

Shetland WI, Lambton South



Ontario Volunteer Awards were presented to several Shetland Women's Institute members. From left to right are Marion Neville, Evelyn Playfoot, Luella Bilton, Marian Elliott and Betty Elliott.

Submitted by Evelyn Playfoot, President, Shetland WI, Lambton South.

Rainham Centre WI, Haldimand

Rainham Centre WI member Norma Mowat was named Haldimand County's first Volunteer of the Year for 2001. Norma received many accolades for her 54 years of volunteer service to her community. For herself, Norma said, she is trying "to get the hang" of her new computer, which she bought for her 80th birthday.

Solina WI, Durham West

Solina Women's Institute held a successful "Rural Ontario Sharing Education" evening, or ROSE Health Session, last November. Sponsors for the event were Joyce Hancock's Teaching Sewing Centre and Solina WI. Guest speakers Lynn Cuthbert and Christine Gillespie spoke about the detection and screening of breast cancer. Tanya Long from the Osteoporosis Society spoke about the effects of this "silent thief" on our bodies.

Mount Elgin WI, Oxford

This group presented recognition pins to the following members for their years of dedication to the Women's Institute: Vera Hartnett received a 60 Year Pin and Alma Peters, Ruth Stoakley and Margaret Bell received 50 Year Pins.

MclrvineWI, Rainy River



Members of the Mclrvine Women's Institute in Rainy River District are busy assembling a quilt. From left to right are Elsie Ball, Anne Holborn, Iva Koski and Delores Cross.

Submitted by Elsie Ball, Mclrvine WI, Rainy River.

Big Lake WI, Manitoulin East

This group helps their community in a number of ways by providing fire relief to families in need, giving an annual prize to the Central Manitoulin School Fall Fair, cleaning up part of Highway 52 three time a year under the Adopt-a-Road Program and creating lap and baby quilts for the Mindemoya and Little Current Hospitals. Through the compilation and sale of cookbooks this Branch raised \$23,000 for the Mindemoya Hospital. And each meeting every member brings a non-perishable food item for the Manitoulin Help Center.

Mindemoya WI, Manitoulin East

Members of this Branch recently reviewed their long list of accomplishments in their community that affect people's lives. They worked to initiate the Meals on Wheels Program and the success of the local hospital has been greatly enhanced by their involvement. The Mindemoya School Fair survives to this day due to their efforts. The Women's Memorial at the Manitoulin District Cenotaph and the creation and maintenance of the local park are largely due to their hard work and donations.

Hampstead WI, Perth Centre

This Branch recently held a community meeting with panelists discussing water quality and safety issues. Panelists included Dr. Susan Tamblyn – Perth County Medical Officer of Health, Paul Verkley – spokesperson for the Ministry of Agriculture at the Walkerton Inquiry, Bert Vorstenbosch – Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee of West Perth and Robert McTavish – Mayor of Perth East. The issues discussed ranged from how to keep your water supply safe and what can be done to keep our water sources safe to an analysis of the Walkerton tainted water tragedy and the effect of the new water regulations on municipal governments and Perth County residents. One of the main messages – if you live in a rural area, test your well water regularly and don't assume anything!

Carluke WI, Wentworth

Last fall, numerous Carluke WI members were presented with recognition pins for their years of dedication. Hazel Butter, Leila Pottruff, Betty Stewart and laleen Norsworthy were given 60 Year Pins. Laurene Butter, Audrey Calder, Glenice Beach, Ruth Craig, Janette MacDougal and Annie Calder received 50 Year Pins. And Shirley Cranston, Edna Ward, Violet Baker and Sheila Lyttle accepted 25 Year Pins.

Northumberland West District WI

Two members from this District, Dorothy Harnden and Dorothy Beedham, from the Cold Springs WI, received 2001 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. The women were recognized for more than 30 years of volunteer service to the Women's Institute and to the communities of Cold Springs and Cobourg.



Submitted by Dorothy Harnden, PRO, Northumberland.

Vernon WI, Carleton

The Vernon Branch honoured long-time members Evelyn Cowan and Lillian Sayant for 60 and 50 years of involvement respectively with the Women's Institute.