

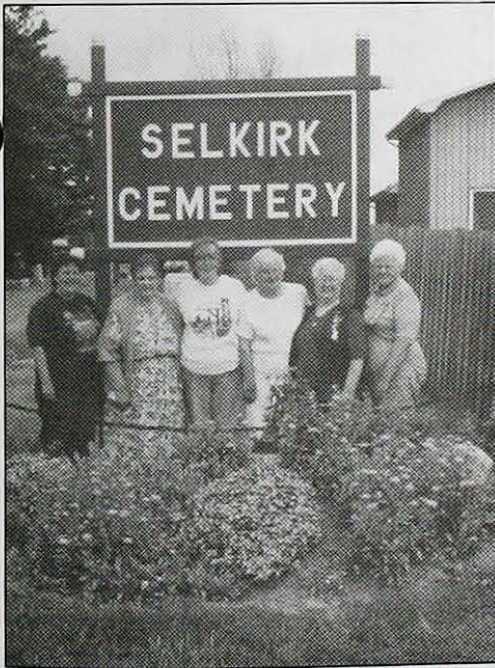
Hampstead WI, Perth Centre



Members of the Hampstead Women's Institute planted a Harlequin Maple Tree at the North Easthope Community Hall as their millennium project. The maple was dedicated as a memorial to deceased members. From left to right in the photograph are Audrey Rutherford, Virginia Sherlock, Kathryn Eidt, Mabel Siegnor, Elinor Cook, Marlene Scheerer, Helena Zinn, Lillian McTavish, Isabel Diehl, Celine Kollmer, Mary Cook, Mary McTavish, Helen Anderson and Beth Kollman. Perth East Mayor Robert McTavish is seated in the front.

Submitted by Isabel Diehl, PRO, Hampstead WI, Perth Centre.

Selkirk WI, Haldimand



During the early 1900s, the Selkirk Branch collected funds from local residents to maintain the cemetery. For a number of years, however, these efforts lapsed. This group decided to take it up as a millennium project. The Branch bought a new sign for the cemetery and created three large flowerbeds on its border. Selkirk members from left to right are Lorna Williams, Jean Lamb, Karlane House, Jackie Nicklin, Eunice Lindsay and Doris Fess.

Submitted by Lorna Williams, Selkirk WI, Haldimand.

Nelson WI, Halton

In the past year, the Nelson Women's Institute donated to the following causes - \$50 each to the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead and the FWIO Headquarters Fund, and \$100 to the Junior Farmers. The group was thrilled to cater a luncheon to women from around the world who were part of an ACWW bus tour.

Nobleton WI, York Centre

The Nobleton Women's Institute initiated the task of enhancing Cherry Park, located in the heart of the community of Nobleton. They wanted to make the Park more prominent and inviting to symbolize the warm welcome the visitors receive in community. Humber Nurseries have donated the landscape designs and the Nobleton and District Horticultural Society has pledged funds for plantings.

A sign, funded jointly by the Township of King and the Women's Institute, has been installed. Plans for seating areas, flowerbeds and perimeter plantings are in the works. Part of the plan was to relocate a huge Norway spruce to another park because it was being threatened by its proximity to other trees.

To reassure those who thought the moving of the tree meant no Christmas lights, there was great news! The spruce tree was aglow with lights and everyone was invited back to the Nobleton United Church for a community get-together. Supper was served followed by a "Fireside Evening," with carols, music and stories.



Submitted by Joan Jackaman, Nobleton WI, York Centre.

Balsam Hill WI, Renfrew South



Balsam Hill WI member Sara Campbell was presented with the Admaston-Bromley Township Senior Citizen of the Year Award at the Canada Day celebrations last summer.

Sara is a Life Member of the WI. She has held all executive positions several times, including President, Secretary and District Treasurer. She was one of the members who contributed more than 1,000 hours of volunteer time during the summer of 2000 to refurbish the WI Hall at the Country Heritage Park. She painted, puttied and made coffee, lemonade and cookies.

For many years, Sara was a 4-H leader and Captain of the Canvassing for Cancer Team. Sara is a volunteer at the local Food Bank, the Sunday School Superintendent, an Elder in her church and a Life Member of the United Church Women. "Visiting" is part of Sara's weekly schedule. She visits and stops to talk and read to former friends and neighbours who now reside in local nursing/retirement homes. Sara often says: "If I had a nickel for every chocolate layer cake or batch of chocolate chip cookies that I have made, I'd be rich!" Indeed, Admaston-Bromley Township and the WI are richer for having Sara as a resident and a member.

Submitted by Lynn Cielland, PRO, Balsam Hill WI, Renfrew South.

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