



The North Renfrew District Women's Institute is raffling off this quilt to raise money towards their \$1,000 pledge to Bernadette McCann House, to help with furnishings for the new women's shelter. Tamara Lafrance, District Program Co-Ordinator, and Elaine Hennessy, newspaper liaison, display the quilt. The draw will be held Sunday, Sept 27 at the Rural Ramble, Beachburg Orange Hall at 3:30 pm. Photo by Stephen Uhler.

Resolutions

Two Resolutions were presented by the Greenwood Branch pertaining to heavy metal toxicity and province-wide testing for lead toxicity.

Kelly O'Grady from the Greenwood branch described what happens when lead enters the bloodstream of young children, and also what treatment can be used to correct this condition.

Both Resolutions passed, and will be taken to the Area Convention which will be held in Cornwall this fall.

Laurentian View branch received the plaque for the most new members (5) during the past year.

The Davis Cup for the best Tweedsmuir History went to the Foresters Falls branch who did the history on five churches, and Ruby Bulmer accepted the award.

The District President Dwyla Pilgrim gave a short summary of events during our Centennial Year, and urged us to all work together and make Women's Institute even stronger than it was during the last one hundred years.

The Locksley-Rankin branch thanked the Alice branch for hosting the District Annual, and the meeting closed with the singing of O Canada.

Blocks to become quilt, cushions and raffled off

What a success! Quilters from across the county shared their talent and entered 38 blocks in the North Renfrew District Women's Institute 1998 Quilt Block Competition. Entrants had the choice of either applique or pieced.

Muriel Verch of Pembroke placed first in the applique class with "Delft Beauty." Noreen McGregor of Braeside and a Lochwinnoch branch member, placed second with reverse applique "Heart and Dove." Ethel Dagg of Beachburg and a member of the Zion Line branch, placed third with "Pansy Basket."

Locksley-Rankin member Judy Bohn of Pembroke finished first in the pieced class with "Log Cabin." Pembroke's Muriel Rolf was second with "Rolling Stone," and Muriel Verch, also of Pembroke was third with "Sugar Plum Dreams."

The 22 applique blocks will be made into a 20-block quilt and two cushions. Tickets will be on sale shortly, with the draw taking place Sept. 27 at the North Renfrew District's Rural Ramble Quilt Show and Tea in the Beachburg Orange Hall.

The District has pledged \$1,000 to Bernadette McCann House and it is hoped this draw will cover this pledge.

The 16 pieced blocks will go towards another quilt and cushions and will be set up for quilting at Rural Ramble. A percentage of monies raised from this quilt are to be donated to Easter Seals.

Any surplus money from these two quilts will be used for other District projects.

Submitted by Christine Reaburn

North Renfrew District WI holds 90th annual meeting

by Elaine Hennessy
special to the Daily News

The North Renfrew District Women's Institute held their 90th Annual Meeting at Locksley Lutheran Church on May 14, 1998, hosted by the Alice branch.

Registration and cheesecake dessert preceded the meeting which began at 7 pm.

Juliana Coulas welcomed all the members from the District, and also the special guests who were in attendance. The Alice branch will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary on May 25.

The District President Dwyla Pilgrim introduced the guests for the evening, and James Loback, who was representing council for the Township of Alice and Fraser, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Greetings were also received from the Area President Mae Craig, and the Provincial President-Elect Christine Raeburn.

The WI Ode was then sung, followed by the Mary Stewart Collect.

The In Memorium was conducted by Susan de Haan and Margaret Ann Griffith. Remembrance was observed for former members Elma Waite, Ruby Bulmer, Millie Teske, Lois Jackson,

Beulah Fletcher, and Sara Pearce.

Christine Raeburn advised that the Quilt Block Competition had been a wonderful success, with 37 quilt blocks being received from members and non members.

The Roll Call for the meeting was "Every day in our life is a day in history. How can we live it wisely?"

The District Directors gave their replies such as: take time to meditate, try to avoid stress, be caring for your friends and family, be honest and true to yourself, set one positive goal for each day, make good use of your time, keep a personal daily journal which you can pass on to your children.

The Pennies for Friendship amounted to \$427.34 which will be forwarded to ACWW in London, England.

Minutes of the 1997 District Annual, Financial reports, and correspondence were all approved.

The Provincial President Elect Christine Raeburn gave a short account of her trip to the ACWW Conference in Pretoria, South Africa, and she advised it was a great learning experience, and that all the members were very enthusiastic.