



Dufferin North District WI presented three Friend of WI Awards to staff members at the Dufferin County Museum and Archives. The award was given for the Museum's recognition of the District during the centennial celebration year and for their continued interest in and support of WI activities. From left to right are Museum Curator Wayne Townsend, District Secretary-Treasurer Doreen Riggan, Assistant Curator Joanne Westgarth-Taylor and Archivist Steven Brown. Submitted by Doreen Riggan, Secretary-Treasurer, Dufferin North District.

### Wilton WI, Lennox-Addington

This Branch has made notable use of their Heritage Women's Institute Hall. They hosted several events in recent months, including a display of quilts and antiques for a Loyalist Country Tour, a Lennox and Addington Historical Society meeting and their Branch's Annual Tea and Sale.

"Fire Safety in the House" was the theme of another Branch meeting. Members were provided with numerous fire safety pointers and facts: did you know you could be charged if you do not have fire detectors in your home?; did you know a live cigarette can smolder for hours in upholstery?; and, if an insurance agent requests that you make repairs on furnaces, stoves, pipes or chimneys, you must do it.

### Cherry Valley WI, Prince Edward

Cherry Valley WI is proud to have gained three new members this past year. They came as invited guests and eventually joined! Instead of giving to the local Food Bank, and believing that "charity begins at home," Cherry Valley members personally delivered four boxes of groceries to one area family at Christmas. Family members had been hospitalized by two separate explosions in their pump house. This group also likes to keep in touch with shut-ins and absentee members in three ways: with an illustrated newsletter, by including these members as part of the "Secret Pals Plan," and by ensuring their ideas and suggestions are obtained for matters discussed at Branch meetings.

### Nelson WI, Halton

Nelson WI members Laura Van Sickle and Mildred Bell were recently presented with 60 and 50-year pins, respectively. This Branch is also proud to have won first place for their display at the Milton Fall Fair for the third consecutive year. At the Nelson WI Christmas Lunch, a large sum of money and a basket of non-perishable food was gathered and donated to the Burlington Salvation Army.

### Bethesda, York East

The Bethesda Branch honoured long-time member Joan Harwood with a 50-year pin for her years of commitment to the Women's Institute.



Athlone WI members and their husbands were invited by Robert and Winnie Trachsel of Tavistock to tour their newly built 107 free-stall dairy barn. Those members who used to farm were impressed by the efficiency of today's dairy operations. No more squatting beside old Bessie! A pot-luck supper followed the tour. From left to right in the front row are Marie Weitzel, Francina Sibben, Irene Zehr, Winnie Trachsel, Beatrice Benden, Mary Dietrich and Annabel Oehm. From left to right in the back row are Verna Willows, Gloria Weitzel, Lavern Blum, Mary Ann Clemmer, Lois Kipfer, Marion Marshal and Ida Smyth. Submitted by Winnie Trachsel, Athlone WI, Perth Centre.



Kingston Area Women's Institute was one of 51 businesses and organizations who exhibited at Green Expo, an environmental home show held in Kingston. Area Public Relations Officer Penny MacNaughton (left) and Westside Branch PRO Connie Harris (right) spent the day promoting the WI. They handed out brochures and past issues of the Home & Country, sold Environmentally Friendly Hints books and told shoppers how the WI is taking action to protect the environment.

Submitted by Penny MacNaughton, Kingston Area PRO.

### Guelph Area Takes Part in Health Priorities Study

The Helena Feasby WI, under the leadership of Jean Steckle, prepared and distributed a form on health priorities at the the 1998 Guelph Area Convention. The form was in response to a request from Lynn Myers, MP for Waterloo-Wellington. Myers, who chaired a committee on health priorities, asked for input from WI members.

Eighty Branches in Waterloo, Wellington, Halton, Huron and Perth Districts responded. Myers stated, "This kind of response is truly remarkable." And, he added, "I am very impressed by the comments, observations, suggestions and recommendations. This extremely valuable input by WI members will be further reviewed by my committee."

Submitted by Glenna Smith, Guelph Area President.