

W.I. Meeting at Audrey MerKinger's home on
Aberdeen Line - July 17, 2003



Ladies Modeling Hats. Back Row -
Norma McGill, Kathleen McLarty, Minnie Livingstone,
Frances McCallum, a friend, Audrey MerKlinger
Nancy McGregor. Front Row -
Irene Johnstone, Mary Fluker - Marie Bell,
Jean McRae, Muriel Carroll.

December 11, 2003.



Eight Crinan W.I. members (average age 80 years) enjoy and actively take part in meetings and activities during the year.

Back Row - Mary Fluker, Norma McGill, Minnie Livingstone, Jean Jamieson
Irene Johnston.

Front Row - Kathleen McLarty,
Frances McCallum, Muriel Carroll.



2003

At the Christmas Meeting Nancy Mc Gregor and Jean Jamieson presented Irene Johnston with a gift. She has moved to West Lorne from the farm.

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Ms. Minnie Livingstone
R.R. #4
West Lorne ON N0L 2P0

Dear Ms. Livingstone:

I am in receipt of your letter requesting my presence to speak at the Crinan Women's Institute meeting on January 16th, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the Argyle Presbyterian Church. I would be delighted to speak to your members about the Elgin County Archives at the aforementioned time. I will not only talk about some of the collections already in the possession of the Archives pertaining to your area, but also some of the services that can be made available to your members.

On another matter, please be assured that your Tweedsmuir History will be microfilmed as soon as possible and returned to you via the West Lorne Branch of the Elgin County Library. I will be sure to call you in advance of its return.

I appreciate your invitation and I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Masschaele', written over a horizontal line.

Brian Masschaele
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26 May 2003

Ms. Minnie Livingstone
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Dear Ms. Livingstone:

I am pleased to learn that the members of Crinan Women's Institute would like to donate the first two volumes of your Tweedsmuir History. As we discussed during our telephone conversation today, enclosed you will find a completed deed of gift form for your consideration. I suggest authority to sign be discussed at your next meeting with the outcome duly recorded in your minutes. If authority is received, the attached form should be signed where indicated and returned to me. Once received, I will then make arrangements to transfer the material from the West Lorne Library to the Archives. As mentioned, I will also make arrangements to have these volumes microfilmed with a copy deposited in the West Lorne Library.

Again, my appreciation for considering this donation. The Archives will ensure that your valuable contribution to the County's history is properly preserved and made available to the general public.

Sincerely,

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Encl:

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Volumes 1 and 2 of *Orinax U.S. Tweedsmuir History* are now at the Archives but are not processed yet due to illness of the lady who processes them.

However Brian Masschaele, the Archivist can secure information for you if you call him at 631-1460 extension 138. (Elgin County Archives)

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Scadding Award of Excellence

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario congratulates the past and present Branch Tweedsmuir Curators on being awarded the Scadding Award of Excellence by the Ontario Historical Society.

The Scadding Award of Excellence recognizes a historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history.

A copy of the certificate presented at the Provincial Conference 2004 and accepted by Peggy McLeod, Provincial Tweedsmuir Curator on behalf of FWIO Branch Curators is attached.

The task of preserving the history of your community enriches the lives of current and future generations.

FWIO applauds the Branch Curators on winning this prestigious award.

Congratulations!

*Elsie Stephenson
FWIO President*



Distinctive Women

It was yet another honour for West Elgin native Charlene Carroll, centre, as she was honoured with a Young Woman of Distinctive Award by the Elgin-St. Thomas YWCA. The banquet is held every two years to honour women in Elgin County who have made significant contributions to their local community. This was the first year for a 'young woman' category. Carroll is pictured here with West Elgin's Rosalie Krebsz, left, '98s Woman of Distinction, and Kate Young from The New PL, who was the guest speaker at the awards ceremony.

Crinan Community Centre before
Renovation - 2002



"Exterior - Very
Bad Steps."

Meeting

Basement



"Kitchen" too small and
Cluttered

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very
.20

Meeting Hall

Basement



Chemical Toilet

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History of Crinan Community Centre

In December 1965, Union #3 Dunwich and Aldborough School was purchased by Crinan Women's Institute for \$800. During the year 1966, it became known as the Crinan Community Centre. Four board members, namely George Jamieson, Donald Johnston, Lorne Carroll, and Frank McMurchy were chosen. The original secretary treasurer was Duncan Tait.

Since that time, the hall has been used for card parties, Institute meetings, dances, Christmas celebrations, concerts, and family dinners. Over a period of time, this building has needed to be updated and repaired. With the help of an Ontario Trillium grant of \$36, 000 many items were purchased and the installation of a new furnace, a bathroom, a kitchen, an outside ramp, and new cement steps took place.

On Saturday evening, September 6, 2003, a pot luck dinner, a program, and a quiz, presided over by Sandra Payne, were held. "O Canada" and "Auld Lang Syne" were sung.

In 1967, pictures depicting Heritage Days were created by local student artists - Terry Carroll, Jack Jamieson, and Anne Carroll. These have been preserved and hung in the hall.

Many donations from the community have added to the conveniences now available at the hall - an electric stove, a refrigerator, a microwave, etc.

Sandra Payne and Nancy McGregor planned and carried out a ribbon-cutting ceremony outside the hall on the new ramp. Lorne McLeod and Jean Jamieson were recognized for their endless efforts in carrying out the up-dating of the hall.

The members of the hall board of 2003 are - Sandra Payne, Nancy McGregor, Judy Aldred, Donald Jamieson, and Lorne McLeod. Anyone wishing to rent the hall should contact Judy Aldred.



Sat. Sept. 6, 2003. - Official Opening of Crinan
Community Centre showing the new
ramp and side entrance.



Board Members of the Crinan Community Centre pose on the newly renovated school house at the official opening and ribbon cutting. Lorne McLeod, Sandra Payne, Nancy McGregor, Sheila Simpson (from the Trillium Foundation), Judy Aldred and Don Jamieson are pictured here.

A prettily decorated cake made by Karen Carroll was placed on a table in the main hall.



Crinan Community Centre after
Renovation - 2003



"Exterior" - New Steps and Railings
New Doors, Ramp and New
Landscaping each side of steps.

Crinan W.I. 85th Anniversary 2004



Crinan W.I. President - Nancy McGregor



Mary Veenstra - President Elgin W.I.