrew North

This Branch enjoyed a potluck salad supper followed by guest speaker Shirley Saar, who spoke on the history of Grace Lutheran Church. Branch member Ruby Kennedy, who had the misfortune of losing belongings in an apartment fire, was given a money donation and an electric kettle. As well, the ladies of Grace Lutheran Church presented Ruby with a beautiful quilt.

### Forester's Falls WI, Renfrew North

Guest speaker Paula Vereky from Beachburg spoke to this group about her family. She told about her paternal and maternal grandparents who emigrated from Holland to Canada and some of the hardships they faced in Europe during WW II.

### Avonmore WI, Stormont

*Avonmore Women's Institute member Ina McElheran's 67 years of faithful and continuous service was cause for celebration by members of Eastern Ontario Branch. Ina has held most offices at the Branch level and is currently a District Director. She takes regular turns as hostess, helps with program planning and is an inspiration to us all.*

Submitted by Laura Gaudine, PRO, Avonmore WI, Stormont.



### Queen's Line, Renfrew North

This group held a plant sale with proceeds going to "Focus High for WI," followed by a game of croquet. Recent donations were given to the Ross Mineview and Cobden Public Schools for library books and to the Cobden and Beachburg Fall Fairs.

### Tara WI, Bruce County

The Tara Women's Institute won "The Most Attractive Display Award" at the 145<sup>th</sup> Arran-Tara Agricultural Fall Fair in September. The display based on the theme of the fair – "Horsin' Around" – required seven items: a pot of baked beans, a 4 inch square carrot cake, a farm scene in any media, a pair of oven mitts made by a member, a decorated horseshoe, an arrangement of grasses and grains in a cowboy boot and any article made from recycled denim.



### Sunny Brooke WI in Sunny Fields

*Sunny Brooke WI members toured the iris and lily gardens owned and operated by member Marilyn Berdan of Alvinston.*

Submitted by Maxine MacKellar, Sunnybrooke WI, Lambton Centre.

