### SHEDDEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

### MAY 31,1913-2003



90TH ANNIVERSARY

### LIST OF OFFICERS 2003-2004

PAST PRESIDENT - CONNIE SILCOX
PRESIDENT - BRENDA SILCOX

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT - PAT PALMER

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TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY CURATOR - DORA MCARTHUR
MUSEUM REP. - JEAN PALMER, DOROTHY MCLAUGHLIN
EDUCATION COORDINATOR - JOANNE DOES
AUDITORS - SHARON WELCH, DOROTHY MCLAUGHLIN
LOBBYING CONVENOR - DORA MCARTHUR

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### HISTORY OF SHEDDEN W.I.

Shedden Women's Institute was organized May 31, 1913.

The first officers were:

President - Mrs. W. Guest
Vice-President - Mrs. J. A. Orchard
Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. F. Trace
Directors - Mrs. C. Petit, Mrs. Dan Hamilton, Miss M. McKenzie
Auditors - Mrs. D. Russell, Mrs. M. White

During World War 1 all the war work for the community was done under the auspices of the Shedden W.I. Money was raised by various means, and hundreds of articles were knitted. At the first of the Second World War a Patriotic Society was organized under the Red Cross. This organization took charge of all the work, the Women's Institute contributing money to buy supplies. At the end of the war, the W.I. along with the Community welcomed the returning veterans with a banquet and a special Memorial tribute.

Over the years the W.I. sponsored special courses to the women of the community to improve their skills in many areas, such as quilting, needlework, millinery, baking and many other crafts.

An adult and child immunization clinic operated in the the United Church basement for a number of years, which proved to be very beneficial to all who attended.

In 1948 the Tweedsmuir History was established to record the history of the Shedden area. Mrs. Arthur (Mary Jane) McIntyre was the first curator.

Mrs. Arthur McIntyre also contributed a column to the St. Thomas
Times Journal entitled "Janet's Saturday Column by Mary J. McIntyre" for 40 years that dealt with local issues, and in 1990 members of
Shedden W.I. selected 100 of their favourite columns and printed a
booklet that sold many copies.

In the year 2000 a book containing pictures and information about all the properties in the village of Shedden was prepared with a copy to be placed in the Shedden Library.

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## HISTORY OF SHEDDEN W.I.

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When new families move to the village, a leaflet supplied by the Shedden W.I. listing community activities and businesses are taken to the home to welcome the family to the community.

Appropriate cards are sent to those who are celebrating a special occasion, those who are ill, or those who are bereaved.

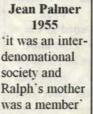
Over the years Shedden W.I. has sponsored 4-H Clubs, contributed to St. Thomas Memorial Hospital, St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital, Pioneer Museum, and many local organizations and projects. Volunteering in many ways has contributed to the community. Along with UCW of Bethany United Church they have served meals at Shedden Fair for over 50 years. The flashing traffic lights installed in 1955 at the corner of Union Road and #3 Highway were the result of urging from the W.I.

For the past 10 years an information booth has been operated by the W.I. at the Rosy Rhubarb Festival, where they have sold homemade rhubarb jam and a variety of articles to support the Southwold Keystone Complex.

Shedden Women's Institute has been a thriving organization for almost 90 years and to all appearance will continue for some time yet serving "Home and Country".

Dora McArthur
Tweedsmuir History Curator
Shedden Women's Institute
April 2002

### MEMBERS 2003







Beth Vicary 1967 'MadelineParks a staunch supporter of the WI asked me to join'







Carol Gordon 1979 'thanks to Jean Palmer for asking me to come to the Shedden W.I.'







Payne's Mills
W.I. just starting, needed
musician-helped
Vera Meek







Pat Palmer 1981 'my mother-inlaw's gentle persuasion and I've never looked back!'



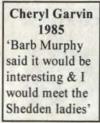
### MEMBERS 2003

1981
'Madeline Parks
asked me to join
Shedden
Women's Institute'





Kay Chamberlain 1982 'joined in Cowal to get to know the ladies & for an evening out from three kids'







Connie Silcox 1986 'my mother-inlaw Maxine & my sister-in-law Brenda invited me to attend'







Sharon Welch 1993 'joined as a new resident of Shedden for friendship and support.Thanks'







Joanne Does 2003 'because Pat Palmer asked me and I realized what fun the ladies were!'

### HONOURARY MEMBER



Maxine Silcox - 1935

Maxine was actively involved in the Shedden Women's Institute until 1998. She held many offices including secretary and pursued many short courses offered to members and brought them back to our branch. Maxine also encouraged members to display in the Group entry in the Shedden Fair. Maxine now resides at Elgin Manor.

### PROGRAM FOR 90TH

Saturday, June 7, 2003 met at Bethany United Church

Victoria Playhouse Theatre Petrolia, Ontario "Menopositive"

The Palace Restaurant & Tavern Glencoe, Ontario Dinner

# Victoria Playhouse Petrolia

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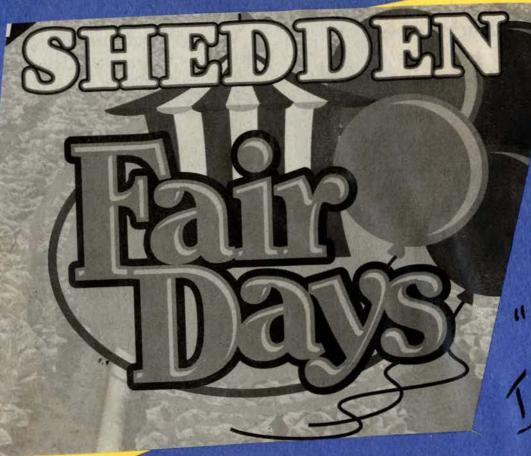
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### **ORGANIZED GROUPS**

CLASS 14

No entry fee required. Superintendent: ???

All exhibitors

**ORGANIZED GROUPS** 

### Rules

This class is open to all Women's Institutes, organized groups and local churches in the communities. No entry fee is required. No background required. Entries may be made in as many sections as desired. Name of group to be listed

1. Date squares (5)5.00	4.00	3.00
2. 1 quilt block quilted, mounted,		
and named5.00	4.00	3.00
3. Child's cushion made from panel5.00	4.00	3.00
4. Child's cushion - novelty5.00	4.00	3.00
5. Purchased denim shirt - decorated5.00	4.00	3.00
6. Patio pleaser, flower arrangement	-	
suitable for outdoor garden5.00	4.00	3.00
7. Decorated home crafted patio stone5.00	4.00	3.00
8. A decoration for your bathroom vanity5.00	4.00	3.00
9. Draft stopper - panel accepted5.00		3.00
10. Doorstop - fabric	4.00	3.00
11. Grape vine wreath decorated5.00	4.00	3.00
12. Small gift basket5.00	4.00	3.00
13. Crib quilt5.00		3.00
14. Crib quilt - panel	4.00	3.00

Crib Quilts to be donated to the Rehoboth Home

Grape
Wine
Wreath



# Draft Stopper





For Your Bathroom
Vanity



Small Gift Basket



Patio Pleaser







Door Stop

















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Child Cushion + Child Cushion with Panel

Crib Quitt



Date Squares





Crib Quitt (panel)





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### PROPER FOOT CARE IS TALKED ABOUT AT SHEDDEN W.I. Sept, 2003.

Eleven members and two guests were present at the Bethany United Church for the September meeting. Vice president Pat Palmer presided in the absence of Brenda Silcox. Pat welcomed all members back after a busy summer and opened the meeting by sharing with members her experience of attending the Women's Institute's production of "For Home and Country" which was performed at the 4th Line Theatre in Peterborough. It was a play that had been repeated a 2<sup>nd</sup> year because of its popularity. Performed in comedy fashion it told the history of the Women's Institute which began over 100 years ago. The Institute Ode and Mary Stuart Collect repeated followed by the roll call which was "Tell how many hours you have walked this month". The motto for the meeting was "Better to slip with the foot than with the tongue. Minutes and treasurer's reports were heard and bills were paid.

Thanks was expressed to Jean Palmer, Dorothy McLaughlin and Pat Palmer for volunteering at the tuck shop at Elgin Manor during the summer months.

As well to members who helped with the Shedden Fair Booth and entries for the group display. Many prizes were received. Members were reminded to prepare items for the Daffodil Tea being held on October 25 at the Lawrence Hall. Also the River Road Tea on Thursday Oct. 4. Delegates were chosen to attend the 90th annual London Area Convention being held in Embro on October 7. A donation was made to the Christmas Shoppe. Reports were heard from remembrance and welcoming committees.

Pauline Silcox introduced the guest speaker for the evening. Carol Arbour, a registered chiropodist spoke on her work and expressed the importance of foot care. She works at the medical building on Elm Street and has been in private practice for 5 years. Previous to that she worked in Elgin County as well as at the Elgin General Hospital. She explained why proper foot care and foot wear is important for many reasons. A simple blister can cause weakening of the skin and infection can set in. For diabetics, foot care is extremely important. Going bare foot around your home is also not a good idea. There are many retail outlets where good foot apparel is available and Carol is glad to direct anyone with problems to a specialty shop that suits their needs. Dora McArthur thanked the speaker and presented her with a gift of appreciation.

Lunch was served by committee members Dora McArthur and Pauline Silcox. The next meeting will be held at Bethany United Church where the program will be the Care Clowns. All are welcome.

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### IUNITY

# Shedden WI opens with 'Wear a Smile' poem

BY PAT PALMER FOR THE TIMES-JOURNAL

Members of the Shedden Women's Institute met at Bethany United Church Oct. 22 with president Brenda Silcox opening the meeting by welcoming 12 members and reading a poem called Wear A Smile.

The Mary Stewart Collect was repeated and the Institute Ode sung. The roll call, How do you clown around, was answered by members. Their true colours showed by their answers. Motto for the evening was, True nobility comes of the gentle heart.

A donation was given to Shedden 4-H Club, Announcements were heard for community bazaars, etc.

Pat Palmer and Sharon Welch volunteered to help with the Daffodil Tea and members were asked to donate articles of baking, crafts and items for the country store. Jean Palmer reported having attended the River Road coffee break and Pauline Silcox reported her day on the caravan. Dora McArthur put a display up for the Remembrance Day service held at the Keystone Complex. A donation will be made to the forest fund due to recent fires in western Canada.

The Elgin Manor Tuck Shop volunteers were Jean Palmer and Pat Palmer. The Elgin County Pioneer Museum coffee break will be held on Dec. 6 the museum's present location.

The meeting was then turned over to Clown Connie, dressed in a bright yellow costume with a red nose. Connie Silcox conducted an old fashioned Halloween party which involved relay races, contests, eating a cookie off a string and lots of clowning around. The only thing missing was dunking for apples.

The meeting closed with lunch served by Connie Silcox, Pauline Silcox and Kay Chamberlain.

# Shedden W.I. Learns About Dental Technicians

President, Brenda Silcox opened the November meeting held at the home of member Joanne Does with a reading called "Volunteers". The Mary Stuart Collect was repeated and the Institute Ode sang followed by 12 members answering the roll call which was Name a home based business that you know about. Shedden and area have multiply successful home based businesses which are available to them. The minutes and treasurer's reports were heard. Treasurer Pauline Silcox read a list of many donations that normally are given to during the Christmas season. As well some area seniors will be remembered and a family which has had some hardships this year. We wish all those who have health problems all the best for the Christmas season. Members were reminded to bring monitary donations to the December meeting for a local charity. A thank you was received from Helen Slee on behalf of the Shedden 4-H Club and an invitation to attend Bethany Church Country Christmas bazaar. A reminder to members to make cookies for our annual donation to the Elgin County Pioneer Museums's bazaar being held December 6. Also anyone wishing to bring mittens for the mitten tree at the museum could do so. Brenda Silcox thanked members for volunteering at the tuck shop at Elgin Manor and for attending many local bazaars this fall. Remembrance committee send out 9 cards, and 4 welcome books were reported being given to new neighbours. Tweedsmuir curator Dora McArthur recently set up a display at the remembrance day service. Brenda Silcox and Pat Palmer will make loaves for museum coffee break and Jean Palmer and Carol Gordon will work at the coffee break. Denise Maton offered to decorate a tree on our behalf at the Keystone Complex. The meeting was then turned over to Joanne Does who spoke of her work as a dental technician. Joanne graduated from George Brown College in Toronto and has been working in the field for 25 years. She works for several dentists in the

London area and has a lab set up in her home. She also works in her husbands dental office in London part time. She demonstrated to members how she makes crowns, dentures and orthodontics. She also makes devices to prevent small children from sucking their thumbs and mouth guards for hockey players. Joanne is one of very few people who does this type of work and from watch her work, members decided it took skill and patience and it seemed to be very tedious work that had to be done to perfection. Joanne certainly seemed to be a natural. Following the demonstration Joanne, Cheryl Garvin and Denise Maton prepared a lunch and all enjoyed some time to visit. Connie Silcox gave the courtesy remarks and reminded all members of the next meeting to be held at the home of Sharon Welch. All members are to bring 2 dozen cookies for an exchange.

any questions please call Pat Palme 764-236.8