

### Prescott District WI

This District proudly placed the Women's Institute logo in the Historic Vankleek Hill Mural No. 4. In the past year, the District has donated to the Hawkesbury and District General Hospital and Vankleek Hill and Riceville Fairs. And once again District knitters are turning out cuddle bears for the Alzheimer's Society.

### Cassburn WI, Prescott

The Cassburn WI enjoyed a variety of programs in the past year. Speakers have included a 4-H member speaking on the "new" 4-H, a local teacher who told about her experiences working in a foreign country, an esthetician, a reflexologist and guest talking about modern banking. Listening to a travelogue of Ireland, creating wooden plaques for spring and touring two homes in the process of being refurbished were also a part of their annual program. The Branch donated to the local Heritage Lodge, 4-H and mental health association, as well as helping with meals at local fairs and supplying the prizes for bingo night at Heritage Lodge.

### Ashgrove WI, Halton

The Ashgrove WI proudly presented President Verna Bird with a Life Membership, while member Norma Alexander received her 50-Year Pin.

### "Snowbirds"

Carol Cressman from the Bloomingdale Women's Institute delighted a crowd of 30 at the annual "Snowbirds" get-together held the third Wednesday in February at Sun N'Fun in Sarasota, Florida. She had several pieces of Carnival Ware dishes, as well as Carnival Ware purses and jewellery on display. As well, Gayle Leadbetter from Washago WI had samples of her many unique crafts.

### Hillsview WI, Prescott

Members from the Hillsview Women's Institute recently visited and learned about a local business, Diane's Shoe World. They learned about butterflies at another meeting from guest speaker, Doreen Hotchkiss.

### Green Lane WI, Prescott

This group actively participates in the Vankleek Hill Fair and the local food bank. They support the District's cuddle bear project for the Alzheimer's Society and sponsor a student award for Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute. Other Branch activities included a tour of the Experimental Farm and attending the Governor General's Garden Party.

### Lookout Bay WI, Prescott

Branch President Nicole Michalchuk shared family traditions and treated members to Ukrainian cake at their Christmas meeting. Donations were also made to the local food bank at this time. At their January meeting, members viewed Tweedsmuir History books. The group is a proud supporter of the local national historic site, the Macdonell-Williamson House. Lookout Bay members are focusing on health through health walks, eating healthy foods and enjoying fellowship and fun!

### Plantagenet WI, Prescott

Activities of this Branch included a potluck supper for their husbands and friends, followed by cards and games. Members also enjoy preparing the flowerbeds and hanging baskets for the Pendleton United Church each spring. The group observed wildlife and vegetation at ten different stations along the Alfred Bog Walkway. And they spread a little cheer to the 60 residents of the Pinecrest Nursing Home in Plantagenet by giving each of them an attractive Christmas parcel.

### Stardale WI, Prescott

Topics of discussion in the past year at the Stardale Branch included fire safety, the Special Olympics, raising elk and deer, global warming, water pollution and alternative medicine. Another guest speaker shared her life story as a 1946 British war bride who came to Canada and settled in the Hawkesbury area. The ROSE Health Program, a brainstorming session on fundraising and a sightseeing tour of Merrickville were also part of the group's annual program.

### Crowland WI, Niagara



*The Crowland Women's Institute recently erected this community board sign on Schisler Road in Welland. The sign project was made possible from the proceeds from their anniversary cookbook, Celebrating 90 Years. The cookbooks are still available for \$8; call Kim Sauder at 905-384-2053.*

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