

## Hillier W.I. Report

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On July 15, 1999, the Hillier Women's Institute gathered in the new carriage house at Macaulay House in Picton for their meeting. Marylin Rennie opened the meeting with the usual Ode, and Mary Stewart Collect. As promised Marylin researched the story of the Women's Institute logo and explained how the crest and logo came to be. Peggy and Elwood Burris will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hillier Town Hall and the members of Hillier W.I. were asked to join them in celebration. The meeting was adjourned at noon so that our hostess Marjorie Darling could introduce our six guests from Amherst Island Women's Institute who came to join us for lunch, have a tour of Macaulay House, visit the museum and Bird House City. One of the things pointed out I'm sure to anyone who was nearby, was

the tombstone in the cemetery that is inscribed (died 31<sup>st</sup> day of February). When everyone was seated at tables we proceeded with our roll call "An Interesting Historical Fact about our Respective Communities". Everyone had some wonderful story about their life in the County. So much knowledge was forthcoming from renovating and researching century homes by new settlers and older settlers to the interesting history and stories told about the older settlers and their families, their rolls in farming, industry, and generally making the county successful then as now. Pat VanKregten our Tweedsmuir Historian, read past and present articles from the Tweedsmuir book and displayed the new book cover hand made by Scott Brown and hand painted by Peggy Burris. Our guests from Amherst Island W.I. also told stories about their be-

ginnings and roots on the Island.

Lunch was catered by Friends of Macaulay House. The day was beautiful as a day in July should be and the tables and food set up just as beautiful. Hot casseroles, salads and wow! Hot biscuits! Then we could talk about blueberry custard tarts for dessert. Many thanks for the Friends of Macaulay House for this perfectly relaxing lunch. After such a wonderful lunch we were certainly ready for a tour of this grand home, exquisitely furnished with antiques dating about 1850. We were split into groups to tour the house and then at our leisure we could walk over to the museum, walk in the gardens, walk to Bird House City and just have some more relaxing time.

In July 1999, Melissa Coghlan passed away after a long fight with leukemia and Hillier W.I. members and families wish to extend their sincere sympathy to her grandparents Victor and Violet Coghlan and to her extended family. Vi is a long time member of the Hillier W.I.

Many people who have just moved into the County may

wish to make new friends and generally get to know their new surroundings. One of the greatest ways to do this is to join one of the local branches of the Women's Institute. Please call Joyce at 399-1957 to get full particulars.

**JULY 15-11:00 A.M.**

### Macaulay House - Picton

**TOPIC:** Lunch with Amhurst Island W.I./ Tour of Macaulay House and area to demonstrate Prince Edward County heritage and display our Tweedsmuir Histories.

**ROLL CALL:** An interesting historical fact about our respective communities.

**LUNCH:** Catered by Friends of Macaulay House. Cost \$5.00

**HOSTESS:** Marjorie Darling



Hillier W. I. enjoys lunch with Amherst Island W. I. at Macaulay House

