

Monda Halpern and Katherine Grieve

## F.W.I.O. Women's Day a Success!

Having a five minute chat with Professor Monda Halpern (left) about her mini lecture titled "The W.I.: A Landmark in Ontario Women's History" is Katherine Grieve from Brooksdale. Monda Halpern was the keynote speaker at the Women's Day, a pilot project for the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario and hosted by London Area W.I. The event was held on April 10<sup>th,</sup> 2010 at the Lucan Community Memorial Centre. Halpern is the author of "And On that Farm He had a Wife: Ontario Farm Women and Feminism, 1900-1970" and teaches history at UWO. Other speakers were Master Gardener Nancy Abra who spoke on "green remedies" to rid garden of insects, Cathy Burtch demonstrated clever accessorizing trends and Robert Pel of RKilts spoke on the art of kilt making using leather and hemp. The winner of the dream make over was Gerda Veel of Coldstream and the audience of 100 women had the opportunity to see "finish product" at the end of the day.

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