

Holstein WI, Grey South

For several years, Holstein WI members have chosen a boy's and a girl's name from the Angel Tree in a local store at Christmas time. Instead of an exchange of presents among themselves at Christmas, they make a monetary donation. The Branch Treasurer then purchases two much needed gifts for local children.

Maple Leaf WI, Perth North

The Maple Leaf WI presented a cheque to the Elma Ward Volunteer Firemen for updating rescue van equipment. Another donation given earlier in the year made it possible to buy two backboards and two radios.

Lynn Valley WI, Norfolk County

Lynn Valley WI members Helen Spencer, Margaret Waddle, Mildred Moore, Marjorie Ireland and Pauline Spencer were presented with 50 Year Pins for their years of dedication.

Calvin WI, Nipissing



Calvin Women's Institute members join with other women in their community to quilt every Tuesday afternoon. The quilts, made from recycled material, are presented at various community occasions. Fire victim Robert Latimer, who lost everything, receives a quilt from Branch President Hilda Duquette. Members also do custom quilting as a Branch fundraiser.

Submitted by Elsie Blay, Calvin WI, Nipissing.

Hockley Valley, Dufferin South

Hockley Valley WI members Gladys Still and Mildred Reid were presented with 50 Year Pins for their half century of involvement with the Women's Institute.

Solina WI, Durham West

Second and First Vice Presidents Mary Finer and Jennifer Bowman, respectively, presented Solina members Mary Millson, Jessie Tink, Marion Broome and Elaine Baker with 50 Year Pins for their years of service to the Women's Institute.

Glenburnie WI, Frontenac

The Glenburnie WI raised funds to purchase a "Living Tribute" in honour of past and present members. Members baked pies, donated groceries, performed odd jobs in the area and received donations to make this project possible. When they reached their goal, they planted a tree in the local Memorial Gardens. A bronze plaque was placed beside the tree. In addition, a window, engraved with the names of Charter and Life Members, was hung in the conference room at the Glenburnie United Church where their meetings are held.

Nelson WI, Halton

The Nelson Women's Institute is helping name streets in newly built subdivisions in Nelson Township. Each name chosen is in memory of pioneers of the Township. For their donations to the Tansley Woods Library in Burlington, a brick was laid in the entryway with Nelson Women's Institute inscribed on it. This Branch has won first place at the Milton Fall fair for 4 consecutive years. They noted that while not much cash can be won, just being at the fair and competing, with the possibility of winning a ribbon or making a new friend, makes it worth the effort. The Nelson Branch is now offering their *Millennium Desserts* cookbook for sale through Burlington's Millennium Webpage at www.worldchat.com/burlington2000

Woodburn WI, Wentworth South

Two members of the Woodburn Branch – Margorie Tossell and Marion O'Neil – were recognized for their years of involvement with WI. Branch President Donna Mitchell presented Margorie with a 50 Year Pin and Marion with a 60 Year Pin.



The Maples Women's Institute donated \$1000 to the Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville to help obtain a CT Scanner. Branch President Joan Folkard (left) and Past President Donna Simpson (centre) presented Hospital Representative Lesley Hazlehurst (right) with the donation. The Branch also made up 50 bags of toiletries to be used by people unprepared for a stay in the hospital. Other happenings include the presentation of 25 Year Pins to Joan Folkard and Suzanne Rayburn.

Submitted by Joan Folkard, President, The Maples WI, Dufferin South.



The Winchester Women's Institute joined Dundas Manor residents last fall to celebrate the International Year of Older Persons. Staff at the Manor helped residents plant small blue spruce trees, while WI members served cake. From left to right are Winchester members Vivian Fawcett - President, Ileen Robinson, Jessie Ball, Jean Porteous, Eunice Plummer and Irene Broad - Secretary. At another gathering, Winchester member Margaret Johnstone was named North Dundas Township's 1999 "Senior Citizen of the Year." The award is given by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation to a senior who has contributed a lot of time to community work.

Submitted by Vivian Fawcett, President, Winchester WI, Dundas.

In Praise of the WI Rose

Three years ago, I purchased 3 WI Rose bushes, for myself and my two daughters. One daughter has entered the WI Rose in local fairs and won prizes. Two years ago, she entered the rose in the perfume category and took First Prize.

Jeannie Kidd, Nassagaweya WI, Halton