

Celebrating 100 Years

By Katherine Garwood

Celebrations for the 100th anniversary of the Women's Institute in 1997 are ongoing as Branches across Ontario received colourful order forms for the centennial plate. The design by Vera Knowles of the Langton WI Branch, Norfolk South District, Hamilton Area, was chosen.

The limited-edition porcelain plate will be available on June 1, 1994. Members are urged to pre-order since they are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. A special thank you to the London Area for organizing a most successful plate competition.

Fall, 1993, will herald the beginning of another exciting competition. A committee from the Grey-Bruce Area, chaired by Lois Urstadt, has been researching and preparing for the past eighteen months for a quilt competition. Entry forms will be available in time for Area Conventions. The quilts will be judged at the Ontario

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Agricultural Museum in Milton on June 14, 1995, and will be on display in the Gambrel Barn.

Women's Institute members from across Ontario will enjoy the fun and fellowship as they kick-off the centennial celebrations.

Branches, Districts and Areas are encouraged to use the Centennial Logo on retail items. Applications must be made to the Mementoes Committee, c/o Ruth

Crump, RR#1, MacGregor, Ontario, NOR 1J0. Ruth and her committee from Southwestern Area are busy with applications from across the province. The committee will be pleased to give guidance or answer any questions about items already on the market.

Comments and ideas from members are gratefully accepted by the Centennial Committee. The initial spark for the Women's Institute was lit here in Ontario. Its glow spread across the world. It is expected that Ontario Women's Institute members will turn this spark into a giant flame to fire enthusiasm from community to community so that the roar of the 100th anniversary may be felt throughout the globe.

Please address comments and ideas to: Margaret Zoeller, Chair, Centennial Committee, 2206-6 Willow St., Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 4S3.

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Proud to be Canadian

Last year, members of the Women's Institute showed that they were PROUD TO BE CANADIAN in the following ways:

- ◆ The Pakenham WI celebrated by preparing the proclamation given by the Reeve of their township at the July 1st celebration, producing a float for the parade portraying a gathering of women in 1867, and singing in the variety show entertainment.
- ◆ The ladies of the Oakhill WI celebrated by displaying and studying in great detail the origins of the provincial and territorial flags.
- ◆ The Branches of the Lincoln District WI celebrated by each presenting a three-minute informative talk on a specific province, creating a related table centrepiece, singing songs (including a special WI rap song), and providing a mini-Canadian history lesson.

◆ The Londesboro WI celebrated by planting a red maple tree at Hullett Central School.

◆ The Rosemont Branch celebrated by planting a tree in the community park and participating in "Meet Your Neighbour Day."

◆ The seventeen Branches from the Norfolk North and South District celebrated by setting up a display at the Norfolk County Fair. The provincial emblems, coats of arms and flags, and handicrafts from Canada's various ethnic groups were exhibited.

Be sure and let the *Home & Country* know the many ways in which your Branch "stood up" and "spoke out" as a proud Women's Institute member in 1993.

