

Quilting guilds organize quilt and fibre art exhibit at Bruce County Museum

A presentation of meticulous stitches and spectacular colour is coming to Bruce County Museum and Archives, March 28.

This popular quilt and fibre art exhibition will run until May 30, and the museum will be open every day, except Good Friday and Easter Monday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Sundays 1-5 p.m.

The show is organized by a committee from three quilting guilds: the Bluewater of Owen Sound, the Five Star from Teeswater and Lucknow, and the Sunset from Kincardine. The three guilds have a total membership of over 270 people, and they reflect the worldwide interest in this old, and revived, art and craft.

Visitors can expect to see several hundred items of interest in this show, with examples of traditionally styled works, some of it done in miniature, and pieces of innovative contemporary art. A special feature will be one-of-a-kind efforts representing the collaboration of a quilter

with an artist working in another medium. In the past these have included sculpture, stained glass, metalwork, water-colour painting, acrylics woodworking and rug hooking.

A related exhibition this year will be the amazing knitting of Waterloo artist Debbie New. She has just finished knitting a boat, based on Welsh coracles of old. She will give one of the 4 workshops planned in connection with the show.

Sunday, April 25, a fashion show to demonstrate the interest of quilters in incorporating quilting techniques into unique and practical and attractive garments, will be held.

All three guilds do their share of community service, with quilts being made as fundraisers for several organizations and comfort quilts made for children receiving treatment for cancer, for children in women's shelters, and for people whose homes have been destroyed by fire.

Southline WI invited to a spring social at Participation Lodge

June 1999

The May meeting of the South Line Women's Institute was held at the home of Tonia Kingma. President Eugenia Zettler opened the meeting. New programs for the 99-2000 season were distributed. A reading in honour of mothers was given by Brenda Meyer.

The minutes and treasurer's report were given and approved. The correspondence and "good cheer" were read. Several members attended the District Annual in Elmwood on May 27. Members were also invited to a Spring Social at Participation Lodge on the same day.

The Hanover Fair display was discussed, but no decision made to enter.

Members then gave ideas on the upkeep and improvement of the WI Centennial Flowerbed at the home of Gladys Benninger. They decided to meet there for a picnic lunch and make some changes, including the erection of a sign to show to passers-by, a presence of the Women's Institute in the area.

Bruce County District Women's Institute

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Special to SCN

The District Directors meeting of Bruce County District W.I. was held in Geneva Presbyterian Church, Chesley on March 4 with 31 of 38 branches attending.

President Lois Freiburger presided.

Gillies Hill was our hostess for the day. Secretary treasurer Doreen McAdam read last year's minutes, correspondence and the treasurer's report.

Tweedsmuir Minutes books from disbanded branches and any local branches that have books for the museum are asked

to bring them to the annual meeting and our Tweedsmuir Curator Judy MacKinnon will take them to the museum.

A donation was made to the Erland Lee Home in memory of Verna Maluskie. Committee reports were given by Linda Freiburger for Farm Safety, Marie Hamel for the Tartan and Marion Schlorff for the Museum.

Each branch received a letter from Barbara Ribey Director/Curator for the Bruce County Museum with regards to our involvement at the Museum. Sunday, March 28 at 2 p.m. is the opening of the Miniature Quilt

Show which runs until early May.

Roots of Bruce will be held on April 6, 7, and 8 at the Walkerton Agricultural Grounds for Grade 6 students of Bruce County, and the Institutes will be serving the daily noon meal to the volunteer workers.

Fran Farrell gave us a report from the Provincial Board as she is on the Agriculture Advisory Committee.

Following lunch we made plans for our District Annual to be held on Thursday, May 27 at the Elmwood Community Centre with registration at 9 a.m.

The theme for the meeting will be Caring and Sharing and the host branches will be Jackson, Kinloss, Malcolm, Mar and Mount Hope.

Bruce County Rally meeting will take place in Tiverton Community Centre on Oct. 28 hosted by Oliphant, Park Head, Pinkerton Purple Grove and Purple Valley.

As the Rally is to be a fun day our theme will be Live, Learn, Laugh. To promote our Bruce County Tartan each branch is challenged to bring a craft made from Bruce County Tartan for display, also each branch is to bring an article for auction.

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Local WI hears history of Walkerton's Brucelea Haven from its activity co-ordinator

Members of the Walkerton Evening Institute held their March 9 meeting at Brucelea Haven, Walkerton.

President Janet Eindiguer welcomed members and opened the meeting with a St. Patrick's Day blessing.

Members were reminded of the 'Roots of Bruce' on April 6, 7, 8, also the Craft and Hobby Fair in

Southampton on July 1. Ada Mason attended the District Director's meeting in Chesley on March 4, and a report was given.

Resident Royden McSween played several violin solos prior to the presentation by Janet Kaufman, one of the activity co-ordinators, who gave a history of Brucelea Haven,

which is a municipal building, and was named the House of Refuge when it was built in 1898. Through the years it was 'home' for many residents of the county.

In 1960, the present building with 144 beds was erected to accommodate the changing needs of society, and provides an optimum level of care, with 24-hour nursing care.

Numerous volunteers help with various projects, junior teens deliver mail, write letters, and occasionally can converse with residents whose mother tongue is French. Other volunteers assist with bus outings, taking residents to dentists, etc.

Palliative care teams comfort and support individuals and families who are living with, or dying from a progressive life threatening illness, or those who are bereaved.

Teresa Schnurr, president of Brucelea Haven Auxiliary then spoke of the work of the Auxiliary, and showed a Tumbling Blocks quilt, which she made for a draw in the summer. The Auxiliary look after the Tuck Shop, card parties, raise monies for TV's and VCR's, sell Nevada tickets, sponsor birthday parties several times a year, and provide small Christmas gifts to residents. She was thanked by President Janet Eindiguer and presented with a donation for the Auxiliary by Evelyn Wilson.