

## New Dundee WI Quilt Show "Stitches in Time"



The theme of the New Dundee Women's Institute Quilt Show was "Stitches in Time." The show was part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and millennium celebrations in Wilmot Township in the Waterloo region. The three-day event attracted over 500 people who came to view the 125 quilts. The highlight of the show was the anniversary quilt made by township residents, which featured 35 blocks depicting different landmarks and aspects of life during the Township's 150-year history.

The show also featured 25 quilts from the late 1800s; a tulip basket quilt dated to 1852. Under the leadership of Luanne Kaster and Linda Stoltz, the 4-H girls displayed their quilted wall hangings and cushions. The Tweedsmuir Books from the New Dundee, Haysville, New Hamburg and Erbsville WIs were on display. An atmosphere of "walking through the past" prevailed as people wandered through the quilts and artifacts. Many thanks were extended to the event organizers Gladys Cressman, Jean Rickert and Marilyn Sararus (from left to right in the photograph).

Submitted by Marilyn Sararus, New Dundee WI, Waterloo.



## A Celebration of Quilts

The Calton Women's Institute of Elgin County held a successful Quilt Show last summer to commemorate the millennium and to celebrate Bayham Township's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The colourful display consisted of 104 large and many crib quilts. One hundred and fifty visitors enjoyed the exhibit. Velma Kennedy, a charter member of the Branch, stands by a unique quilt made by her daughters, Wilma Magee and Karen Morrison, to salute their parents' 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The quilt is a tableau of Calton surrounded by squares signed by the guests who attended the anniversary celebration.

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## Lombardy WI Highlights a Century of Bridal Fashions



Royal blue velvet, sturdy navy serge, delicate apricot lace and shimmering white satin were a few of the fabrics which graced the stage in the main hall at the Lombardy Fair grounds in August. The Lombardy WI celebrated the new millennium by displaying 14 wedding dresses dating from the early 1900s to the year 2000. Many visitors commented about a 1925 sheer brown "flapper" style gown trimmed with fur. The exhibit demonstrated that even in the last half-century styles and fabrics varied greatly. Each dress had a corresponding wedding announcement naming the bride and groom, their parents and the date and location of the ceremony.

"We've Come a Long Way Baby!" was the theme for the Women's Organization Class sponsored annually at the fair by the Lombardy WI. As well as funding the prize list, the group participated along with six other Institutes and church organizations. From the "Pioneer Years" through to the "Roaring Twenties" and the "Great Depression," up to the "High Tech Era" and "The Future," competitors entered articles representing each decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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