

Burnstown WI wraps up an interesting summer 2001

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How's Herb? What can we do about home care cutbacks? Do you know anyone who has hemochromatosis? Who will make cookies for the Renfrew Fair tea room? What health organizations do you support? Can you do some mending at the Bonnechere Manor or help with a euchre party? What would you see on a modern farm that your grandfather would not recognize? How can we help out local schools and hospital?

Had you been at Burnstown W.I. meetings this summer, you would have heard the answers.

In July, at Netta Wyatts' Madawaska River home, Marlene Schaly introduced members to 22 common herbs, their uses both culinary and medicinal.

In a follow-up identification contest, Betty Brannen won the prize. Each member received four potted herbs to take home for her garden.

Members did mending at the Bonnechere Manor on July 12 and once again will have centrepieces there for the Thanksgiving tables. New ones will need to be made for 2002.

A committee of four is to prepare a resolution for the Ontario Ministry of Health for restoration of some of the cancelled home care contracts.

The branch exhibited successfully at the Ottawa Exhibition, Arnprior and Renfrew

Fairs, as well as serving a shift at the W.I. Tea Room.

Betty Comba convened the euchre parties in White Lake Hall Sept. 14, 21 and 28, with proceeds to be used for the betterment of local schools and Renfrew Victoria Hospital.

Betty Brannen's home, overlooking Hurd's Lake, was the gathering place for an Aug. 30 meeting.

Noreen Smith, using video, handouts and a short talk, gave an enlightening programme about hemochromatosis, a little-known but fairly common genetic disorder which results in an overload of iron in the body and can be crippling and potentially fatal.

She discussed heredity factors, symptoms, tests and treatments, and ways in which people can help.

No one present had heard of the problem before, nor realized that blood tests for iron should be part of a yearly check-up.

What is on your farm that grandpa would not recognize?

How about the combine, round baler, electric fence, whipper snippers and computer? There is part of your answer?

Every one is welcome to the Oct. 4 meeting at the home of Diane McKinnon when Bonnie Aspin (owner of Florella's Antiques and Treasures) will conduct an antique road show.

Bring an item you would like identified as to its origin, age, and possibly value.

She will need them all for the road show. Come and enjoy.

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