

**Speech for the Rodney Aldborough
Ambassador of the Fair Contest**

"A goodly thing it is to meet

This year the Women's Institute ladies asked
me to represent them as No unkind word or lips shall pass,
or Contest. The Women's Institute has been
No envy sour the mind, ty over the years, that
I was more than happy But each shall seek the common weal,
rs aware of their tremendous contributions, a
The good of all mankind."

and originators by expressing their goal ... a goal for all women of Canada to realize their role as citizens,
to This is the ode of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. Honourable
fo judges, fellow contestants, ladies and gentlemen.

The Women's Institute consists of 14,500 members across the province.
It's origin began in 1897 when farmers and their wives met to listen to a
speech on "The Care and Feeding of Calves", after which they heard Mrs.
Adelaide Hoodless who suggested that women have an organization of their
own to study homemaking. Women gathered in Stoney Creek with the encouragement
of co-founder Erland Lee, marking the first meeting of the Women's Institute
on February 19th, 1897.

with honour and with pride.
Their motto, "For Home and Country", explains their concerns about home
economics, health, agriculture, citizenship, education and the preservation
of local history.

Women of the world, arise!
The Women's Institute believes in taking action. Their concern for
better health and safety motivated many successful projects. Without their
initiative there would be none of the following; white lines on provincial
highways, signs at railroad crossings, mandatory stopping for school buses
with flashing lights, legislation on dimming car lights when meeting,

Charlene Carroll became
Ambassador of Rodney Fair
in Sept. 1997.

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music and family studies in schools, pasteurization of milk, encourage for war memorials and services and mandatory proper use of slow-moving vehicle signs.

This year the Women's Institute is celebrating their 100th Anniversary, and are part of the opening ceremonies of the Rodney Aldborough Agricultural Fair. I was deeply honoured when the Crinan Women's Institute ladies asked me to represent them as a contestant in the Fair Ambassador Contest. The Women's Institute has been so helpful in my community over the years, that I was more than happy to accept the challenge to make others aware of their tremendous contributions, and to honour the founders and originators by expressing their goal ... a goal for all women of Canada to realize their role as citizens, to reach out beyond the home, taking responsibilities in their communities and for the problems in their country.

Their centennial song states,

"Now a hundred years young,
Still there's work to be done.
Women's lives to be vitalized.
Now it's time to celebrate
Achievements commemorate,
With honour and with pride.
This Centennial salute
Of the Women's Institute.
Women of the world, arise!

Charlene
Candell



Crinan W.I.
visits



this Site
in May 1997



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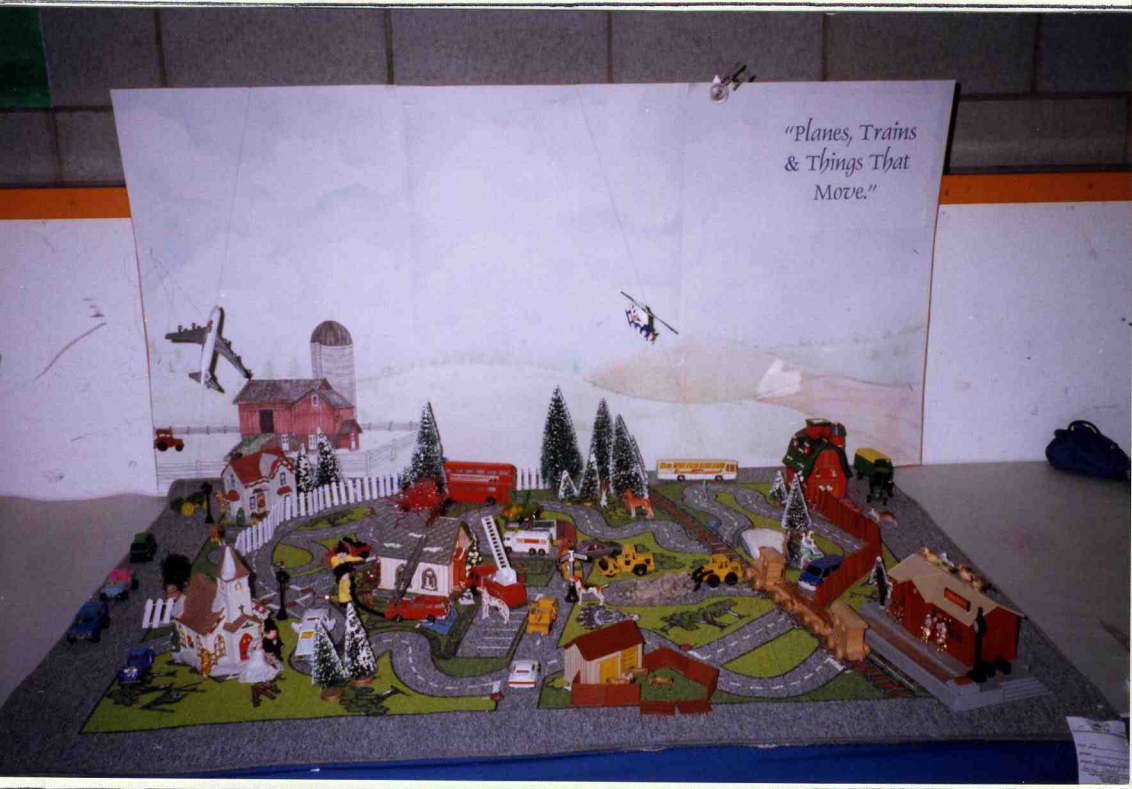
"School Days Prior to 1940" - Crinan W.I. Display - Wallace town Fair - 1987.



"A Guest Bedroom" - Crinan W.I. Display Oct. 1-2, 1993



"Apple Harvest" - CRINAN W.I. DISPLAY Wallace town Fair - 1994



Rodney Fair
1997 Display



Wallacetown Fair
1997 Display





Lois Carroll was one of 21 seniors across Ontario honoured in a special ceremony held recently in Toronto. She received an Ontario Senior Achievement Award from Hilary Weston, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario (left) and Minister Responsible for Seniors Cam Jackson.

Local woman's efforts did not go unnoticed

Years of service to her community have not gone unnoticed, and Lois Carroll of RR1 West Lorne was recently honoured with an Ontario Senior Achievement Award.

The award was established in 1986 to recognize outstanding seniors who exemplify generosity, goodwill and commitment to their communities, and Carroll fills that description in every way.

A very active member of the Crinan Presbyterian Church, she is also a dedicated volunteer for the Canadian Cancer Society, driving patients to various appointments, and organizing special events within the community.

And, since 1969, Carroll has been an active member of the Daffodil Auxiliary, and has been a driving force behind the auxiliary's Christmas care boxes.

This award is only one of the accolades Carroll has received for her work in the com-

munity. She has previously been named Dutton-Dunwich Community Volunteer of the Year. Along with husband Lorne, she also received the Helen Keller Fellowship by the Dutton & District Lions Club. In 1996, she was nominated for an Elgin Woman of Distinction Award in 1996.

Aldborough Councillor Joann Vergeer was among those in attendance when Carroll received the award, representing the township. Aldborough nominated Carroll for the award, but the nomination was also endorsed by the Canadian Cancer Society, Dutton PUC, Dunwich Township, Rev. Ralph Fluit and Norma McMillan.

Vergeer said she was struck by the humility of the 21 recipients of the award and applauded the selection of Carroll. This year, there were almost 200 nominations received by the province for the prestigious award.

Congratulations Lois!

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