

On May 26th, 1964, a group of ladies from Brant and Greenock Townships met at the home of Mrs. Ernie Tolton to organize a branch of the Women's Institute. There were twenty-seven charter members.

Mrs. Wayne Porter became the first President, with Mrs. Tom. Dickison as 1st Vice, Mrs. George Strauss as 2nd Vice, and Mrs. Cameron Taylor was Secretary-Treasurer.

After several suggested names it was decided to name our Institute the "Brant-Greenock Institute".

During the years the ladies provided leadership in 4H clubs, catered at the Log Cabin and hosted at the Museum in Southampton, attended rallies, conventions, short courses and took part in projects of the Institute at local and district levels.

Special activities included trips to Dundurn castle in Hamilton, tour of Erland Lee Homestead, home of MacKenzie King in Doon Village. More local tours included Bruce Tile Company, Pine River Cheese Factory, Bruce Agri-Park, Bruce Nuclear at Douglas Point, Herald-Times, Doug. Crawford Mink Ranch, Cook Brothers Farm, and Bell Telephone Office, in Walkerton.

Several quilts have been made to raise funds as well as to be donated to Participation Lodge.

We entered group competitions at the Little Royal Fair in Walkerton and were successful in winning prizes. We have held Chinese Auctions, plant and slip sales, special auctions, with proceeds being donated to Brucelea Haven.

As well, we have hosted an afternoon of entertainment at Brucelea Haven to celebrate birthdays for their residents in a given month, at which time we have provided lunch, and for those with a birthday a gift was supplied.

Short courses which proved to be very useful as well as pleasant were Rug Braiding, Hat Making, Quilting, Macrame, and Quick Meals.

Demonstrations at meetings included cooking with a wok, flower arranging, and quick crafts.