

Browns WI tours vegetable farm

Browns W.I. was held on Wednesday May 16. The members were asked to meet at Browns School at 6:30 p.m. when we travelled to the Red Barn on Cody's sideroad to see their growing project of tomatoes and cucumbers by heat generated through the greenhouses. Outside we viewed their strawberry and asparagus plots. Each one was given a small bag of tomatoes. Cucumbers and onions could be purchased.

We journeyed back to Browns School for the business part of the program.

One of our new co-presidents Liz Harrison presided. She presented Janet Uren with her Past

President's pin, for a job well done over the last two years.

Willie Vanstrein, Judy Newman and Evelyn Arthur volunteered to plant and maintain the flower beds at the School.

The District Annual will be held in Salford on Tuesday May 22 at 9:30 a.m. Those planning to attend are Liz Harrison, Evelyn Arthur, Sue Day and Janet Uren.

The Institute will be serving the Stepping Out Meal at Kingsway Lodge on Friday, May 25 at 12 o'clock.

The Institute has been asked to donate six dozen cookies to the R.O.S.E. in Tavistock on Wednesday May 30 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Evelyn Douglas,

Evelyn Arthur and Carol Miller volunteered to help. A donation of \$50 was donated to the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario Telethon.

St. Marys Fair will be held July 26 to 29. The Institute was asked for a display of 'Grandma's Legacy.' Evelyn Douglas, Janet Uren, Susan Towle, Sheila Greason and Willie Vanstrein volunteered to help with the display.

Sue Day gave a reading 'Weeds.' The Roll Call was 'Ways of serving tomatoes other than raw.'

The Pennies for Friendship, 'How many times in a year do you serve tomatoes?' proved very amusing.

The next meeting will be June 20 at the Browns School at 9:15 a.m. when we go on a tour of the Oxford County Court House in Woodstock. The

Roll Call will be 'Something you learned from the tour.'

Browns WI Euchre

Browns W.I. have Euchres every two weeks. The winners for the one held on May 3 were as follows: High Verna Switzer and Randy Hounsell; Lone Hands Bell Oliver and Earnie Oliver; Low - Mildred Newman and Gordon Smith. Door prize winners were Ina Pickell and Roy Monteith.

Another Euchre was held on May 17. The winners were as follows: High Evelyn Haves and Earnie Oliver; lone hands Bell Oliver and George McLellan; Low - Kathy Taylor and Jim Kennedy. Door prize winners were Roberta Atwell and Randy Hounsell.

The next Euchre will be held on Thursday, May 31 at 8 p.m.



Submitted photo

Pictured left to right are Donna McPherson holding the Elm Hurst coupon, Irene Drenth with her Hardanger table-runner and Margaret Ross holding her oil painting.

Oxford County Women raise funds for workshops

Oxford County Women's Institute responded to Wellington County W.I.'s challenge to raise \$2,001 to support Pre-Conference Workshops prior to the Associated Country Women of the World Conference, which will be held in June 2001 in Hamilton.

There will be women from Third World Countries present who will benefit from the pre-conference workshops.

A raffle was held and three great prizes were awarded: Susan Hunt of Braemar W.I. won a Hardanger table-runner made and donated by Irene Drenth of Brooksdale W.I.; Ruth Merrill won an oil painting by Margaret Ross of Braemar W.I. and Frances Rutherford of Brooksdale W.I. won a Sunday overnight stay and breakfast for two at the Elm Hurst Inn in Ingersoll.

Graduation



Elizabeth Taylor has Graduated with Honours in Internet Graphic Designer from Westervelt College in London, May 4 '01. She is the daughter of Ralph & Judy Taylor. Elizabeth is currently working at Canusa Automotive Warehousing in Dorchester. Best Wishes, Dad & Mom, and Keith.

June 20, 2001

Oxford District Women's Institute took a bus to Hamilton on Wednesday to spend a day at the ACCW

Convention. Everyone braved the fog to catch the bus at Embro and Woodstock. We were in time for the opening of the day at 8:30 a.m., which started with an interfaith Worship Service on the theme 'Make the Vision a Reality.' It was prepared by people of different faiths, Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam and Christianity . . . working and visioning together we can make a difference.

The theme speaker, a repeat from the 100th celebration, was Norman Rebin and he was excellent, he told about the strong women in his family, grandmothers, mother, sister, wife, daughter, all activists. Things need to change in our world but

they will only change if women will get together and make them happen. Bringing women together from all over the world, to vision and working together to make their vision a reality is a positive step, we can do it with God's help.

OXFORD DISTRICT WI

WI hold 98th annual meeting

Oxford District Women's Institute met recently at the Salford Community Centre. In her opening remarks President Margaret Lee lauded the many volunteer hours W.I. members give. It was noted that 9,102 volunteer hours were recorded. Further plans for the bus trip to Hamilton in June to attend the Associated Country Women of the World's

Convention were made.

A panel of three women in public office shared with the group the impact of public life on their private lives. Nancy Walther Councillor for Norwich Twp., Margaret Lupton Councillor for West Zorra Twp. and Peg Caffyn Mayor of South West-Oxford participated. Their comments were very much appreciated.

Year end reports of a great variety from all committees were given. We have gained 10 new members, but with regret acknowledged the disbanding of Embro West Zorra W.I. The meeting concluded with the election and installation of officers conducted by Fran Hyatt, London Area President.

Officers for 2001-2002 are: president Sheila

Greason, past-president Margaret Lee, first vice-president Janet Uren, second vice-president Ilene Chesterman, third vice-president Carol Innes, secretary treasurer Mary Nicklas, assistant secretary Evelyn Arthur, lobbying Louise Baird, education Mary Moore, Tweedsmuir curator Vivian McDonald, public relations Sherrill Babbey.