

SHARING SUGGESTIONS

By Rosella Clancy

Active lifestyles necessitate time-saving measures. A Tweedsmuir To-Do List, with subtitles of "Now" and "By Year End" could organize projected entries. This would allow Curators to meet achievable goals without feeling overwhelmed.

Many have noted recorded errors. Please consider the inclusion of a page in the front portion of the Tweedsmuir for corrections, including the page number and source of information.

It would be advisable to acquire a map showing the municipal boundary adjustments of 1998 and your community's current road names. Why was a particular street or road name chosen in the selection process? The answer might become interesting Tweedsmuir material. One Curator took a photo to give evidence of road names in her neighbourhood.

Another Curator has farm histories divided and titled as "Century Farms" and "Our Vanishing Farms." Each volume had an appropriate cover.

Pictures are recognized as valuable Tweedsmuir additions. Experiment with subject placement, use your zoom so the subject isn't lost and be observant of the background. It is suggested that 200 ASA film speed for 35 mm cameras works well for both indoor and outdoor pictures.

Have you considered sponsoring a writing contest? One District encouraged the writing of member profiles in this way. Topics for a "Then and Now" Contest could range from fashions and hobbies to school days. The winning entries could be featured as a program, while all entries, if typed on acid-free paper, could become inserts for the Tweedsmuir History.

A few Curators have inquired about publishing their Tweedsmuir. The January 1998 issue of *Chatelaine* stated that *How to Write, Print and Sell Your Own Book* by Dan Poynter (Para Publishing) is the best book on the subject.

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Kemble WI -

The Oldest, Active WI in the World

By Elizabeth Graham

Kemble Women's Institute was 100 years old in 1997. Today, they are the oldest, active Branch in the world. Members feel this is quite an achievement for the village of Kemble, twelve miles north of Owen Sound.

There were 126 WI members and friends in attendance at the 100th anniversary celebration held in the Kemble United Church. My granddaughter Caithlin Graham and her friend Kim Matches dressed in early period costumes and handed out programs.

The church lobby and the basement were decorated with old-fashioned items, including clothes, quilts, antique dishes and dolls, early home utensils and tools, a butter churn, and many other items. The church pillars were wound with blue and yellow streamers and balloons. At the front of the sanctuary were two large bouquets of garden flowers displayed in china pitchers.

Tweedsmuir History books, scrapbooks of Kemble area events from the 1930s to the present, Branch membership lists and reproductions of the documents from the first meeting were on display.



Beth Graham - Secretary-Treasurer, Grace Sutherland - President, and Joan Davidson - Vice-President of the Branch are pictured (from left to right) in front of the Kemble Women's Institute anniversary cake.

The entire afternoon was videotaped. The *Owen Sound Sun Times*, the *Owen Sound Tribune* and the *Warton Echo* reported on our special afternoon. Greetings and certificates were received from the Governor General and the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Ontario, as well as our MP, MPP, the Mayors of Owen Sound and Warton and the Township Reeve. Presidents from surrounding WI Districts were also on hand to give congratulations.

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