

100 years of the Women's accomplishments at various venues - meetings, teas, pot lucks, mall displays, libraries, schools, hospitals, store fronts, special events.

Learn to network and tell the whole story to all other service organizations, seniors groups, agencies, councillors in your area. This is every member has the opportunity involved in spreading the accomplishments at Branch, and the provincial level. We applaud Hoodless and Erland and that part the WI has played in Ontario. Who better to tell this enthusiastic members them-

an opportunity to involve them are some ideas:

1. Invite everyone in the community to participate in the Special

2. Hold a community event and show how the Women's Institute Ontario across Canada.

3. Welcome the community to a Women's Day event on April 29 and show the Women's Institute being an international organization. Is involvement with the Women's Institutes.

- **In June** - Organize a meeting at the local school in conjunction with "school days" or graduation programs. Highlight the WI's involvement in education, locally and provincially.
- **In September** - Make sure the WI is featured at your Fall Fair, noting their years of 4-H support and involvement.
- **In November** - Remember WI's involvement during the war years; arrange special events in conjunction with local Legions and other military groups, and be sure that they are reported in the November 11, 1997, editions of your newspapers.

The references for researching some of these ideas are many: the *Home & Country* newsletter, photograph collections, Women's Institute scrapbooks, Tweedsmuir History Books and provincial history books, especially *For Home and Country: The Centennial History of the Women's Institutes in Ontario*.

These are just a few challenges as we gather to celebrate 100 years of Women's Institute history. Plan your programs as a way to inform and include your community; it may even lead to an increased membership and the formation of new Branches? Pick up the challenge!

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organized, always including an exhibit on the speaker's topic and for the sale of crafts. She also some of their Branch projects, annual clean up of village tours to raise funds and open-market that finances itself.

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Women's Time Out

During the long January of 1996, a couple of friends of mine who work for the Salvation Army planned a summer project for a group of city women. The group was called "Women's Time Out." The project decided upon was planting and maintaining a small garden. I offered a plot in my garden for the project.

This beneficial project required cooperation and allowed the women to see the results of their efforts. The majority of the women had never experienced the joy of watching something grow. They worked hard turning the soil, planting the seeds and weeding. Each week they looked forward to seeing the progress the plants had made.

As the plants matured, the women enjoyed the rewards of reaping the harvest. They proudly shared beans, lettuce, onions, potatoes, carrots, zucchini and even some ornamental gourds and flowers. It was a hands-on learning experience that formed friendships and emphasized the joy of sharing.

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