

Oxford District WI



This District contributed 64 quilt blocks to the International Quilt Block Competition. In fact, members of the Salford Branch (pictured above) received a gift for entering the most blocks. The Oxford District also organized a Raffle as a millennium project. First prize was a print of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, won by Joanne Hartnett of Renfrew. Second prize was a Women's Institute Rose, won by Joyce Wilks of Embro. As well, the District sponsored a Viewer's Choice Photo Contest. The first category was "A WI Competition," won by Lakeside WI. The second category was "For Home and Country," won by Salford WI. And the third category was "A Millennium Event," won by Braemar WI.

Submitted by Sherrill Babbey, PRO, Oxford District WI.

Wellburn WI, Middlesex East

The Wellburn Women's Institute nominated Dora and Ken Hutton to be considered for induction into the Middlesex County Agricultural Hall of Fame. The Huttons were inducted in March 2001 into the Hall of Fame located at London's Western Fair Grounds. Dora has been a member of the Wellburn WI since its beginning, 52 years ago.

Hawkestone WI, Simcoe-Kempfenfeldt

Members of the Hawkestone WI kept busy making 14 quilts during the winter months. Several members purchased quilts and others are kept on hand for needy families in emergency situations. All proceeds from the sale of the quilts go back into the community. Members also participated recently in a "Fun Auction," having answered the Roll Call "Bring Something for the Auction" for their March meeting.

Vittoria WI, Norfolk

The Vittoria Women's Institute recently contributed \$2,000 to the expansion of the Emergency Room at the Norfolk General Hospital.

Bonnechere Valley WI, Renfrew South

This Branch is proud of the fact that they continue to sponsor and support the maintenance of a community park just off a busy highway. Although the three original picnic tables were stolen, the Branch persevered and replaced them. Now, the Township keeps the grass mowed for the many passersby who stop at this quiet spot for lunch.

Sunshine WI, Prescott

The Sunshine Branch can boast having many new members. The group recently sponsored an entertainment program with gifts and a luncheon at Maxville and toured the Green Ridge Garden Centre. They are currently planning their booth for the International Plowing Match to be held in Navan this September.

Avening WI, Simcoe West



Avening Women's Institute members presented a cheque for \$1000 to the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Foundation to help purchase a mammography unit. From left to right are Foundation Administrator Jory Pritchard-Kerr, Avening WI President Shirley Oster and members Eileen Martin and Marilyn Steed.

Submitted by Eileen Martin, Secretary-Treasurer, Avening WI, Simcoe West.



Aspdin WI, Muskoka



Aspdin Women's Institute members donned some wacky outfits at a Seniors' Dinner and Fashion Show. The outfits were wacky because they were each member's interpretation of clothing we might be wearing in the future. Commentator Amy Coker read a bit about each costume as members (from left to right) Betty Galloway, Shirley Roberts, Joan Risto, Jean Tandberg, Lois Stead, Betty Hawes and Pat Miller paraded them.

Submitted by Betty Galloway, Secretary-Treasurer, Aspdin WI, Muskoka.

St. George WI, Brant

Doris Bishop (left), Branch President, presented a copy of From This Place to Betty Ames (right), an Assistant with the Public Library in the community



of St. George. The "Grandmother's Legacy" written by Flossie Buchanan (centre), a Life Member of the St. George WI, is included in the book.



← Balsam Hill WI, Renfrew South

The Balsam Hill Branch organized its second "Bee" for the production of chemotherapy headwear. Members Gayle Olmstead (left), Joan Reid (centre) and Diana Pritchard (right) were three of the 15 members who pinned and sewed in the Family Studies Room at Renfrew Collegiate. The finished turbans were presented to the Oncology Department at both the Renfrew and Arnprior Hospital.

Submitted by Lynn Clelland, Balsam Hill WI, Renfrew South.