

Prints & Prose of Prelude

WI Centennial Song

*It's a hundred years since
Adelaide Hoodless was convinced
That milk should be pasteurized.
Then Janet and Erland Lee
Found it easy to see
That women should organize.*

*For Mrs. Hoodless knew
That informed women grew,
So they did mobilize.
Hundred and one women came
And things were ne're the same,
For they formed the WI's.*

*So this idea spread,
Round the world it shed
Its light. Things modernized.
Then women's homes improved,
And country's laws were moved,
Their knowledge exercised.*

*To encourage, help and share,
Build a better world with care
Is the work of the WI's.
Now a hundred years young,
Still there's work to be done.
Women's lives to be vitalized.*

*Now it's time to celebrate:
Achievements commemorate
With honour and with pride.
This Centennial salute
Of the Women's Institute.
Women of the world, Arise!*

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Each individual arriving at the Agricultural Museum's gate on June 14 was greeted by a volunteer wearing a Centennial T-shirt and given a bag containing a souvenir mug and program.



Marg Zoeller, Chair of the Centennial Committee, said the Prelude set the stage for the 100th anniversary celebrations that were to follow in Hamilton in 1997. John Wiley, General Manager of the Museum, remarked that the whole day was really representative of the partnership that had been formed with the Women's Institutes and they were honoured to be a part of it. The Centennial Committee presented a plaque to the Museum in commemoration of the event.

*"Today, is a time
for fellowship and
renewing friendships,
and a time
for fun and good food."*

Donna Russett, President, FWIO

Profile:

Marie Harris & The Centennial Song



It was not until Marie Harris was bussed to high school from a rural village, that she was able to take music lessons, and then only during noon hours. Eventually, she graduated from the Royal Conservatory of Music with a Performance Diploma (ARCT). She studied pipe organs and was an organist. After her children grew up and went away to university, Marie returned to serious study of piano, harmony, counterpoint, ear-training and composition. Today, she teaches piano students and performs regularly with Pro Musica, a Guelph amateur classical music group. She has performed in Guelph, Kitchener and Toronto with organ, string and symphony orchestras. Marie enjoys many things in life: singing, wilderness canoeing, oil painting, house design, renovating and interior decorating, gardening, dressmaking, photography, knitting, listening to classical music, flying with her husband and travelling. Marie is a member of the Coningsby Women's Institute in Wellington Centre District.

Submitted by Myrtle Reid, PRO, Coningsby WI, Wellington Centre District.



Prelude Food Facts

To feed 3700 people, it took:

- ◆ 1/2 ton of potato salad
- ◆ 360 heads of lettuce
- ◆ 1/2 ton barbecued turkey breast

- ◆ 60 flats of strawberries
- ◆ 3700 tea biscuits
- ◆ 40,000 oz. of coffee, tea and lemonade

Janet Horner, Whitfield Farms Country Catering Service