



Louise Lackey giving a 10 year pin to Kathy Minnema.

EASTER REFLECTIONS

Easter brings a wealth of thoughts to mind for me each year:
New spring clothes, chocolate eggs, a bunny with long ears.
O, I remember Easter morn', just dashing 'round the house,
Looking here, and over there, and underneath the couch.
There'd be some sweetened candy eggs that come in Easter colors,
And chocolate covered marshmallows, and - well, you know all the others.

I've far-off, faint remembrances of a misty Easter morn';
Of the early smell of coffee; of a kitchen bright and warm;
Dad whistling, "*The Lord Is Risen Today*"; watching raisin bread turn brown;
An Easter card by each one's plate, and kisses all around.
And then we kids would scrub our teeth, our faces and our hands;
There at the church we'd join the rest,
You know ... I'd half expect a band!

Now there's a feeling comes to me each year since I was just a child;
We'd walk in through the big oak doors and I'd peer down the aisle,
And oh, I'd get a surge of joy, relief, and then delight,
For there would be, for all to see, the altar draped in white.
I never liked to see the cross and altar draped in black,
And every year, Good Friday brought a sinking feeling back,
As the pastor would remind us of our sins against the Christ,
And how He suffered all that pain - in love - to set us right.
When I thought about the nails they drove right through His flesh and bone,
A strong persistent itching would rise up in my own.

We've been told that we're to blame, like those upon the hill;
That rebellion dwells within our souls, and that it always will.
And year by year I see it's true - that what we do is waste,
Unless I take my plans to God - unless I seek His face.
Well, here is where I find true joy each blessed Easter morn!
Why else would Christ have suffered? Why else would He be born?
The vestments on the altar, the smiles upon each face, the music -
Say "*He's risen!*" That He really took our place!
He rose, He rose, our Christ arose; He broke the bonds of death!
He rose that we might find with Him eternal Joy and rest.
He rose to cancel out the book that tallies up the score!
He rose to shut the gates of hell - to open heaven's door.

And this, my friend, is central - each Easter time for me.
I find true joy in knowing that our Christ has set me free.
And so I like the chocolate eggs, the cards, and squeals of glee,
The raisin toast, and sunrise service - they all form a litany
To say that we have reason to sing and smile and pray;
For it's true, it's true, I know its true -
The Christ - my Lord - is risen today!

WALLACETOWN W.I. MEETING

GRANDMOTHER'S MEETING

On Thursday, May 13th, 2006 the Wallacetown Women's Institute met at the South Dunwich Community Hall. President Helen Van Breuk opened the meeting in the usual manner.

Joan McLandress read the minutes for the last meeting. Louie Lackey gave the treasurer's report. There were 10 members present and 9 guests.

Joan McLandress and Ruby McGugan attended the Elgin Manor tuck shop in April. Sally McIntyre reported 60 people attended the Bobier Villa Volunteer's Tea. The Elgin County W.I.'s District Annual will be held on May 17th. at the St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth and Helen Van Breuk and Kathy Minnema attended.

Louie Lackey was the convenor for this

meeting. Louie read 4 poems about mothers and grandmothers.

The Roll Call: Name a Kitchen Proverb or saying that you have heard, written in your own handwriting to hand to Helen for the Tweedsmuir Book. There were many old sayings that we still recognize today and can put to use. Louie then introduced her 3 brothers Russell, Maxwell and Lloyd and their wives and her husband Don as her special guests. 2 sisters and a sister-in-law were unable to attend.

The speaker for the afternoon was Louie herself, and the topic she spoke on was "Memories of Growing Up on the Family Farm". Going back to her childhood days, remembering the daily chores of all the children taking cows to pasture, feeding chickens and gathering eggs. The

games they played together, like while cutting grass they would play tag. The activities involving music like dancing and singing in the church choir which each of her siblings belonged to. School days and special events throughout the years. There were pictures of some of these activities on display. Recalling the tragic events which happened to this family, brought the family together in times of need. Her father fell 16 feet in the barn and broke his back, also 2 brothers were injured. Leonard while serving in the war and Maxwell while working on a job in Brantford. Louie and sister Grace prepared and fed over 20 hungry men at thrashing time at the age of 12 and 14, not a small task in those days. As the siblings married, attending and

preparing weddings a very common time to look forward to.

Unfortunately Louie wasn't feeling well today and needed to sit, so her niece Kathy Minnema willingly took over and finished reading the write-up in her place. Louie was taken to the hospital following the meeting.

Louie's brother Russell Lunn thanked the W.I. members for inviting them today, and also thanked the lunch committee which were Doris Barber, Joan Johnston, Gladys Graham and Kathy Minnema.

Next meeting: June 22nd, 2006, meet at the South Dunwich Community Hall at 11:30 a.m., travel to Pincroft Pottery near Aylmer. Lunch and meeting to follow. Roll Call: Name your favourite food.

Kathy Minnema

GERALDINE LUNN
Kathy Minnema
Shirley Lunn
Russell Lunn





ELGIN COUNTY DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
"Olde-Fashion Victorian Tea"
100TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

PLEASE STAND: Opening Ode / Mary Stewart Collect

WELCOME: Elgin District WI President - Joan Mansell

100 YEAR HISTORY: WI Tweedsmuir Curator - Helen Van Brenk

GREETINGS: City of St. Thomas Mayor - Cliff Barwick
County of Elgin Warden - Lynn Acre
Elgin County Archivist - Brian Masschaele
Elgin-Middlesex-London MPP - Steve Peters
Elgin-Middlesex-London MP - Joe Preston
London Area WI President - Anne Innes
Middlesex Northwest WI President - Margaret Harris
Middlesex East WI President - Flora Rath
Perth South WI President - Doris Spence
FWIO Board Director (South) - Ilene Chesterman
London Area WI Voting Delegate - Marlene Archer

WI GRACE

*May 26th 2004 from 2-4pm at
ST THOMAS Christian Community
School.*

Helen Van Brenk

Joan Mansell



Wallacetown Women's Institute Members.



photo taken
May 13th 2006.

¹Helen Van Buren, ²Kathy Minnema, ³Dally M'Intyre,
⁴Kay Waite, ⁵Joan M'Landress, ⁶Ruby M'Gugan, ⁷Loris Barber,
⁸Dorothea Monteith



Dorothea Monteith & Loris Barber

TODAY'S CELEBRITY **BIRTHDAYS**

Serena Williams, tennis player, 26

Christina Milian, singer, 26

Linda Hamilton, actor, 51

Olivia Newton-John, singer, 59

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FEATURE BY



**PATRICK
BRENNAN**

T-J SMILE

NAME: Helen Van Brienk

HOME COMMUNITY: Wallacetown

OCCUPATION: Retired

HOBBIES: Volunteering, looking after grandchildren

FAVOURITE ACTOR: Russell Crow

FAVOURITE MOVIE: My Fair Lady

WALLACETOWN WOMENS

Horizon INSTITUTE MINUTES *Sept 13/2006*

On Thursday, June 22, the Wallacetown Womens Institute met at the South Dnwich Hall at 11:30 a.m. 10 members and 1 guest attended this meeting. We travelled to Pincroft Pottery in Aylmer, had lunch at the Green Frog Tea Room.

Helen VanBrenk opened an informal meeting outside on the patio following lunch. Pictures were sent around taken of an Irish Women's Institute group which members Helen VanBrenk and Darlene Ford had taken in early June of this year on a trip to Ireland. Also Helen received a copy of "Random Memories Sligo Federation" book and pens.

Reports were given. Joan McLandress and Ruby McGugan attended the Elgin Manor Tuck Shop and had a large number attend that day. Sally McIntyre reported that the Bobier Villa had a successful card party and on July 10th, the Auxillary would be touring the new Valley View Residence in St. Thomas. Helen VanBrenk gave an update on the District Annual Meeting held at St. James Presbyterian Church in North Yarmouth on May 17, 2006 which was attended by Kathy Minnema and Helen VanBrenk.

A disappointing vote to cancel the connections with the Elgin Pioneer Museum for the Strawberry

Social in June and also the Coffee Break in December. The next Daffodil Cancer Tea will be hosted by the Wallacetown Women's Institute and Crinan Women's Institute with help from Leola Lawrence from the Cancer Society on April 14, 2007 at the Bobier Villa Home in Dutton, from 9:30 am to 12 noon.

The total volunteer hours for all of Elgin Women's Institutes ladies this past year was 11,139 hours. The Tweedsmuir History Workshop will be held on August 1st.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Joy Westelaken from Empire Valley for allowing Ruby McGugan and

Helen VanBrenk to sell tickets on our double quilt draw in December at the Marketing Partners of Western Elgin Regional Caravan Tour, which was held on Sunday May 28, 2006. There were 95 cars in total.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2006 at the home of Joan and Bill McLandress in West Lorne, at 5pm Potluck supper. Family members invited. Convenors - Joan McLandress and Darlene Ford.

Roll Call: Bring your favourite recipe for a vegetarian (harvest) dish. Bring a lawn chair.

Kathy Minnema

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Wallacetown Women's Institute Members at
Pinecroft Green Frog Tea Room.



photo taken
June 22/2006.

Back Row
(4)

¹Joan M'Landress, ²Helen Van Breuk, ³Kathij Minnema,
⁴Dally M'Intyze, ⁵Louie Lockaf, ⁶Dorothea Monteith.

Front Row
(4)

¹Gledys Graham, ²Darlene Ford, ³Ruby M'Gugan,
⁴Kay Waite.



Optimists Club gets some new members

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The Wallacetown Optimist Club was excited to induct some new members on Dec 10. In the front row from left to right are new members Theresa Small, Katrina Kalita and Krista Schneider, followed by current member Janet Sioetjes. In the back row: President Rien Vanbreuk, Mike Kalita, Marc Cinquina and one-year director Deb Page. James Murray (not present), was inducted on Jan 14

Jan 17th 2008

CONSUMER AND FAMILY AFFAIRS

On Sept. 7th the Wallacetown W.I. met at the home of member Joan McLandress and her husband Bill. There were 8 members and 3 husbands who attended. Everyone contributed to the potluck supper at 5pm.

President Helen Van Breuk opened the meeting following the meal in the usual manner. Reports were given and approved. Kay Waite and Louie Lackey are working on the group display for the Wallacetown Fair again this year, the topic for the fair is "THE ORIENTAL EXPRESS". Joan McLandress and Joan Johnston worked in the Elgin Manor Tuck Shop this past month. Darlene Ford reported on the Christmas Mystery Day Tour sponsored by the Wallacetown W.I., on thursday Nov.30,2006. A special thanks to the Rodney Eastern Star for their donation of dishes. Helen Van Breuk and Sally McIntyre attended the Tweedsmuir Workshop held on Aug. 1st at the Coldstream Community Center. There were 70 ladies in attendance. The speaker for the day was Mary Janes, who stressed the importants on information collected on all the local events and business activities happening in our community , landmarks and daily life of women which are all to be recorded in the tweedsmuir history books by all the individuals from each W.I. group.

New Business: Sept. 24th - The Bachus Page House holds their Volunteer and Member Appreciation Night at 4pm, and dinner at 5pm. On thurs. Sept. 28th setup at the South Dunwich Community Hall at 7pm., for our fair dinner on friday the 29th., from 11am to 1pm. Everyone's welcome cost is \$7.00 fair members and \$8.00 to all others. Oct. 18th The Women's Health Coalition presents "An Alternative Health Fair for Women" at the St. Mary's Parish Hall in West Lorne 6:30pm to 9 pm, you must register ahead of time.

The convenors were Darlene Ford and Joan McLandress. The roll call: Bring your favourite recipe for a vegetable (harvest) dish. The motto: You reap what you sow, usually. Comments by Joan McLandress. Gladys Graham thanked Darlene and Joanfor a very lovely evening.

Next Meeting: On Oct. 5th we will go to the London Area Convention at the Thorndale Arena.

Wallacetown Women's Intitute members.

¹ Gladys Graham, ² Darlene Ford ³ Louie Lackey, ⁴ Ruby McYugan.

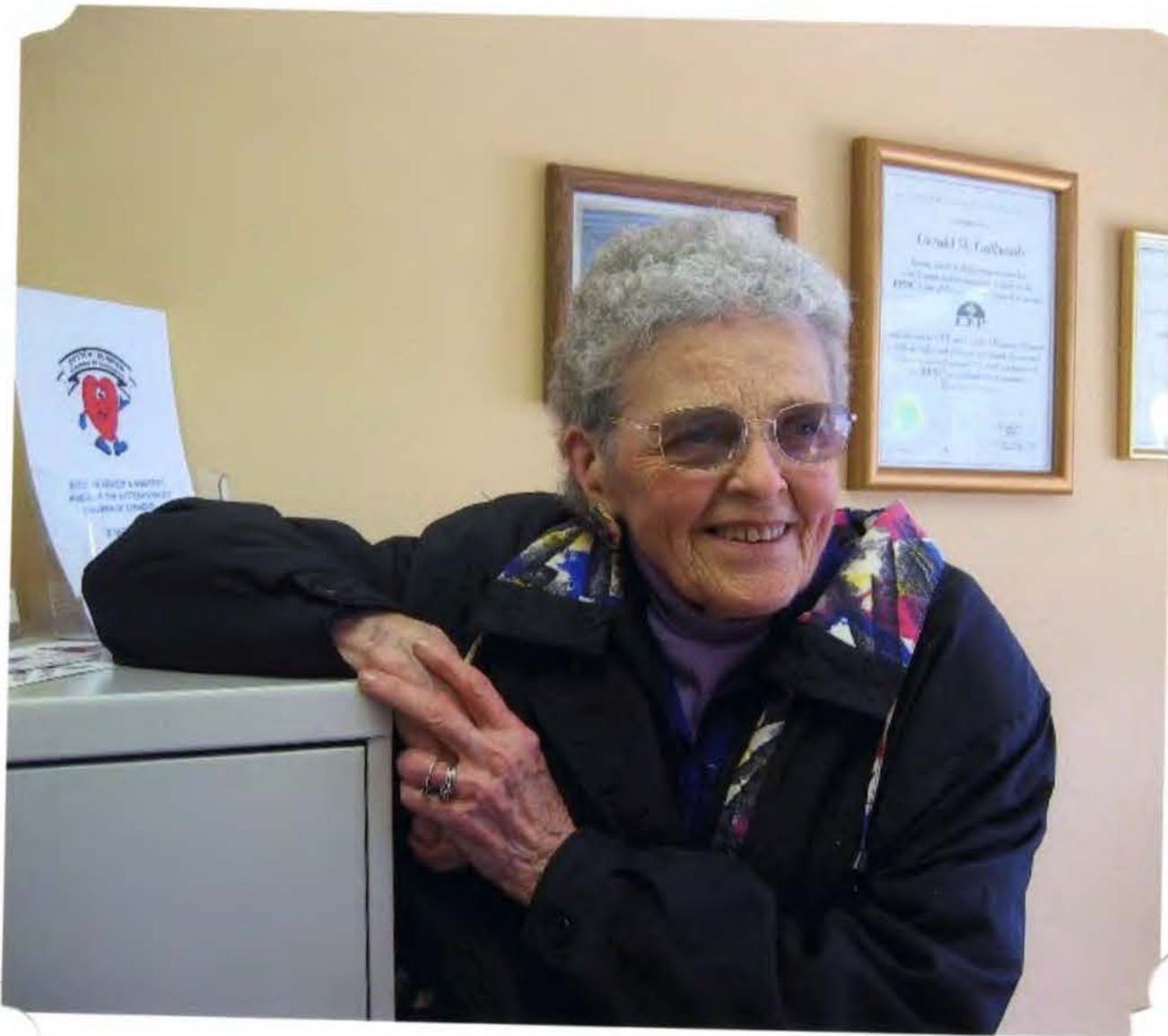
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⁵ Joan McLandress

⁶ Kay Lilley

Norma McMillan - 87 yrs old.



Jan 2007 RR#2 Dutton.

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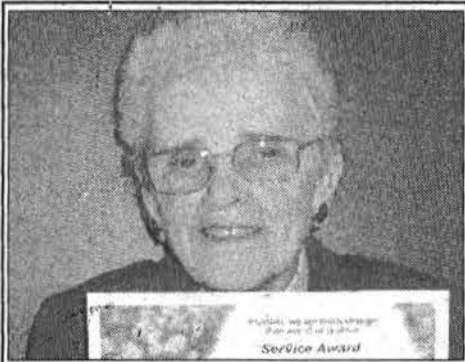
Dutton woman retires after 30 years with Cancer Society

Norma McMillan, a long-term resident of Dutton retired Nov. 20 after 30 years consecutive service with the Canadian Cancer Society, Elgin Middlesex-Unit. Norma, a transportation convener and volunteer driver, has tirelessly arranged rides to help local residents get to their cancer related appointments.

For many, family and friends can help them get to their medical appointments but for some this is not possible. Volunteer Drivers from the Canadian Cancer Society are caring, committed people that offer their time and use of their vehicles to get members of their community to their appointments, be it diagnostic, radiation, chemo, supportive care or follow-up.

Along with matching drivers and patients, Norma has also helped to raise thousands of dollars to support the work of the Canadian Cancer Society through such activities as daffodil sales and Great Ride 'n' Stride.

Norma has witnessed the caring of the Dutton and area Community and while she looks forward to a well deserved respite from her duties she hopes that the communi-



Norma McMillan

SUBMITTED

ty will continue to step forward and assist the Canadian Cancer Society in their mission to make sure that no one faces cancer alone. To be part of the cancer fighting team in our community contact the Elgin-Middlesex Unit at 519-432-1137 or elgin-middlesex@ontario.cancer.ca. For more detailed information on the work of the Canadian Cancer Society go to www.cancer.ca

Roll-Call - bring your favourite recipe for a
Motto: ^{veg. dish} by Joan M'Landress - Sept 7th 2006.

You reap what you sow, usually

Usually Here's a list
of don'ts if you really want
to reap what you sow re. gardening

1. Don't plant garden seed rows
with a great grandchild or ^{young} grandchild
following behind.

2. Don't plant a veg garden at
all if your cattle aren't fenced in
properly. 4H garden. night before
inspection relate tale:-

3. Don't plant squash & cucumbers
close together unless you enjoy
eating squumbers & cuash ^{Show} signs.

4. Don't accept a rule for
growing flowers if you don't
understand the why. Mom said
pluck petunia heads off so flowers
will thicken. I couldn't understand
why I was lathering to grow
petunias when I had to pluck

off the beautiful flowers continually so that I just had leaves to look at. I finally voiced my concerns to Mom. She gave me the look.

5. Don't let it bother you when you thin carrots. I always wonder why one doesn't just plant them further apart & use them all. Has this something to do with ~~fe~~ cross pollination or something else??

6. Re raspberries. & those hard black bugs. Don't freak out if you ~~eat~~ mistakenly eat one. My dad always said "All they eat is raspberries, so it stands to reason, they will taste like -- raspberries".

Happy harvest.

'Planting seeds for tomorrow' theme for WI convention

BY MARION MCKENZIE

FOR THE TIMES-JOURNAL

The 92nd annual London Area Women's Institute Convention was held Oct. 4 at the Thorndale Community Centre with the theme "Planting Seeds For Tomorrow."

There were 202 Women's Institute members in attendance representing Middlesex East, Middlesex Northwest, Elgin County, Perth South, Huron South, Huron West and Oxford District.

Area president Glenna Ladell of Ilderton chaired the meeting. Marg Harris, Flora Rath and Doris Spence assisted her.

Following the 8.45 a.m. registration, members attended a reception hosted by Crumlin WI.

Past presidents F. Hyatt and P. Lindsay led in the presentation of flags and the singing of O Canada, followed by the display of seven district banners.

Following the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect, Flora Rath, president of Middlesex East welcomed all members and guests.

The In Memoriam service was presented by Birr WI.

Margaret Ogar presented the financial report. Copies of reports were provided in booklet form.

The seven district presidents gave a brief summary of highlights and hap-

penings in their district in 2005-06.

Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario president Rosemary Moran, North Thumberland East WI, spoke of the early history of the WI which began in 1897. She recounted other programs with mention of the first Tweedsmuir History project in 1945 and the Rose Program "Sharing our Heritage" in 1999.

All Branches were encouraged to have their Tweedsmuir History archived on discs. Ms Morgan encouraged WI members to lend their support to the Stephan Lewis Foundation, A World Without AIDS. She also suggested branches hold a fundraiser for the African "Grannies to Grannies" Project.

A Lite and Lively Break took place. Norma Shackelton presided at the piano and Marilyn Howey lead the activities.

Voting for area voting delegates took place during the lunch break with Marlene Archer of Stratford re-elected. Joan Mansell of St. Thomas, for personal reasons, gratefully declined the nomination.

Interesting and informative displays outlining various WI projects were set up in the spacious auditorium. A Country Store filled with fall bounty and hand-crafted treasures

sold out during the lunch break again this year. Thorndale WI catered a delicious lunch.

The afternoon session, chaired by Debbie Bauer, opened with the singing of Hymn of All Nations. Greetings were received from visiting area presidents.

The afternoon speakers included Linda Baldwin, of the Thames Valley Children's Centre, with the puppet program FYI Kids On The Block, and Karen Dobbs of Crime Stoppers Inc.

The names of the winners of WI competitions were announced and congratulated.

All printed reports were read and acknowledged. Verbal reports were presented.

Area voting delegate Marlene Archer of Stratford presented a comprehensive report of her annual activities. Provincial board directors Marian Austin and Ilene Chester-

man presented reports. FWIO president Rosemary Moran conducted the election of officers for 2006-07.

Incoming president Anne Innes conducted the new business.

The 93rd annual convention is to be held in Kirkton on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007.

Doris Spence extended courtesies.

The evening banquet, catered by Belmont Town Restaurant and catering, opened with the guest being piped in by Jim Duncan.

Glenna Ladell presided.

Following the Women's Institute Grace and toasts to the Queen and the WI, Ilene Chesterman introduced the head table guests.

Crispin Colvin, mayor of Thames Centre, gave greetings.

Following dinner the scholarships were presented.

The Dorothy Fitcher Scholarship was presented by Marlene Archer to Martina Fazer, a student at the University of

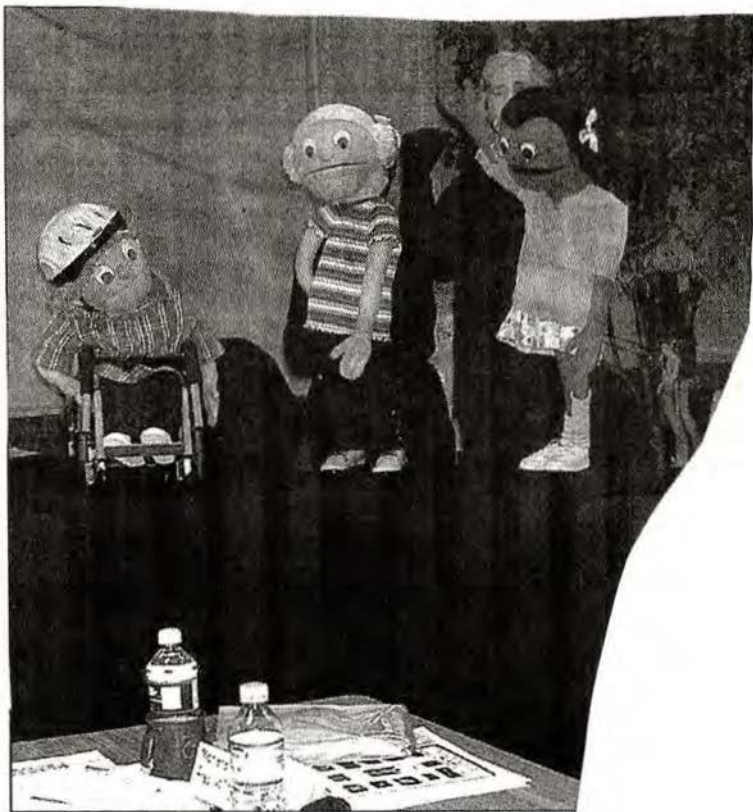
Guelph.

The Maryn Pardy Scholarship was presented by Joan Mansell to Derek Zwambag, a future pharmacist and student at the University of Guelph. He delighted members giving his award-winning speech.

The London Scottish Society Dancers entertained prior to the closing ceremony and the singing of the Royal Anthem.

¹ Sally McIntyre, ² Louie Lackey, ³ Darlene Ford, ⁴ Kathy Minnema, ⁵ Helen Van Breuk.





VOICE OF THE FARMER PHOTO:
MARY BAXTER

Kids on the Block, a puppetry troupe operated by the Thames Valley Children's Centre perform one of the plays they regularly take to area schools for those attending the London Area Women's Institute's annual conference. The conference was held this year on October 5 in Thorndale. *Nov 8 2006*

Grand Opening

Elgin County Museum
Thursday, October 26th, 2006
5-8 pm

Welcome—Ninette Gyorody, Curator

Warden Paul Baldwin

Kate Burns, representative for Joe Preston
MP Elgin-Middlesex-London

Honourable Steve Peters, MPP Elgin-Middlesex-London

Closing Remarks— Ninette Gyorody, Curator

Official Opening Elgin County Museum





Back Row (L)¹ Mrs Norma McMillan, ² Mrs Ruth Wright
Front Row (L)¹ Mrs Hoglund ² Mrs Hull ³ Mrs Wilson

WALLACETOWN W.I. NEWS

Dec 20th 2006 *with Horizon*

On Thursday Dec. 7th at 12 noon the Wallacetown W.I. met at the home of our President, Helen Van Brenk for our annual Christmas pot luck dinner. There were 9 members and 1 guest present. Draws were made for two quilts and the winners were Joan Johnston - Grape Vine and Melissa Patterson - Gaelic Garden. The Institute Ode and Grace were sung before lunch.

A meeting was held with the Mary Stewart Collect and the Lord's Prayer recited, minutes read by Joan McLandress and Louis Lackey

gave the treasurer's report. Sally McIntyre updated the Bobier Villa news. Helen and Kathy Minnema informed the members on Tweedsmuir History books to be put on digital format through the internet under the heading of "Home & Country" and the county cost for this procedure. Donations were discussed for the year end. Everyone contributed money towards sponsoring a Christmas family, Sally and Helen will buy the items needed.

Upcoming events: January meeting will be postponed

until Feb. 21st when everyone is invited to the Winter picnic, held at the Fingal United Church at 12 noon. Daffodil Tea on April 14th at the Bobier Villa.

Louie Lackey read the Christmas poems "Three weeks before Christmas" from the Dutton Advance in 1984, "I Prayed That He'll Get a Chance," "The Night I almost Scared Off Santa" and "Just Before Christmas."

Our speaker for the day was our own secretary "Joan McLandress," who went back to school for her teaching degree

after her children were old enough to attend school. She taught for 18 years, the memories of some individual students and the events around those were not always happy. You are limited to what you can do in most cases, but being prepared with a supply of underwear came in handy on different occasions. No hugs were allowed, and knowing families didn't have enough to feed their children was a most disturbing aspect along with unhappy home situations. Some of the incidents were climbing up the

outside brick wall of the school and getting a neighbourhood father to bring a ladder to assist. Kids playing with a rabid bat and needing shots, setting fire to the Christmas tree. Joan was able to put a name to each individual. It was noticeable that a custodian lasted no longer than a year and a half, tops. Joan thoroughly enjoyed her years of teaching and her memories pop up from time to time, bringing smiles from those around her. Helen thanked Joan.

Roll Call: Talk about a plant you wished you never planted and

why. Some answers were Perennial Geranium, Creeping Charlie, poppies, mint and onions in a flower bed.

Next meeting: Feb 8th at 12 noon lunch provided by the Old Village tea Room at the Dutton-Dunwich Municipal building meeting room. Cost \$7.00. Roll Call: Name your most difficult subject during school and how you made it easier. Speaker: Tracey Trudell on DYSLEXIA.



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The Wallacetown Women's Institute are selling tickets on 2 quilts made by our own member Ruby McGugan with assistance with quilting by W.I. member Louie Lackey and longtime friend Audrey Harris. Pictured are W.I. members L to R: Helen Van Brenk, Kathy Minnema, Sally McIntyre, Kay Waite, Joan McLandress, Ruby McGugan, Doris Barber and Dorothea Monteith. The draw will take place on Dec. 7th at our Christmas meeting.

WALLACETOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE QUILT DRAW

**DRAW ON 2 QUILTS
'GRAPE VINE' and 'GAELIC GARDEN'**

**TICKETS \$2.00 EACH OR 3/\$5.00
DRAW DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2006**

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1ST PRIZE TO Joan Johnston
2ND PRIZE TO MELISSA PATTERSON