

Nov. 7 for the unveiling of a special plaque in the park, as well as the premiere of 'Blakeney Then & Now' at the Mill of Kintail Gatehouse. These two projects have been on the agenda of the Ramsay Women's Institute (WI) for more than three years, so it was quite a feeling of accomplishment for the committee of Marilyn Snedden, Jill Moxley and Jean Macpherson, to see so many local people enjoy meeting each other and learning about the history of the area.

Cindy Zorgel, Ramsay WI president, welcomed all, and provided a brief history of how Lady Tweedsmuir sponsored a contest for the best WI community history in the late 1940s, and the project grew until almost every WI branch across Canada had a Tweedsmuir history. The Ramsay books provided the background information for the Blakeney project.

In one of his last official duties as mayor of Mississippi Mills, Al Lunney offered praise to the WI for recording the amazing history of our area, and to the Almonte Fish and Game



Cindy Zorgey, president of Ramsay Women's Institute, and Mississippi Mills Mayor Al Lunney unveil a special plaque in Blakeney Park on Sunday, Nov. 7.

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A slide from the 'Blakeney Then & Now' DVD (left) shows a tennis game in 1910 at the manse in Blakeney. On Sunday, Michael Dunn, technical producer, screened the DVD twice in order to accommodate the large crowd at the Mill of Kintail Gatehouse.

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of the Ministry of Natural Resources. The new Ramsay Ward councillors were also in the crowd.

Zorgel and Lunney unveiled the plaque - a map with a directory showing the locations of more than two-dozen mills, dams and houses, as well as a brief history of the Hamlet. Snedden led a short tour over the new bridge in the park to the site of Abial Marshall's sawmill.

Michael Dunn, technical producer of 'Blakeney Then & Now', screened the DVD twice to accommodate the

five volumes of Tweedsmuir histories, as well as snacks prepared by WI members. Many people ordered the DVD.

With few places to hold a public event in Ramsay, everyone was most impressed with the meeting room at the Gatehouse. Those at the event seemed to have lots of fun judging by the laughter. More chances to get together in an informal setting is a goal for the future.

Submitted by Marilyn Snedden, Ramsay Women's Institute.



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Ramsay Women's Institute (WI) members stand with the special plaque unveiled in Blakeney Park on Sunday afternoon. The project has been on the agenda of the (WI) for more than three years, so it was quite a feeling of accomplishment. Pictured in alphabetical order are Jean Macpherson, Jill Moxley, Marilyn Snedden and Cindy Zorgey (president).

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