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Elgin Women's Institute Branches Gather At Wallacetown!

On October 23, 2004 Elgin Women's Institute Branches gathered to support the annual Fundraiser Cancer Tea. A large crowd of over ninety ladies enjoyed the hospitality of the Wallacetown and West Lorne W.I.. The many sales tables were well patronized and tickets on a beautiful quilt to be drawn for at the close of the event were in great demand.

What follows is a brief history of the West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary Cancer Fund as compiled by one of the societies most faithful workers; Norma McMillan.

About 1956 a local West Elgin doctor's wife started driving cancer patients for treatment, doing home care duties and even helping financially. In due time others provided financial assistance, particularly the Women's Institute. Bear in mind that was a period prior to any government medical plans.

In 1967 the Daffodil Auxiliary applied for a charity number so tax receipts could be issued to individuals contributing to either the Welfare Fund or Cancer Fund. For over twenty-eight years a Quilting Group from Fingal donated a special Quilt for a draw to raise money for the cancer patients. An increasing number of people over the past fifteen years have made memorial donations to the fund in lieu of flowers at funerals.

These two sources of funds have allowed caregivers to attend to the needs of local patients and make sizeable donations to local hospitals and Medical Centres.

In 1990 The St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital received Auxiliary Funds to make available the first Palliative Care Room for terminally ill patients and their family members. In 1991 The Four Counties Hospital received the same amount for their first Palliative Care Room. A plaque is still on the door of that special room.

In the year 1995 the S.T. E.G.H. Radiology Department received the funding for a special reclining chair for the Breast Cancer Unit. Four Counties Hospital received funding for a Electric Bed, and Camp Trillium received funding to help children with cancer to attend a special Family Camp.

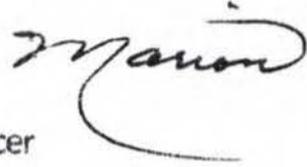
In 1997 a substantial donation was made to the building project of the Bobier Villa Nursing Home, and continued support followed with the purchase of a Mechanical Life Support and a Special Release Mattress.

In 2001 S.T.E.G.H. received funding for a Vital Signs Monitor. In 2003 a donation was made to the Building Project of Elgin Community Health Centre.

Thank you to all who have so generously contributed through these many years to the Daffodil Auxiliary Cancer Fund, and to the member of the Elgin District Women's Institute who continue to carry on this worthy project, for "Home and Country".

Memo: A picture of the 'Quilt Draw' for at the Cancer Tea is enclosed for publication.

Submitted By:
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Public Relations Officer
Elgin District W.I.
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1. Darlene Ford 2. Helen Mooses 3. Jennie Gow - Leitch





Having a cup of Tea at the
Wallacetown Hall
Oct 23rd 2004.



Mary Lipold Helen VonBark Leola Laurance Mary



Helen VonBrenk Leola Laurance Mary Lipmann



Lola Lawrence Norma McMillan Kelly Minnens

Cancer tea well attended

ELGIN DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

Oct 27th 2005

The Elgin Manor on Fingal Line was the venue for the Elgin District Women's Institute Cancer Tea and Raffle held Oct. 15. The members of River Road and Middlemarch Women's Institutes sponsored the tea.

The District President, Pauline Lindsay and the presidents of the hosting branches welcomed guests.

The sales tables were laden with farm fresh bounty from the October harvest.

The tea tables in the dining area of the Tuck Shop were beautifully decorated in a fall theme and guests enjoyed fine fellowship and delicious fruit loaves, cheese and grapes with their Morning Coffee Hour.

Elgin Manor staff members who radiated great pride in the facility and the welfare of the residents, conducted guided tours of the new facility.

The well-attended event raised in excess of \$2000.00 for the Cancer Society in Elgin County.

Mary Lyndal



Shelby Johnson

Kay Waite - Ruby McEugan - Joan



Johnson

The Tea Room.





April 18th 2007

WALLACETOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE RECEIVE ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS



Members of the Wallacetown W.I. accept Ontario Volunteer Service Awards presented on March 28, 2007. ***Pictured from left to right are;*** Kay Waite 15 years, Louie Lackey 15 years, Helen Van Brenk 25 years, youth Matthew Minnema son of Kathy Minnema 10 years and Elgin-Middlesex-London MPP Steve Peters who extended congratulations. Absent were Ruby McGugan 30 years and Joan McLandress 15 years.

"The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards are a way for the government to recognize volunteers for their undeniable contributions. The awards are also a way to thank volunteers for their continuous years of commitment and dedicated service to a group* (see note below). Youth volunteers (under the age of 24) are recognized for two or more years of continuous service. Adults are recognized for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30+, 40+, 50+ and 60+ years of continuous service. The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards are presented to volunteers who contribute consecutive years of service to a single group within Ontario, and whose work is characterized by the following: Volunteer time given on an ongoing and active basis to the same group for which no payment has been received; Membership alone is not a qualification for recognition; Services performed during the normal course of professional or business duties are not eligible for recognition." -submitted

Volunteer awards given to locals

April 12/2007

The annual volunteer service awards were handed out at the East Elgin Community Centre in Aylmer and at another ceremony in London in March.

The provincially organized events recognize volunteers for contributions to their communities.

Local honourees are:

Name	Organization	Home	Years
Shari Dehoey	Gymnastics Ontario	Dutton	10
Bonnie Hitchman	IODE - St. Thomas	Shedden	25
Louie Lackey	Women's Institute	Wallacetown	15
Ruby McGugan	Women's Institute	Wallacetown	30
Joan McLandress	Women's Institute	West Lorne	15
Kathryn Minnema	Women's Institute	Dutton	10
Matthew Minnema	Women's Institute	Dutton	Youth
Helen Van Brenk	Women's Institute	Fingal	25
Kay Waite	Women's Institute	Dutton	15
Nina Hurdle	Historical Society	Wardsville	25



Ontario

The Honourable Mike Colle
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration
invites you to celebrate the

2007 Ontario Volunteer Awards

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

7:30 p.m.

East Elgin Community Complex

531 Talbot Street W.

Aylmer, ON

Reception with light refreshments to follow.
Business attire.

Persons with disabilities requiring special on-site seating may contact the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat at (416) 314-7526



2007 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

To our many
dedicated volunteers,
you have each made
a meaningful and
positive difference to
the lives of others and
to your community.

Thank You

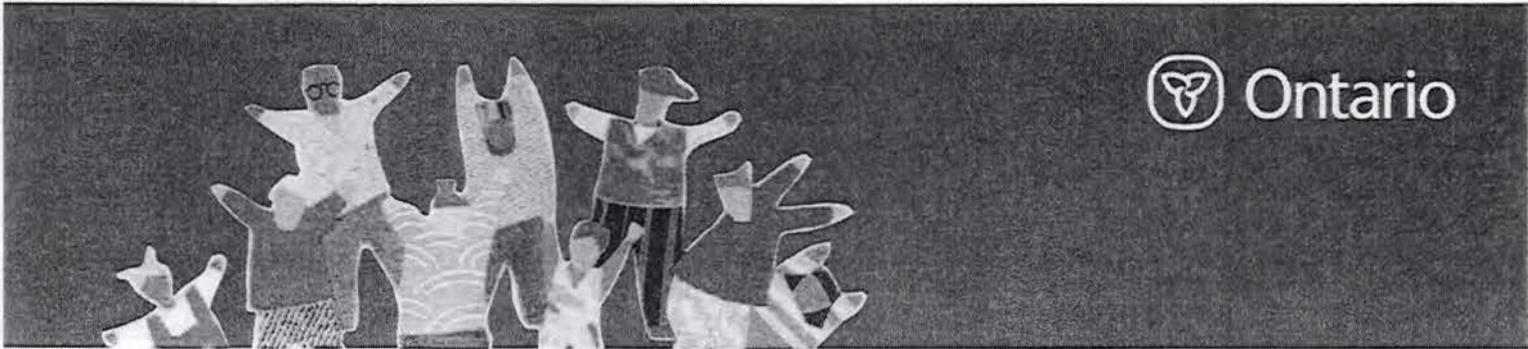


Mike Colle

The Honourable Mike Colle
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2007 ONTARIO VOLUNTEER AWARDS

EVENING PROGRAM

O CANADA

INTRODUCTIONS

GREETINGS & REMARKS

GUEST SPEAKER

*PRESENTATION OF
VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS*

*YOUTH
5 YEARS
10 YEARS
15 YEARS
20 YEARS
25 YEARS
30+ YEARS
40+ YEARS
50+ YEARS
60+ YEARS*

- RECEPTION -

April 18th 2007

WALLACETOWN W.I. NEWS

On Thursday April 12th, the Wallacetown W.I. met at the South Dunwich Community Hall at 1:30pm. There were 10 members present. President Helen Van Brenk opened the meeting in the usual manner. Reports were given and approved. President Helen attended the Elgin County Museum's 50th Anniversary celebration on April 5th. Preparations were finalized for the Daffodil Tea on Saturday April 14th, at the Bobier Villa from 9-12 noon.

On March 28th Kay Waite, Louie Lackey, Helen Van Brenk, Joan Johnston, Kathy and Matthew Minnema attended an Ontario Volunteer Service Awards ceremony at the East Elgin Complex in Aylmer.

A letter from the F.W.I.O. was read sending congratulations on celebrating our 95th anniversary on July 12th (1912-2007).

Upcoming events:
 April 28th 10-12 noon: Iona Hall "Birds of Spring Coffee Break."
 May 3rd 1pm: "Formal Grandmothers Tea"

celebrating our Grandmothers and Wallacetown W.I. 95th anniversary, at the South Dunwich Community Hall.

May 17th: Elgin W.I. District Annual at South Dunwich Community Hall, 5pm potluck. (Bring gift for Erland Lee Home)

May 24th: Joan McLandress and Joan Johnston will work at the Elgin Manor tuck shop.

May 26th: 100th Anniversary of the Elgin County W.I. District Annual, 2-4pm at St. Thomas Christian Community School a "Victorian Tea".

August 7th: Tweedsmuir Workshop at Thorndale Community Centre.

Arrangements were made in preparation for the Grandmothers Tea and 95th anniversary gathering on May 3rd.

Rose Education Coordinator Kay Waite gave a summary of all our activities over the past. Tweedsmuir Curator Helen Van Brenk reported on all pages added to our Tweedsmuir History Book for April 2006-2007. - Treasurers

books were audited by Kay Waite and Joan Johnston.

Darlene Ford installed Officers for 2007-2008 as follows: President - Van Brenk; Vice President - Kathy Minnema; Secretary - Joan McLandress; Assistant Secretary - Kathy Minnema; Treasurer - Louie Lackey; District Director - Helen Van Brenk; Alternate District Director - Dorothea Monteith; Rose Education coordinator - Kay Waite; Branch Director - Gladys Graham; Tweedsmuir Curator - Helen Van Brenk; Auditors - Joan Johnston, Kay Waite; Press Reporter - Kathy Minnema; Rep. Bobier Villa - Amarilis Drouillard; Rep. to Elgin Manor - Joan McLandress, Joan Johnston; Rep. to Elgin County Pioneer Museum - Helen Van Brenk; Cards & Cheer - Kay Lilley.

Convenor Helen Van Brenk lead the Roll Call: Bring or tell about a favourite book of your childhood. The Classic Book of Fairy Tales; Princess and the Goblins; Aunt Charlotte Stories; Little Women; Just William Books;

Honeybun Others and Us; Nancy Drew Mysteries, others remembered the story but not the title.

Joan Johnston thanked lunch committee Kay Waite and Kathy Minnema.

Next Meeting:

May 3rd. Convenor Louie Lackey, 1pm at the South Dunwich Community Hall
 Speaker - Pastor Diane McPherson
 Roll Call - Name something that has change since
 Grandma's DAY



WALLACETOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OFFICERS. 2007 --- 2008.

PRESIDENT --- HELEN VAN BRENK.
1st. VICE --- PRESIDENT. --- KATHY MINNEMA.
SECRETARY ---- JOAN M(LANDRESS.
ASS. SECRETARY, --- KATHY MINNEMA.
TREASURER----- LOUIE LACKEY.
DISTRICT DIRECTOR --- HELEN VAN BRENK.

PRESS REPORTER . ---- KATHY MINNEMA.
ALTERNATE DIRECTOR -- DOROTHEA MONTEITH.
ROSE EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR-- KAY WAITE.

AUDITORS. ---- JOAN JOHNSTON.---- KAY WAITE.
BRANCH DIRECTOR.----- GLADYS GRAHAM.
TWEEDSMUIR CURATOR. ---- HELEN VAN BRENK.

ADVOCACY CONVENOR. ---- SALLY McINTYRE.
REP. TO BOBIER VILLA --- AMARILIS DROUILLARD.

REP. TO ELGIN MANOR.---- JOAN McLANDRESS; JOAN JOHNSTON.
REP. TO ELGIN COUNTY MUSEUM ---- HELEN VAN BRENK.
CARDS AND CHEER. ---- KAY LILLEY.

*Back Row -
1, Joan Johnston, 2 Kay Lilley, 3 Ruby M. Yung, 4 Doris Barber, 5 Joan McLandress,
6 Kay Waite, 7 Darlene Ford.*



*front Row
1, Gladys Graham, 2 Helen Van Brank, 3 Kathy Minnema*

ANNUAL BRANCH EDUCATIONAL ROSE CONVENORS REPORT
YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 2007
Wallacetown Women's Institute

Educational Rose Convenor

Mrs. Kay Waite
11047 Miller Rd., R.R. 1
Dutton, Ontario
Tel. 519 762 5754

CANADIAN INDUSTRIES

Speaker — Ms. Marion Boulton, London - demonstrating "Stamping Up". We made three cards each.
2 hours of enjoyment

Roll Call — Name a hobby you pursue or would like to pursue

Discussion — Tickets handed out to be sold on our quilt draw
Wallacetown Fair Exhibit
Menu for Wallacetown Fair dinner

CITIZENSHIP AND LEGISLATION

Car Pool — To the London Area Convention at Thorndale Arena

Discussion — The decreasing membership of the Women's Institute

CONSUMER & FAMILY AFFAIRS

Pot Luck — Each member brought a "Harvest" dish to share

Motto — You reap what you sow, usually

Roll Call — Bring your favourite recipe for a vegetable harvest dish

Discussion - We decided to cancel our yearly seniors pot luck and euchre party
Who will go to the winter picnic at Fingal?

EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY

Speaker — Alison Pearce, London - her pioneer family's work and 1921 prices for produce.

She also mentioned the winters back then especially 1944. 1 hour in length.

— Tracy Trudell, Dutton - her topic "DYSLEXIA"

1 1/2 hours in length including question and answer period.

— Joan McLandress, West Lorne - her experiences during her teachers career.
1 hour in length.

— Louie Lackey, Wallacetown - Memories of growing up on the farm. 1 1/2 hours in length.

Tour — Pincroft Pottery, Alymer. 2 1/2 hours in length including lunch.

Motto — Learning is more than the "3 R's"

Roll Call - Name your favourite food.

- Name your most difficult subject during school and how you made it easier.

- Talk about a plant you wished you never planted and why?

- A photo of your wedding, day and year.

- Name a "Kitchen Proverb" or saying that you have heard, written in your own handwriting to hand in for the Tweedsmuir book.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- Pot Luck - " International Cuisine Dinner " with Husbands and Families invited.
- Roll Call - Bring a labelled article or articles from a Foreign Country for our display table.
- Contest - On International Flags
- Social Hour
- Discussion - Donations to be made
Finalize plans for our 95th anniversary. (1st meeting held on July 3rd 1912

Membership - Tyrconnell Heritage Society.

- Future Projects - 95th Anniversary to be celebrated on May3rd at South Dunwich Hall with other Institute"s invited.
- Elgin County W I.District Annual Meeting to be held at South Dunwich Hall on May17th.
 - Recruiting new members
 - April 14th, the Cancer Tea working with Clachan and Crinan Institutes held at the Bobier Villa.

- Highlights
- Being honoured by the Government for our Volunteer years
 - Tracey Trudell speaking on Dyslexia

ROSE SESSION PROFILE FORM

rose
FOR WOMEN
SHARING EDUCATION

ROSE Sessions include ANY topic so long as you invite the community to attend and there is an educational component to the session.

Please use this form to share the details of your session after your session is completed. Don't forget to include photographs and news articles. Thank you for sharing your ROSE experiences!

Please complete and return (by mail, email or fax) to:

Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario

7382 Wellington Road 30, RR # 5, Guelph; ON N1H 6J2

FAX: (519) 836-9456 PHONE: (519) 836-3078 EMAIL: roseprogram@fwio.on.ca

Branch: WALLACETOWN District: ELGIN WEST Area: LONDON

CONTACT NAME and MAILING ADDRESS:

MRS KAY WAITE

DUTTON, ONT. R.R. 1

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TELEPHONE:

FAX:

Would you like to be on the ROSE Email Update List? YES ___ NO ___

E-MAIL Address:

SESSION DATE: MAY 11TH 2006 SESSION LOCATION: SOUTH DUNWICH COMMUNITY HALL

SESSION DESCRIPTION: (general information including theme, hours, advertising, etc.)

GRANDMOTHER'S MEETING - (1:30 - 4:30 o'clock)

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.

SPEAKER - LOUIE LACKEY - TOPIC - "MEMORIES OF GROWING UP ON THE FAMILY FARM"

'INCLUDING - HOUSE HOLD CHORES

- FEEDING CHICKENS & GATHERING EGGS
- TAKING COWS TO PASTURE
- CUTTING GRASS
- THRESHINGS
- SINGING IN CHURCH CHOIR
- RECALLING TRAGIC EVENTS

- CONT'D OVER PAGE

Tell us a bit about your ROSE Program. What organizations were involved? What did they talk about? Did they provide a guest speaker, if so what was their name?

OTHER

	ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED	TOPIC	GUEST SPEAKER
1.	WALLACETOWN W.I. & FAMILIES	CONSUMER & FAMILY AFFAIRS	MEMBER JOAN M'LANDRESS.
2.		"HARVEST" POT LUCK. SOCIAL TIME FOLLOWED	
3.	WALLACETOWN W.I. & FAMILIES	INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS	MEMBERS DORIS BARBER &
4.		"INTERNATIONAL CUISINE" DINNER CONTEST & SOCIAL HOUR	KAY WHITE
5.		DISPLAY TABLE	
6.			
7.			

ROSE SESSION LISTED ON OTHER SIDE

ADMISSION COST (if applicable): NIL

FUNDS RAISED (if applicable): NIL

Approx. NO. of participants/attendees: 19 W.I. MEMBERS: 10 NON-MEMBERS: 9

Did your ROSE Session help you to attain new WI members? YES ___ NO

Approx. how many volunteer hours were contributed to this session? MANY

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: CONT'D
 - LEAVING HOME AND STARTING A NEW LIFE -
 PICTURES AND SEVERAL ITEMS ON DISPLAY
 MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY ATTENDED AND TOLD OF THEIR LIFE
 AFTER LEAVING HOME - LODGE WORK, ARMY DUTIES ETC.
 "VERY INTERESTING"
 (If additional space is required, please use a blank sheet and attach)

Tell us about your next ROSE Session. DON'T KNOW YET - PROGRAMS SUBMITTED IN JUNE.

NEXT SESSION DATE: TOPIC:

Thank you for helping us promote and evaluate the ROSE Program!



Tea for cancer

JEFF KEMPENAAR/THE CHRONICLE

Sarah Hoffman, Kathleen Johnston, Donna Miller and Joyce Baker enjoy tea and conversation at the annual Cancer Tea hosted by local Women's Institutes at Bobier Villa Saturday. The event raised more than \$2,000 for the Daffodil Society.

April 19/2007

CANCER TEA & RAFFLE
 Sat. April 14 ~ 9am to 11. Bobier Villa, Dutton.
 Draws, 1st prize ~ Irish Chain quilt, donated by Rury McGugan; 2nd prize \$100 scrapbooking supplies donate by Heather MacAdam. Sponsored by Clachan, Crinan and Wallacetown Women's Institutes. All proceeds go to the WE Daffodil Society (Cancer).
 14-15//

THANK YOU

The West Elgin Daffodil Auxillary would like to thank Clachan, Crinan & Wallacetown for hosting the Cancer Tea at Bobier Villa. Thanks to all the other WI's and Lawrence Station Kensington Club for all the support. Thanks to Ruby McGugan for making and donating the prize winning quilt which was won by Geraldine Lunn of Mossley, also to Heather MacAdam for donating second prize of \$100 of scrapbook supplies, won by Kevin & Lisa Brown of Oakville and to Bobier Villa for supplying the room. About 75 attended and \$2009.78 was raised and thanks to all it was a great success.



Nancy

Sandy

April 14th 2007 Cancer Tea at the Bobier Villa



(From 4)

- Wallacetown W.I
 Members
- 1/ Joan Johnston
 - 2/ Sally McIntyre
 - 3/ Kay Waite
 - 4/ Helen Van Breenk
 - 5/ Kathy Minnema

Community News

Daffodil Auxiliary gives to STEGH

Jerry Galbraith, board member with the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation met with Leola Lawrence and Colin Kittmer of the West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary last week. The Auxiliary donated \$7,400 toward a digital mammography machine for the hospital. The money was raised at the Octoberfest Mixed Classic Golf Tournament held at Dutton Meadows Golf Club. Over the years, the Auxiliary has donated more than \$40,000 to STEGH.

JEFF KEMPENAAR/THE CHRONICLE

July 19th
2007



TWEEDSMUIR AND ANNUAL MEETING. REPORT.

APRIL 12, 1.30pm 2006---2007.

BRANCH ----- WALLACETOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 2006-----2007.

DISTRICT ----- ELGIN COUNTY.

CURATOR.----- HELEN VAN BRENK .

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RR#1; FINGAL ; ONTARIO; NOL IKO.

1. WORKING ON NUMBER 8 TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY BOOK.
- 2 SEVEN BOOKS HAVE BEEN DIGITIZATION AT THE ELGIN COUNTY ARCHIVES.
- 3 ROLL CALL
BRING OR TELLABOUT A FAVOURITE BOOK OF YOUR CHILDHOOD.
4. HAVE ADDED 27 PAGES TO NUMBER 8 BOOK.
10 PAGES ON WALLACETOWN W.I. MEETINGS AND WEDDING DAY PHOTOS AND WRITE UPS
OF MEMBERS.

8 PAGES ON OLD SAYINGS FROM OUR MEMBERS.

1 PAGE ON TRIBUTE TO JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH . OCT. 17th /2006.

2PAGES ON THE BACKUS PAGE MUSEUM.

2 PAGES ON DAY GONE BYE .

1 PAGE SENIOR CENTRE DUTTON 35th ANNIVERSARY .

1 PAGE ON GRANDOPENING OF THE ELGIN COUNTY MUSEUM OCT 26/2006.

1 PAGE ON KINGSMILL -- MAPLETON W I 100 ANNIVERSARY.

1 PAGE ON ONTARIO VOLUNTEER AWARDS --- WED. MARCH 28---2007.

5. WE HAVE PUBLISHED A BOOK ON OUR TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY ON WALLACETOWN

W. I. AND COMMUNITY. DEC.2000.

FUTURE PROJECTS.

1. HOUSE LOGS.
- 2 DIGITIZATION OUR BOOKS.
3. OLD STORIES OF FARMING.