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October and November learning times for the Burnstown WI

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October and November were once again learning times for Burnstown WI.

In October, at the home of Diane McKinnon, 16 members and guests enjoyed an antique road show conducted by Bonnie Aspin of "Florella's Antiques and Treasures" in Burnstown.

Each person presented an item for recognition or evaluation ranging from fine china to boot-jacks, from moustache cups to chairs, from heirloom silverware to newly-formed decorative harness parts. Bonnie also showed many reputable books from which she identifies and values items and explained her reasons for her decisions as to age, source and value.

With regret the branch received Kay Reid's resignation as president due to health problems.

On Nov. 1, in the Burnstown church basement, the branch welcomed a new member, Marie Ingram, who now lives in Springtown.

Items of glass painting and Christmas ornaments made at the district workshop in Admaston were on display.

This workshop was open to both members and non-members and featured also crocheted granny squares, rug braiding, and an informative talk on osteoporosis.

WI workshops are a joy and all look forward to another in 2202. Betty Brannen gave a reading on the history of Pier 21 in Halifax which was Canada's front door to over a million immigrants, wartime evacuees, refugees and war brides between 1928 and 1971. It is now a national historic site and a unique and authentic glimpse into Canadian history.

There is no regular meeting in December. On Jan. 4 everyone is welcome to the first meeting of 2002 which will be held at Betty Comba's home on McLeod Road. The theme is health. Each person is to bring her favourite old-fashioned remedy. Anyone have some cherry bark cough syrup? or sulphur and molasses tonic? Or salt water gargle? How about a mustard plaster?