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## HOBBY AND CRAFT

### FAIR HUGE SUCCESS

*3rd Fair*

The Bruce Centre District Women's Institute Hobby and Craft Fair held in the Port Elgin Arena on Wednesday, July 18th, drew a crowd of over 1100 people.

There were displays of crafts and hobbies of interest to everyone. The Bake Table with donations from over 300 members attracted many customers, and the Fish Ponds and Cold Drink Stands took the children's interest.

The Burgoyne Women's Institute served sandwiches, tarts, cookies, tea and coffee from small tables with colourful flower arrangements, making a very welcome spot to sit down, enjoy refreshments and visit with friends.

During the noon hour the Tara Women's Institute served Salad Plates with pie and beverage to 100 guests in the Community Centre. During the supper hour the West Arran Women's Institute served a buffet of Cold Plates with meat, rolls, salad, dessert and beverage, with both eye and taste appeal for 125 customers. Both groups served meals on trays to the occupants of booths in the Arena.

In the evening Mayor Ivings of Port Elgin drew the winning ticket on a "Daisy Chain" quilt made by Mrs. Gowanlock, President of Bruce Centre District. Mrs. Glen Meuser of West Arran held the winning ticket. A hooked rug donated to West Arran with proceeds from the tickets for their Community Centre was won by L. Ferguson of Port Elgin.

Craftsmen taking part by purchasing space to sell their crafts were: George Jones of "Mountain View Ceramics" in Allenford; "Candle Bliss" of Hepworth; Mrs. Elgin Messam and Mrs. M. Gowanlock of Allenford's "Chipmunk Corner", with toys and other crafts; L. Campbell's "Rockies", hand crafted curios made from Ontario beach stones; Mrs. Bob Reany's Afghans and Paintings from Port Elgin; Mr. W. Forgraves of Tara with Wood Crafts; Mrs. H. Koehler of Tara with Leather Crafts; Mrs. Dishner of Tara with decorations; Mrs. Carl McClinchy of Clinton with jewellery; Mrs. D. Frey of Clinton with Tri Chem Liquid Embroidery; Mrs. Olive Coughlin of Atwood with paintings; Mrs. Day of Atwood with toys; Mrs. McCharles of Lucknow with Afghans; Mrs. Campbell of Kincardine with quilted pictures; Pampat Studios of Goderich with Puppets; Mrs. Milne of Bruce Beach with Weaving; Mr. J. Rauser of Mitchell with Bas-Relief Wood Crafts; Mrs. Wayland of Kincardine with Ponchos; Mr. Harold Sutherland of Port Elgin with a Historical Society booth; the "Rock Hounds" from Port Elgin; the Cummings family of Port Elgin with Atlas Reprints; Mrs. Underwood of Port Elgin with the Genealogical Society booth;

Mrs. Wagner of Port Elgin with paintings; Mrs. Hastie of Williamsford with jewellery; and Mrs. Sharon France of Port Elgin with Beauty Councillor.

Groups and Branches taking part were: Allenford, Elsinore, West Arran, White School, Underwood, South Saugeen, Tara, Burgoyne, Mount Hope, Bruce-dale, Arkwright, Port Elgin, Southampton and the Country Sisters.

Each group displayed quilts and crafts and had selling projects such as books, plants, jams, bazaar items and cold drinks.

Already space is being reserved for our 1974 Hobby and Craft Fair which will be held on July 4th in the Port Elgin Arena.

### Big Success 1972

For the first time since 1969 the Bruce Centre District Women's Institute held a Craft and Hobby Show that was a huge success. President, Mrs. Morris Gowanlock reported that there were over 50 exhibitors and that 1,000 people attended to see the various crafts such as woodwork, stonework, jewellery making and many others. Because of its success, the Women's Institute are planning another show July 4th, on Port Elgin's Centennial Year.

### Hobby and craft fair 1974

The Bruce Centre Women's Institute are holding their Fourth Hobby and Craft Fair on July 4 from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. in the Port Elgin Arena. There are over 45 craftsmen from all over Southern Ontario who have bought space to sell their crafts and the 13 Institute branches and the Country Sisters each have a booth to sell crafts, books, plants, jams and pickles. Lunches are available from 9 a.m. on and meals will be served in the Recreation room from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. and from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The bake sale starts at 11 a.m. and continues all day. There will be a fish pond and cold drink stands. A quilt draw will be held at 9 p.m.

The Bruce County Tartan will

The Bruce Centre District sixth annual Hobby and Craft Fair will be held in the Port Elgin arena on July 8 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Bruce Centre Women's Institutes.

The Hobby Fair began in 1967 and has grown each year to become an outstanding summer attraction. It represents the efforts and work of 13 WI branches, as well as craftsmen from many parts of Ontario.

Crafts, offered for sale include needlepoint, pottery, quilts, candles, dolls, knitted and crocheted articles, puppets, mats, bazaar items, weaving, jewellery, toys, blind crafts, rugs, doll clothes, novelties, leather, paintings, caning and wood turning.

There will be a miniature threshing machine in action as well as displays, home-made meals, a bake sale, fish pond and baby sitting service.

For further information contact Mrs. Maurice L. Gowanlock, RR 1, Allenford, telephone 934-2925.

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## Hobby and Craft Fair 1975

The Port Elgin Arena and Community Centre will be one of the busiest places in the town on Thursday, July 3rd, when the fifth W.I. Hobby and Craft Fair will be held. There are 75-100 booths of Craftsmen as well as 13 Women's Institutes; Country Sisters, Bruce County Tartan, Rehabilitation Booth and a Bake Sale of Women's Institutes finest baking.

Come at 10:00 a.m. and enjoy the displays, have lunch at one of the booths and enjoy dinner. Your 25 cents admission fee gives you a free draw every hour on a beautiful Bruce County Tartan article. There are things of interest for everyone - men, women and children.

There is an Auction Sale at 3.00 p.m. and the "Take-a-Break" Girls have a babysitting service for children from 6 years down, buy a ticket on the Wild Rose Quilt that will be drawn at 9.00 p.m. after you have enjoyed your supper which another group are looking after. There is to be a Fashion Show featuring Bruce County Tartan.

Do come out and enjoy yourself as this special event has grown bigger and better every year since 1967, when the Institutes brought out all their old treasures, when Canada had her 100th birthday.

The Women's Institute is now a world wide organization started in 1897 by Adelaide Hoodless at Stoney Creek, Ontario. There were 35 women at that first meeting to help women in their task as homemakers.

It is said "If you want a job done well ask the Women's Institutes to do it" Whether for Home or Country. "Home and County" is their Motto. See you at the Hobby and Craft Fair on July 3rd.

have a display and articles for sale with the Bruce crest and tartan. There will be other displays to entertain all ages.

Admission is 25¢ for adults and children admitted free.

So come and browse around, enjoy a cup of tea with your friends and make our Fair a bigger and better success.

Come to the Hobby and Craft Fair on July 4, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. in the Port Elgin Arena. Over 65 craftsmen--Home cooked meals from 11:30 - 1:30 and from 5 - 7, Bake sale from 11 a.m. on--Fish Pond--Something for all ages--Admission - 25¢ - Children - Free. Sponsored by the Bruce Centre District Women's Institute.

### W.I. EXECUTIVE MEET

On Wed. afternoon the Executive of the Bruce Centre District Women's Institute met at the home of the president, Mrs. Gowanlock to make plans for the Hobby and Craft Fair to be held in the Port Elgin Arena on July 4th. A brochure was planned and the president is to get prices for printing from the local papers. As this is Port Elgin's Centennial year and that first week in July is Homecoming week it is to be a larger fair than last year's was, Craftsmen are to be contacted and anyone interested in participating should get in touch with Mrs. Gowanlock who is in charge of booth. Those attending

were Mrs. H. Kennedy, Tara; Mrs. H. Simpson, Arkwright; Mrs. H. McArthur, Mount Hope; Mrs. M. Huber, Southampton; Mrs. Earl Busch, West Arran. Mrs. R. Fenton and Mrs. Geo. Pollock of Port Elgin were unable to attend. Lunch was served by the hostess.



Bruce Centre District Quilt  
1 for 25¢ or 5 for 1.00  
Draw 9 o'clock to 10

### Hobby Fair committee of Bruce Centre District meeting

Mrs. Richard Fenton was hostess for a meeting of the Hobby Fair committee on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Earl Busch of the Bruce County Tartan committee attended and discussed the evening entertainment of the Hobby Fair when "Bruce County Royalty" will be present with music, song and speeches from 8 to 9 o'clock. Then the draw for a beautiful "Rose of Sharon" quilt made by Mrs. Harold Simpson will take place. Tickets are available from all Institute members in Bruce Centre District. More craftsmen are taking part this year and several interesting demonstrations will take place during the day. Mrs. Ford is in charge of the baby sitting service. Mrs. Fenton served lunch.