

### Wellington South District WIs

The West End, Mosborough, Ponsonby and Riverside Women's Institutes of Wellington South District held a Community Picnic last summer in honour of the International Year of Older Persons. Admission to the Picnic was a donation to the local food bank. The program included speaker Mitchell Hewitt, a Horticulture Therapist from the Homewood Health Centre in Guelph.

### Hawkestone WI, Simcoe Kempenfeldt

Members of this Branch started their fall program with guest speaker Paula Smith. Smith had many interesting facts and stories to relay about her year spent in Tampico, Mexico, teaching Grade 7 children. She reported on how eager the children were to learn and how fond they were of Canadians.

### Lambton North, Centre & South District WIs

These Districts organized the creation of a Signature Quilt for the Sesquicentennial of Lambton County. WI Branches sold signatures of hundreds of residents in the County, and then embroidered their names on before sewing the quilt. This turned out to be a successful fundraiser for the Sesquicentennial Committee.



Each year, Vinemount Women's Institute members in Wentworth District hold a St. Patrick's Tea and Quilt Draw. Alice Hadden, an active WI member for more than 45 years, stands beside the quilt she made and donated for last year's Draw. Alice has donated numerous quilts. The proceeds go towards 4-H Clubs and other local projects.

Submitted by Marlene Weylie, Vinemount WI, Wentworth.

### Listowel West WI Member Honoured



A life-long dedication to WI was recognized when Winnifred Mann (centre) was honoured by Listowel West Branch. Mann was presented with a plaque by Branch Secretary Ethel Wood (left) and outgoing President Gwen Perkin (right). And a \$100 donation was given to the FWIO Headquarters Fund in Mann's name. "It ... [was] 50 years in September since I joined Listowel West WI...", Mann recalled. "At that time I was hoping to learn more about gardening and homemaking." She noted that she has learned much more through the WI, but remains humble and thankful to be associated with so many WI members at all levels of her involvement. "Our WI is a family," Mann said. "We are ladies with mutual plans and mutual work. ... It has been an honour to represent the Branch."

Submitted by Ethel Wood, PRO, Listowel West WI, Perth North.



This paper tole picture of a Welsh women in traditional costume was made by a Wales WI member. The member had visited the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead and observed that Wales WI was not represented in the gifts donated. Consequently, she made the picture, sent it to a friend, Pat Ostein (right) of St. Pauls WI, with the wish that it be presented to the Homestead. Pat, along with fellow member Doreen Van Westerap (left), presented the picture to the Homestead's summer assistant Cathy De Bruin (centre).

Submitted by Vivian Skinner, St. Pauls WI, Perth South.

### Burnstown WI Author



Irene Robillard, Public Relations Officer and Assistant Tweedsmuir Curator for the Burnstown WI, has published her first book entitled *Burnstown United Church, 1849-1999: 150 Years as a Congregation*. In the course of her research, Robillard compiled and made available to the Burnstown Tweedsmuir History Curator the genealogy of over 100 families. Burnstown WI members are proud of her accomplishment. Call Irene Robillard at 613-432-6987 for a copy of the book.

Submitted by Eileen Brydges, Secretary, Burnstown WI, Renfrew South.

### Representing More than 300 Years of Volunteer Service



Six members of the Belhaven Women's Institute in York North were recognized by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation for their many years of volunteer work. Together these women represent more than 300 years of volunteer service. Each received a letter from MPP Julia Munro, a certificate from Premier Harris and a special pin. Standing from left to right are recipients Margery Johnson, Berta Schortinghuis and MPP Julia Munro. Seated from left to right are recipients Lillian Kydd, Blanche Pegg and Augusta Pape. Absent - Beth Anderson.

Submitted by Debi Johnson, PRO, Belhaven WI, York N.