

Women's Institutes celebrating 120 years

Are you aware February 19th, 2017 marks 120 years since the Women's Institute began in Stoney Creek, Ontario - 1897?

To commemorate this milestone, Huron-Perth District of Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario is celebrating this day as "Women's Institute Day" Adelaide Hoodless spoke at the inaugural meeting in Stoney Creek, focusing on the need for rural women to be educated about home-making and child care. Co-founder Erland Lee used his influence in municipal government to assist Adelaide in the formation of the world's first women's organization.

Branches spread geographically throughout rural communities in Ontario as Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO), across Canada as Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) and around the world as Associated

Country Women of the World (ACWW). This international organization is evidence of Women's Institutes' positive influence in hundreds of communities and in the lives of many thousands of women and their families.

Through the network of its branches, WI offers education programs, community support and advocates for social environment and economic change which results in personal growth of all women "For Home and Country."

The Women's Institutes are celebrating the milestone of 120 years in conjunction with Canada's 150th birthday. Huron-Perth District Women's Institute invites everyone to mark February 19th as "Women's Institute Day" [est.1897] and celebrate with us.

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Oxford W.I. hold 'Big Quilt Bee'

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It wasn't bees that were making humming sounds in the meeting room at the OMAFRA office in Woodstock on March 29th, but sewing machines.

Twenty-five participants - members of Oxford District Women's Institute and guests - brought their machines and scraps of cotton fabric to create slabs for the *Big Quilt Bee* organized by the Canadian Quilters' Association.

The *Big Quilt Bee* is the project of the Canadian Quilters' Association whose goal is to donate 1,000 quilts to the Ronald

Abby Howe makes a quilt square with her grandmother Linda Howe.



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Joyce Hill, ROSE program coordinator for Oxford District W.I. gave step-by step instructions in making a "log cabin" style slab in the 3-hour session. By the end of the day, each person completed two slabs.