

TWEEDSMUIR CURATORS' WORKSHOP

The Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History Curators' Workshop was held at Dashwood Community Centre on August 9th, 1988. Huron South District acted as hostess and there were eighty-eight ladies registered from the ten districts in the London Area.

Mrs. Kay Ross presided over the meeting, with Gertrude Sloan reporting on the secretary-treasurer's work.

Greetings were extended by Mrs. Marion Dougall, F.W.I.O. Board Director; Mrs. Irene Richardson, London Area President; Mrs. Helen McKenzie, District President of Huron South, and Mrs. Dolores Shapton, Curator of Huron South.

Mrs. Katherine Becker and Mrs. Mary Rader gave interesting information on the "History of Dashwood".

Mrs. Mary Moore and Kay Ross discussed "House Logs".

The afternoon speaker was Mrs. William (Fern) Dougall, of Dashwood, spoke on the "History of Usborne Township," displaying original maps and deeds. "When you recall early history, it is hard to realize what the pioneers thought".

A book is being compiled to celebrate 150 years of Usborne Township in 1992.

In collecting pictures or clippings, be sure to put a date on everything and the name of the person supplying the information.

Draws were made for awards for the 23 House Logs on display. There were also several Tweedsmuir books and an agricultural display.

Next year's workshop will be held on the 2nd Tuesday in August, 1989, in East Elgin, probably in Straffordville.

Mrs. Shapton and her committee were thanked for hosting the successful event.

Attending from West Elgin were Mrs. Robert Walker, Mrs. Elgin McIntyre, Mrs. Frances McCallum, Mrs. Gertrude Sloan, Mrs. Emma Pyatt, Mrs. Ron Leitch and Mrs. Malcolm McArthur.



(L. to R.) Dolores Shapton, Huron South District Curator,
Kay Ross, London Area Curator,
Irene Richardson of St Marys, London Area President,
Marion Dougall, District 23 board member,
Gertrude Sloan, secretary of London Area Curators.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The Pioneer Museum was the host site for this year's annual Strawberry Social and Tea sponsored by the local Women's Institutes and IODE chapters. One of the activities included the scholarship award presentation to 18-year-old West Elgin Secondary School student Rhonda Campbell, (left), by Sylvia Cerna, (right), Elgin County Women's Institute Rally President. Miss Campbell will use the scholarship from the Women's Institutes for post-secondary education at the University of Guelph where she hopes to study agriculture. Her application was chosen based on her involvement in the 4-H Club, her academic standing, and extra-curricular activities at W.E.S.S. Rhonda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Campbell, R. R. #1 Iona Station.



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IONA STATION W.I. ANNIVERSARY



On October 20, 1988 Iona Station W.I. celebrated their 60th Anniversary held in Iona Station Baptist Church. Helen Beecroft the President welcomed our twin branch Kingsmill-Mapleton, the District Officers and Iona Branch. Eleanor McMillan brought greetings from the District; Helen Widner from our twin branch and presented us with a lovely Crystal dish for us to use as a collection dish. Grace Campbell brought greetings from London Area. The secretary read the History of the branch written by Emma Pyatt. Our tea table was decorated with a 60th Anniversary cake and floral arrangement of yellow mums with blue baby's breath. Some games and contest were followed by a lovely lunch and social hour.

Back row left to right:
(Mrs.) Margaret Carroll, (Mrs. Alex) Margie McCallum.
(Mrs. George) Betty Smith, (Mrs. R.) Clara Codling,
Mrs. Leigh Carlyle, (Mrs. S.) Norma Rivers, Mrs. Ken
Duff, Mrs. Basil Harris.
Front Row:
Margaret Carr, Mrs. Emma Pyatt, Mrs. Helen Beecroft,
Mrs. (G.) Marge Cowell

WEST ELGIN DAFFODIL COFFEE BREAK and TEA

The annual coffee break and tea of the West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary was held on Saturday, September 3rd¹⁹⁸⁹ at the Iona Community Hall. The hall was decorated with floral pieces arranged by the Tin Lizzie, Iona.

Elgin West District Institutes sponsored the event with Iona as hostess. Receiving the guests was Mrs. Sally McIntyre, Elgin West District President and attending the register was Mrs. Catherine McAlpine, president of Iona W.I. Guests in the morning enjoyed coffee and muffins with jam. Lovely desserts were served at the tea in the afternoon. Members of the district assisted in serving both morning and afternoon. They also assisted and convened the various baking, crafts, books and miscellaneous tables.

Mrs. Norma McMillan and Mrs. Marion Forsythe were in charge of the draw. The beautiful quilt, made and donated by the Fingal Quilters was won by Robert Parsons, Lambeth; afghan, donated by Norma Keith won by Rosslyn Page, Wallacetown; wall hanging donated by Lorrie Jones, won by Grace Ford, Wallacetown.

A generous sum was realized for the West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary (cancer).



*Mrs. Marion Forsythe
selling tickets on the
quilt displayed for
the draw.*

*Mrs. Catherine McAlpine,
Iona W. I. president, in
charge of register and Mrs.
Sally McIntyre, Elgin
West District president,
receiving the guests.*



SHEDDEN W.I. CELEBRATE 75th ANNIVERSARY

The 75th anniversary of the Shedden Women's Institute was celebrated on September 28th, 1988 with a luncheon at the Talbot Trail Tea room, followed by an informative guided tour of the Elgin Military Museum and a visit to the Mary Rose Sanderson Trillium Studio where her beautiful artwork was perused and Ms. Sanderson gave a brief narrative on her painting techniques. The group then returned to the Tea Room for cake, made and decorated by Peggy Silcox especially for the 75th anniversary with the W.I. logo "For Home and County". Pictures were taken of several life members around the cake and the tea room served ice cream and beverage with the cake.

Mrs. Madeline Parks, a life member, gave a brief account of the origin of the Shedden W.I., noting that the first meeting was held on May 31st, 1913, in the Shedden Public School. Officers were elected for the branch and within six months there was a membership of 30, with nine life members having a total of 411 years membership. Two of these have been members for 58 years, followed by 56 years down to 27 years. Roll call was answered by "Your Birthstone," in keeping with the anniversary theme.



*Mrs. Herbert (Madeline) Parks, Ina Ross,
Mrs. Clayton (Maxine) Silcox) - three
of the older members, cutting the
Anniversary cake.*

WINTER PICNIC

The Winter Picnic is an annual social event when Elgin West District members get together for a pot luck supper and a short program. This year it was held on Monday, January 19th 1989 in Kintyre Presbyterian Church with Clackan H. I. branch as hostess.

Mrs. Sally M. Intyre welcomed members and introduced guests from neighbouring districts of Elgin East and Oxford South.

"Recycling" was chosen as a theme for the program that followed the bountiful supper. Each branch present staged a short skit or reading pertaining to this popular subject and the finished product was an evening of fun and enlightenment.



Boxall
H. I.

Mary Brooyman, Betty Rodgers,
Gail Beckett, Rose Price.

West Lorne W.I. Skit



Mary Liepmann, Shirley Walker,
Horse - Marion Hauser, Frances Graham.

Winter Picnic (cont)



Wallacetown

N. I.

Dorothea Jewell, Kay Waite
Dorothy Robson, Lillian Lunn.



Shedden

N. I.

Carol Gordon, Pat Palmer.