

AUG. 21 - 1:00 P.M. Hillier Hall
TWEEDSMUIR STORY

TOPIC: Tea Show and Tell
ROLL CALL: Show and/or tell about tea
TEA: Peggy Burris, Lois Conley & Mary Darlington
HOSTESS: Marjorie Darling
Volunteer hours



SEPT. 18 - 11:00 A.M. Hillier Hall
TWEEDSMUIR STORY

TOPIC: Visit P. E. C. Archives in Picton -leaving hall 1:30 P.M.
ROLL CALL: A fact I know about land instruments (Deed & Wills)
TEA: Brown bag lunch (Hillier Hall)
HOSTESS: Pat VanKregten
Volunteer hours



Hillier WI meets

By Rebecca MacKellar
Special to the Gazette

Joan Priestman will be our substitute president for the September 18th meeting. The roll call is "A Fact You Know About Land Instruments (Deeds and Wills)", so get your papers out girls.

We will be meeting in

the hall at 11am then following the meeting we will be exiting there at 1:30pm to journey to Prince Edward County Archives, in Picton. This sounds interesting and informative.

Remember to bring a brown bag lunch and drink

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with you.

It is once again that time of year for the Amazing Loyalist Adventure (fundraiser), so come and try our delicious Apple Dumplings. For a change this year we are putting together a gourmet's delight - a super-duper chili. Members please be at the hall on Friday the 19th at 9am to assist in the assembling of the apple dumplings. This is a two day event: Saturday 20th, 10 till 4 pm and Sunday 21st September, 11am till 4pm. Please note our new venue is now Our Own Hillier Hall.

Pam Littlefair stood in as president at our August meeting.

Our Tweedsmuir Story was told by Ruth Crawford. It was in relationship to a Pleasant Bay family called Grant during the 1800's. The father lived until his 92nd year and his wife to her 89th year. Tragically five of their sons succumbed early in life to a mystery illness and their daughter died in childbirth, unfortunately their other sons died before their parents. This must have been a dreadful heartbreak to live with. Our roll call was "Show and or Tell about Tea". Marjorie Darling presented this program. Several tea caddies were on display depicting the history of tea; Marjorie had researched lots of information about this subject that she then read. Joan Priestman mentioned that tea came into use about 2,000 years ago circa 2737 B.C. when Chinese Chen Yung tea was in use. Joan mentioned Europe started using tea in the 17th century. The Americans drank only coffee but

started consuming tea sometime after the Boston Tea Party escapade. Tea bags came into vogue around 1908.

Our guest this month was Sarah Hilton.

Peggy and Phyllis served delicious English afternoon tea, with homemade scones jam and cream everyone enjoyed the treats, thank you both.

To date we are still looking for a new president.

We were delighted to welcome Lee Ann Scammell into our group when Pam pinned her just after roll call.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Mountain View WI for their kind invite to their 95th anniversary. We had a wonderful night ranging from fashions over the last 95 years, the songs that went with those years, the stories each WI group told regarding their accomplishments during their particular years; and of course the delightful supper these ladies presented was second to none.

Dates to remember are October 27th all branches are invited to attend the 3rd annual District potluck supper to be held in the Bloomfield hall commencing 6pm for further details call Pam Littlefair.

October 4th Cherry Valley is holding their 95th anniversary between 2-4 in the afternoon details will be forwarded to each branch soon.


The District are donating a decorated tree to the Festival of Trees for Garrett Island and each branch are asked to furnish them with a Christmas item for this worthy cause.

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Hillier Women's Institute

By Joyce Brown

The Women's Institute, Hillier Branch enjoyed a wonderful day with Pat VanKregten and her husband Jim who put a lot of thought and time into planning a tour of the Prince Edward County Archives. We began in the Court House, with a talk about the history of the building and its continued use of the courtroom. A few of our members took the opportunity to sit in the judge's chair, see the library and explore the architecture. Then on to the jail. It was interesting

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to see and hear about how the County dealt with criminals many years ago, as well as the hanging facilities used for the last hanging in the County jail. If you have never been to see the Archives (old documents, scrap books, deeds, etc.) in this delightful historic building, I suggest that you take time to go. You will remember that Pat and Jim spent many months putting the Hillier Women's

Tweedsmuir History onto CD disks. Well, this was the highlight of our tour, when we could go into the computer to get information regarding the lives and history of our Hamlet. Many of the members could find stories and pictures of their Mothers and Grandmothers when they belonged to the Hillier WI. A great big thank you to Jim and Pat and of course the many volunteers for sharing their knowledge with us. We had an interesting guest join us for the tour and prior meeting. Pat Plumb a member of a WI branch in Cheshire England, chose to visit Hillier WI during her vacation in Bloomfield. We were delighted that she volunteered to talk about what her group did in England and answer our many questions. Parts of our Tweedsmuir History and biographies are being researched by various members and read each month. This is one of the reasons we would encourage and invite you to be a guest in the near future. Our new venue for the Apple

Dumpling Days, part of the Loyalist Adventure Program, was a huge success. We served over 500 dumplings and many bowls of Chili. Thank you to all who contributed many hours to make this a success and to those of you who came to enjoy a lunch and dumpling. Thursday, October 16th a well-known agrologist, Kenneth Wright, spoke to the Hillier Women's Institute on Agriculture, past, present and future. Kenneth Wright the son of a successful farmer, not only benefitted from his experience on the home farm, but participated in 4-H and Junior Farmer programs which led him to his passion for professional agriculture. Thank you Kenneth for sharing your extensive knowledge with us. THE TIMES 10-22-03