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Oxford District W.I. Rose program coordinator Joyce Hill had sample "slabs" and instructions ready for the participants at the ROSE (Reaching Ontario Sharing Education) program held at the OMAFRA building in Woodstock on March 29. Participants sewed log cabin slabs that will be part of the Big Quilt Bee, which is the undertaking of the Canadian Quilters' Association goal to donate 1,000 quilts to the Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada as their Canada 150 project. *Ox. Rev. p. 9 Apr 13, 2017*

# Oxford District WI takes part in 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 29, 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 (CQA).

For their Canada 150 project, the CQA is holding a Big Quilt Bee at Quilt Canada 2017 at the International Centre in Toronto on June 14-17. Individuals and groups are asked to make square blocks for finishing into quilts at the Big Quilt Bee. Their goal is to complete 1,000 quilts to be donated to Ronald MacDonal Houses across Canada.

There are 14 Ronald McDonal Houses across Canada with 469 family rooms. The quilts are for children and will be two different sizes depending on the

number of slabs used.

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

Oxford District collection of slabs will be at their District Annual on May 24. For more information on Oxford's project for the Big Quilt Bee, contact Joyce Hill at [jmhill@execulink.com](mailto:jmhill@execulink.com).