



# RENFREW SOUTH DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER

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## Cell Phone Recycle Program

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Fantastic!! – 75 cell phones and lots of accessories were gathered for the Pitch-In project that RSDWI participated in from May to December 2004. Special thanks to Kris Camelon at Canadian Tire in Arnprior and Jean Calberry at Donaldson Pharmacy in Renfrew for gathering up the phones when they were dropped off.



We are looking at continuing this project. We need your help by canvassing family and friends who may have upgraded their phones during the holidays or may be employed with a large company who use cell phones as part of their communications format. Once companies start looking, they may be surprised at how many broken units are sitting in drawers in the supply room. Lets help clean up our environment and earn some money for our District.

## Hosting the Area Convention

We have not hosted a convention in Renfrew South District since 1994 – over 10 years ago. What an opportunity to show how enthusiastic Renfrew South District can be when planning such a large event in our Area.

Of course there is lots of work to be done. Mae Craig has taken up the challenge of coordinating this event and it is up to **ALL** of our Branches to lend a helping hand.

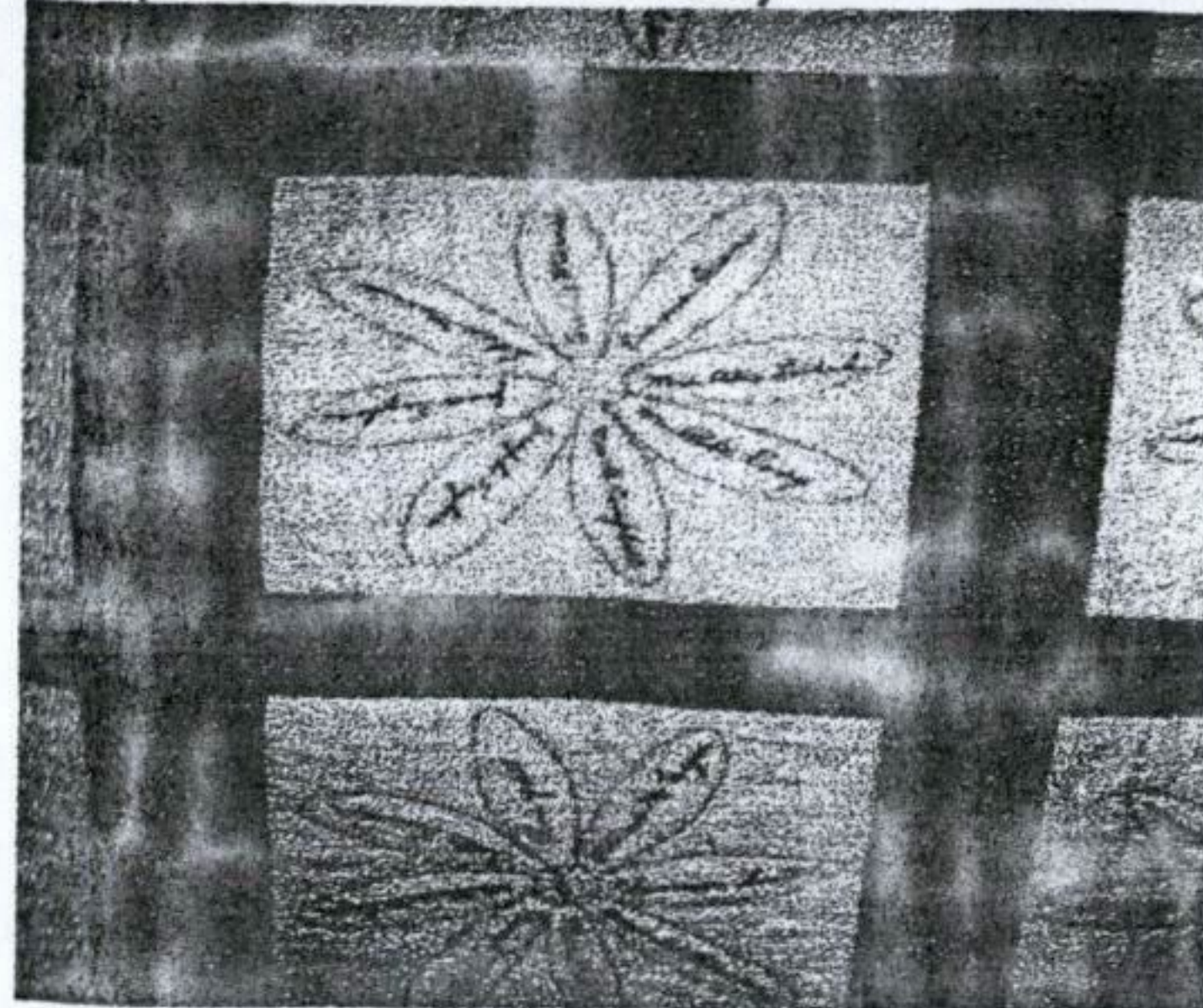
What do we need next? Ideas, help and involvement – so are you ready to get started? There are 9 WI Branches in our District so we will need to have everyone there to make this convention the success that it can be.

We will be working on a small budget so will have to utilize our resources to put on a great event. The Armories has been booked. But the planning is just beginning. What is your branch interested in doing... Here are some of the items that need to be designated...but don't despair – there will be more as the day gets closer..... So mark October 17<sup>th</sup> on your calendar!!

- signs and balloons at hwy #17, fair gate and door
- decorations for hall
- centerpieces and tablecloths for tables
- march on colours - responsible for getting canadian and ontario flags (sometimes the legion will loan these to wi members), holders, gloves and members to march them on.
- competitions and if there are workshops, silent auction or bazaar tables.

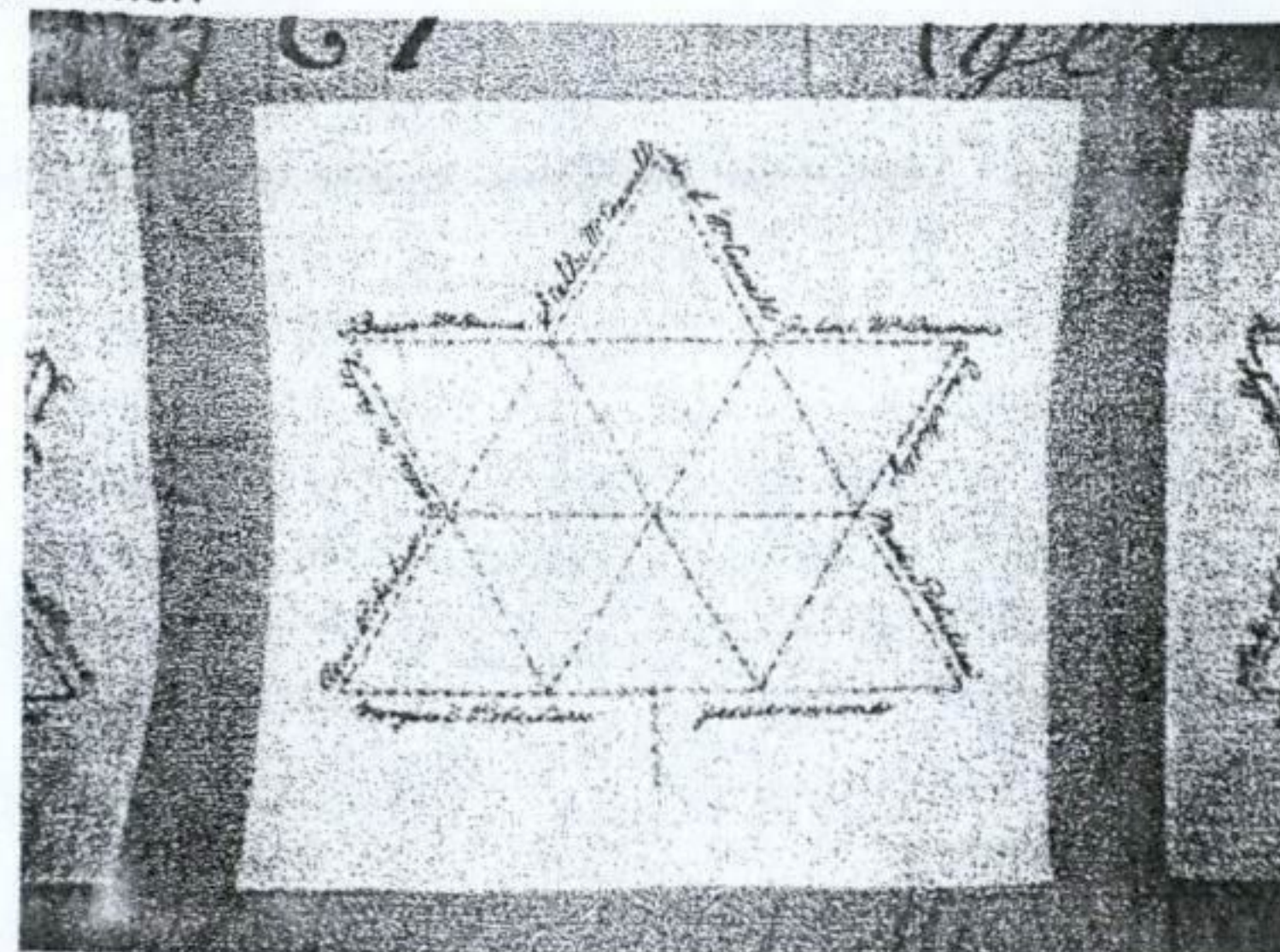
## Arnprior and District Museum's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Antique Quilt Show

Burnstown WI participated in the Arnprior and District Museum's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Antique Quilt Show at the end of November. There were almost 100 quilts, some dating back to the 1850s. Burnstown loaned four quilts for the display. Two were signature quilts that were made by the branch to raise money.



The first quilt was made in 1934/35 in a daisy pattern. The branch gathered names from the community at a fee of 10 cents per name. Mrs. Grace Richardson and Mrs. Margaret Robertson inscribed the names on the daisy petals and members embroidered them. Tickets were sold on the quilt at 10 cents each or 6 for 50 cents. The quilt was won by Mrs. Hannah Denniston who, in turn, passed it on to her daughter and current owner, Jessie Fraser.

The second signature quilt was made in 1967 using the centennial pattern. There are 200 names of people from Burnstown and surrounding areas. This quilt has been used for two fundraisers so far in its life. The winner in 1967 stored the quilt away. In 1999, her daughter donated the quilt to Burnstown United Church. A silent auction was then held and the highest bid was Irene Mayhew, the current owner.



Attendees at the Quilt Show enjoyed comparing the names between the two quilts. These names have now been recorded in the branch's Tweedsmuir History, along with pictures of the quilts.

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