

# Burnstown WI display crafts

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An old *Book of Days* says:  
"August bring the sheaves  
of corn,  
Then the harvest home is  
borne.  
November's sky is chill  
and drear  
November's leaf is red and  
sear."

For the Burnstown Women's Institute, much happened between August and November. On Aug. 29 at the home of Betty Brannen, members displayed homemade crafts — a crocheted angel, hooked rug, bobbin lace, woven place mats, a handmade lunch kit, braided chair cover, jewelry and beaded picture frames. Time was devoted to preparations for Renfrew Fair and planning three card parties to be hosted in September in White Lake Hall.

If you can't go to the meeting, the meeting will go to you. Eleven members, including Goldie Moore, now a resident of Groves Park, went to Quail Creek to hold the October meeting in Jean Denniston's new home. They shared a number of money-saving tips, accepted an invitation from White Lake Women's Institute to hear a speaker on retirement planning, made a cash donation to the Renfrew Collegiate Drama Club, heard of a request for members to write their

World War II experiences for a book to be published, and checked the possibility of moving an historic monument from the banks of the Madawaska into Burnstown Village for easier viewing by the general public. Tentative plans were discussed for a slide presentation of the Arctic photograph of Lee Narraway early in 2003. A Chinese auction and delicious lunch ended a memorable evening.

In November Connie Legg of Amprior spoke to local members and guests from four neighbouring branches about palliative care in homes and hospitals. This is care available to those with terminal health problems. She expressed a need for a local hospice in this area for those in their last days, an option more homelike and preferable to a hospital setting. Such a project would be one in which W.I. branches could help financially and in volunteer work.

Dec. 5 will be a dinner meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Flamingo's Restaurant in Renfrew.

To again quote the *Books of Days*, that day will be exactly 510 years since Christopher Columbus established his first New World Settlement. We have come a long way. What may 2003 bring?



The Burnstown Women's Institute, proudly represented by Irene Robillard and President Kay Reid, pose with the top WI display at the Renfrew Fair, one of the many attractive features in the exhibit hall. 1999



The Balsam Hill Women's Institute won the total-points award at this year's Renfrew Fair. Pictured with their Y2K display are, left to right, Sara Campbell, Joan Reid and Lynn Clelland.