



### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

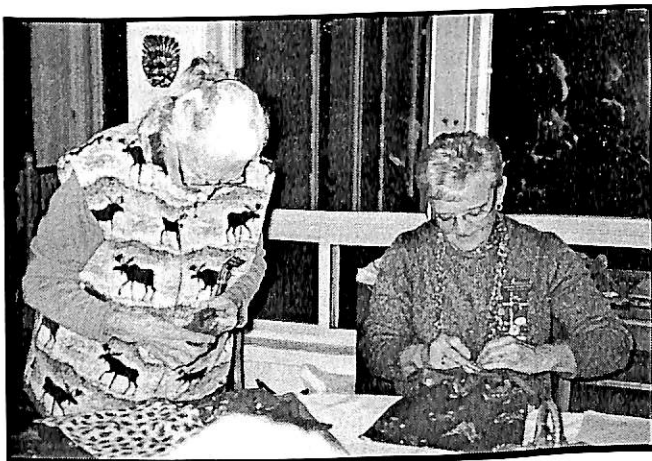
- Joyce Reid

The regular monthly meeting of the Amherst Island W. I. was held at the home of Joyce Reid, with 14 members in attendance and Jackie Sylvester presiding. It was opened with the repeating of The Ode, The Collect and the singing of O Canada.

New member Anne Henderson was welcomed.

Thanks were offered to all who helped with:

- 1) The Museum Fundraiser Abram's Concert, Oct. 29;
- 2) The filling of 26 Shoe Boxes for Children's Christmas in another country; and,
- 3) The Christmas Lights at the Ferry Dock.



*LESLIE GAVLAS AND JOYCE HAINES WORK ON THEIR CHRISTMAS BAGS.*



The cutting down and replanting of trees on the Island was discussed. Twenty-six members of Amherst Island W. I. and the community attended the Nov. 6 Council Meeting of Loyalist Township. We strongly support Murray Beckel, Township Planner, in his report and recommendation that Council develop a Tree Planting, Tree Retention and Landscaping Policy for Amherst Island.

A lengthy letter was read from Ed Adams, Technical Supervisor, Loyalist Twp. Recycling was discussed further. We still need sheltered storage for corrugated cardboard and a better system for the collection of cans, bottles and plastic.

The new 2007 Amherst Island Women's Institute Calendar, consisting of historical Island photographs, is now available from Jackie Sylvester, The General Store and The Tea Room. It will also be for sale at the Seniors' Christmas Party, Dec. 3.

The formal part of the meeting was adjourned, closing with the Grace and the singing of God Save the Queen.

The members then moved to the "craft table" organized by the Joyces - Haines and Reid. Recyclable fabric gift bags had been made by the team ready to be decorated by the members, using an assortment of glittery and otherwise, Christmas trimmings.

Delicious refreshments were served by Diane Heatt.

Next meeting is at St. Paul's church, Dec. 6, at 6 pm, pot luck and Annual Christmas gift exchange.



*MARION GLENN, JACKIE SYLVESTER, MARY KAY STEEL, AND DIANE HEATT.*

PHOTOS BY JOYCE REID