

### Niagara District WI

In honour of the beginning of the second century of Women's Institutes, the Niagara District and its ten Branches have arranged to sponsor a rose garden. Over thirty Women's Institute roses were planted in the northwest quadrant of the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens on the Niagara Parkway.

### Solina WI, Durham West

This Branch presented twenty-five year pins to several of their members, including Doris Flett, Joyce Taylor, Bernice Watson, Margaret Ford, Ida Bray, Helen Hancock and Blaikie Roswell.

### Guelph Area WI

This Area honoured two Centennial Award recipients - Irene Maurer, Moorefield WI, Wellington North District, and Winnifred Mann, Listowel West WI, Perth North District - for the time and talent they have contributed at the Branch level.

### Staffa WI, Perth South

The members of this Branch maintain a presence in Perth West District through their support of a variety of local causes, including Cubs and Scouts, South Hibbert Recreational Park, Mitchell Music Festival, Perth Museum, Stratford, Seaforth and Exeter Hospitals, Optimism Place and Children's Aid.

### Eastern Area WI

Two successful Emergency Plan Workshops were held in Eastern Ontario - February 28 for Subdivisions 1 and 2 and April 4 for Subdivision 3. An Eastern Area 1998 Storm Disaster Tweedsmuir History Competition has been initiated. There are three classes of "My 1998 Storm Disaster Experience": Class 1 - 4 coloured photographs with up to 25 word description for each; Class 2 - 2 coloured photographs with up to 250 word description for each; and, Class 3 - 400 to 600 word story.



### Grey North District WI

Massie WI members Blanche Martin and Jean McPherson and Annan WI member Gwen Mitchell received special recognition from Grey North District for being selected as Centennial Award recipients last year. Their tireless efforts at the Branch level were commended.

### Iroquois WI, Dundas

This Branch helped sponsor their local history, *140th Anniversary of Iroquois and 40th Anniversary of New Iroquois*, written by Joyce Fader. The town was moved during the building of the St. Lawrence Seaway, with the exception of five houses. The Tweedsmuir History Books of the area were on display throughout 1997 in the town's museum. Nearly 1000 people relived the past as they skimmed the Tweedsmuir Books and viewed the mementoes.

### Citizen of the Year Award Presented to Gowanstown Member



The Gowanstown Women's Institute in Perth North District was thrilled when member Diane Bender (right) was presented the Norman Sterling Citizen of the Year Award by Wallace Township representative Julie Behrens (left). Diane and her husband Ron and their three children live on a farm near Palmerston. Having led 41 4-H Clubs was listed among her many volunteer activities. Diane has been a member of the WI for twenty years and has held most offices at the Branch level.

Submitted by Diny Poot, Gowanstown WI, Perth North.



Durham East District Women's Institute members took part in a fashion show. From the proceeds from this event, \$200 was sent to the FWIO Headquarters Fund.

Submitted by Betty Greer, PRO, Durham East.