

'Antique' appraisal day in St. Marys

Sponsored by the St. Marys Agricultural Society, the event takes place Sunday, March 28

The St. Marys Agricultural Society is bringing their own version of the popular television program 'The Antique Road Show' to St. Marys.

Agricultural Society vice-president Sheila Greason and Agricultural Society director Lois Smith hope to have six appraisers available at the event who will give their expert opinions on items such as jewellery, glassware, china and porcelain, paintings and other works of art as well as toys, coins, postcards, books and small pieces of furniture.

Greason, who is also one of the event co-ordinators, told the Journal Argus that "there has been lots of interest so far."

"Everyone has treasures or things they think might be a treasure somewhere in their house," Smith says. "Our antique show will be an opportunity to learn if it truly is a treasure."

The antique appraisal day is part of the Downtown Merchants maple syrup weekend promotion, 'The Sweetest

Story Ever Told.'

Participants are not required to register prior to the day, says Greason, just bring your item(s) to the St. Marys and Golf Club, March 28 and for \$10 the antique experts will appraise three items. Items will be appraised on a first come basis.

The co-ordinators suggest that if you have larger item(s) like larger pieces of furniture or large art pieces that you bring a photograph of the item instead. Make note of any manufacturer's markings or names and if you know a little bit of the history of the piece. The appraisers will offer their opinion from that information.

As well as the appraisals a silent auction will be held, there will be antiques displayed, and light luncheon items will be available.

This Agricultural Society's fundraising event is being held at the St. Marys Golf and Country Club at 769 Queen Street East, St. Marys, Sunday March 28 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission to view the show is \$2. If you wish to have items appraised the cost will be \$10 for every three items.

For more information about the Agricultural Society's own antique 'road show' call Sheila Greason 349-2768.



The St. Marys Agricultural Society is hosting an Antique Appraisal Day at the St. Marys Golf Club. Agricultural Society members Sheila Greason, left, and Lois Smith were looking at some items that Smith is thinking about having appraised at the March 28 event.

BROWNS WI

'Away for a Day' April 8 in Woodstock

Browns Women's Institute was held on Tuesday, February 17 in the School. The co-president Liz Harrison presided, and welcomed everyone with a couple of jokes.

Money was donated to the St. Marys Fair Board. The theme for the Fair, this year starting July 22, is "Display of a Tea Party."

Members were asked to bring school supplies for a School in Ethiopia. One of our members Irene and her husband Jack Richardson went on a tour with Foodgrains Bank to Ethiopia. This was a project they want to do since returning home.

The Spring Board meeting of Oxford District, will be held at Brooksdale United Church on May 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Registration forms were handed out for the 'Away for a Day' being held in Dundas Street United Church, Woodstock on April 8 at 9:30 a.m. Courses being offered this year, Spring Gardening by Lorna Roberts, Butterfly House by Alfred Thornton, Machineless Bread Making

by Dianne Weekes. In the afternoon, Cutwork Sweat shirts, by Jo MacKay or Rubber Stamping for Greeting Cards by Cheryl Cable.

Registration to be sent to Sheila Greason, RR 4, St. Marys, N4X 1C7 by April 8; \$15 for whole day or \$10 for half a day.

Our guest speaker for the meeting was Mary Smith of the St. Marys Museum. She gave out slips of paper for members to ask questions and she answered them. There pertained to how the museum started, thanks to St. Marys Women's Institute and also the history of St. Marys and some of the early families. She was thanked by Margaret Arthur and presented with a gift.

Diane Greason read a poem 'Don't Go it Alone.' The Roll Call 'Give the Name of One of the Original Families that settled at Browns Corners.'

Pennies for Friendship was 1¢ for each letter in the name.

The next meeting will be March 16 at 10 a.m. when Reta Standaeven and Margaret Arthur will give

a slide presentation on Ireland.

Browns WI Euchre
Browns Women's Institute held its regular

Euchre Party at the school on Thursday, February 19 at 8 p.m. The winners were as follows: High Lady - Ina Pickell, Lone Hands -

Joyce West and Low - Audrey Somers. High Man - Bob Jeffrey, Lone Hands - Terry Barber, and Low - Doug Kennedy. The door

prize winners were Donna Jeffrey and Allan Sims.

The next Euchre Party will be on March 4 at 8 p.m.

BROWNS WI

March meeting has Irish theme

The Browns Womens Institute held their March meeting on Tuesday, March 16 at 10 a.m. in the School. The co-president Carol Miller presided and gave a reading 'When March Marches In.'

The F.W.I.O. Convention is being held in Durham College Oshawa June 11-13. Anyone who would like to write a story, make bears, or a quilt block the Branch will cover the costs. Officers were reminded of Spring Board at Brooksdale United Church on Monday March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Membership fees for 2004 will be \$30, it was decided that the Institute pay \$5 of each fee. Also the Scholarship Fund for the District asked to be subsidized for the year 2004. Each Branch to pay \$20.

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for the Friendship Centre will be held on April 8 at the Arena at 5:30 p.m. Four people were asked to attend Susan Towle, Betty Barons, Sheila Greason and Joyce West.

St. Marys Home Support Services asked if our Institute would be willing to cater one of the Wednesday night dinners, which are served at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. It was decided we would do it.

Members decided not to participate in the June 13 'Sweet Sensations' spon-

sored by the Home Support Services this year. Instead we decided to donate \$50 for 10 bricks for the building fund of the new centre.

The Irish program was prepared by Evelyn Douglas and her group. She read a poem 'St. Patricks Day.' The Roll Call - Tell a Irish Joke, No Joke, pay a Loonie.

The Pennies for Friendship - 10 cents for every time you ate potatoes last week. Evelyn then introduced the musical group of Linda Duncan, Sarah Jane Sweetland, Jane Henderson and her daughter Kate, who gave us a real treat of clogging, reels, step-dancing and playing the violin.

Another guest Reta Standaeven of St. Marys showed beautiful pictures of Ireland. There were snapshots, souvenirs and lots of towels from Ireland on display. They were all thanked by Lenie Conn and presented with a gift. The next meeting will be April 13 at 10 a.m. in the School.

Browns Women's Institute Euchre

The prize winners at the March 18 euchre held at the Browns Schoolhouse are as follows: ladies' high Ina Pickell; men's high Andy Kittmer; ladies low Carol Herbert; mens low Frank Whaling; ladies lone hands Evelyn Arthur; mens lone hands Doug Kennedy; door prizes Kathy Jeffrey and Larry Brook.