

# Barb Fullerton Recognized for Community Service

Williscroft Women's Institute are proud to announce that Barbara Fullerton is the recipient of the 2010 Bruce County District Women's Institute Woman of Excellence Fair Award. This was presented to Barb at the Bruce County District Women's Institute Rally October 21 at Underwood.

Barbara (nee Armstrong) Fullerton was born in Culross Township near Teeswater, Ontario. She attended public school in Culross and F. E. Madill Secondary School in Wingham. Barbara was employed at Dominion Life Insurance in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario. After her marriage to Carman Fullerton of Paisley in 1964, Barbara worked for Farm Credit Corporation in Walkerton.

Barbara and Carman live and farm on Bruce County Road #3, just north of Paisley. They have a family of three sons, one daughter, and six grandchildren. Barbara has always been active in the community.

Barbara became involved with the Paisley Fall Fair in 1974 through the efforts of Alice Weeden and has been a tireless worker in Fair activities. Her first duties at the Fair were to help on the Sewing and Crafts Committee. In later years, she chaired this committee.

Barbara was President of the Ladies Division in 1981 and 1982.

In 1985, Barb along with husband, Carman received the Agriculture Service Diploma from the Paisley Agricultural Society. This award acknowledged them for outstanding dedication and volunteer service to Agriculture and Rural Life in the Community.

In 1987-1988, Barbara represented The Fair District #10 as the Homecraft Representative and over the 2 years she faithfully visited 27 Fairs in the District.

While District Rep, she organized judging schools for Homecrafts in the District and attended Yearly Fair Meetings in Toronto.

Barbara served on the Fair Ambassador Committee and helped with the 25th anniversary celebrations of this program. Over the years, along with her duties, Barbara has managed to enter articles in various divisions like baking, flowers, crafts and took her turn at serving and providing pies for the Food Booth.

Clippings and photos have been collected by Barbara and were a great help when a book was written on the 150th Anniversary of the Paisley Fall Fair.

Barbara now looks after the Women's Institute Competition and displays at the Fair. In 1997, Barbara was President of the Paisley Fall Fair.



President of Bruce County Women's Institute, Janet Nixon, presents Barb with the Bruce County District Women's Institute Woman of Excellence Fair Award at Underwood Community Centre on Thursday, October 21, 2010.

In 2007, Barbara and Carman were presented with a Province of Ontario Volunteer Certificate for 30 years of involvement of the Fair.

Along with her Fair involvement, Barbara is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church,

Paisley, Eastern Star, and the Williscroft Women's Institute.

Barbara is continually thinking Fair year round and looks for new ideas and displays to enhance the Fair.

Judy MacKinnon

## Bruce County District Women's Institute

The Bruce County District Women's Institute held their 55th Annual Rally at the Underwood Community Centre, Thursday, October 21, 2010. "Go for the Gold in the Women's Institute" was the theme for the day.

The host Branches were: Amabel, Adamsville, Belmore, Bervie and Bluebell. The roll call "What did you enjoy most about the 2010 Olympics?" was answered by 22 Branches. It was quite evident that the Vancouver Olympics had a profound effect on all Canadians.

President Janet Nixon, opened the meeting with the singing of O Canada, The Opening Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect. Special guests were introduced: Grey Bruce Area President Gretha Holmes, Grey Bruce Chairperson Meri-Diane Carol and Area Representative Barb Carter.

The museum report was given by Trudy Schwass who reminded members that the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre is always needing volunteers for their many programs. The costumes sewn by Trudy and Gunne Weber were delivered to the Museum in time for the school children's programs.

The Speaker for the afternoon was Judy Snoblen. She spoke of her wonderful Olympic Experience when she and her family attended the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

The Belmore Women's Institute is hosting a Rose Program, Friday, April 29, 2011. Margaret Trudeau will be speaking on Mental Illness and its Impact, at the Belmore Community Centre. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door. Anyone

wishing tickets can phone: 519-335-3436, 519-327-8558, 519-357-3428 or 519-392-8139. All proceeds go to Community Betterment.

On Monday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m., the Bervie Women's Institute are hosting a Rose Program in the Bervie Women's Institute Hall. "Bring your Rolling Pin" and learn how to make pastry and pies. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Judy MacKinnon is trying to locate any Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History books, minute books or any other items from Disbanded Branches. If you can help her out please phone 519-353-5638 or a W.I. Branch in your area.

Barbara Fullerton was presented with the Women's of Excellence Fall Fair Award. She has been a member of the Paisley Agricultural Society for many years and it was an honor to give her this recognition.

Coming Events are: The District Directors Meeting - March 3, 2011 at the Port Elgin United Church and the District Annual Meeting - May 26, 2011 to be held at the Port Elgin United Church.

The Rally was a fun day with a Silent Auction to raise funds for community betterment, great entertainment and a joke from each branch.

Anyone wanting information about the Women's Institute can go on line to: [brucecountydistrictwomen.simsinstitute.com](http://brucecountydistrictwomen.simsinstitute.com) or [fwio.on.ca](http://fwio.on.ca).

Branches are always looking for new members.

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