

Sept 24 2009

Wallacetown W.I. visits Lavender Sense

By Kathy Minnema

The September meeting of the Wallacetown Women's Institute was held at Lavender Sense on Ash Line south of Hwy #3. The owners are Jesper and Pamela Andersen who recently moved to this area from Montreal less than a year ago.

Lavender Sense is a premier grower and marketer of lavender plants, essential oils and exquisite lavender products. There are two varieties of lavender, which make up 4,000 plants in production. The florets are picked at the budding stage then processed for marketing.

While at the farm you can pick your own lavender, browse through the boutique or enjoy the nature trails in the Carolinian forest. The ladies were able to browse through the boutique and purchase items.

Joan McLandress thanked Jesper for explaining his business prospects for the present and the future, also for opening his

home for our meeting.

President Helen Van Brenk opened the meeting with the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and the Lord's Prayer. There were 10 members and two guests present. Joan McLandress read the minutes from the June meeting. Helen read the treasurer's report. It was mentioned that the new doors at the South Dunwich Community Hall were donated by George Stifel. The correspondence was read. Car-a-Van tour is Oct. 4. VON updates were discussed.

Pres. Helen went to the Tweedsmuir Workshop held at the Shedden Keystone Complex on Aug. 4. There were 94 people in attendance. It was a successful day. Helen Van Brenk and Kathy Minnema will attend the London Area Convention on Oct. 15 at the Oxford Golf and Country Club at Craigowan. Members were given a list for the upcoming Wallacetown Fair dinner on Oct. 2 at the South Dunwich Community

Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will set up on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m.

Conveners for this meeting were Darlene Ford and Joan McLandress. Joan read the motto: "Everything Old is New Again." The Roll Call: Bring an apron and relate memories connected to it. Interesting - Australian apron, hand-made by a daughter apron, mother's apron, Campbell soup apron, and yesterday's apron. Also the story behind the purpose of an apron.

A lovely lunch was provided by Darlene and Joan along with cookies made with lavender in them. Kathy thanked the committee. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Oct. 8. Meet at the South Dunwich Community Hall at 1:15 p.m. Travel to West Elgin Community Health Center. Speaker - Angie Cornwall. Roll Call: Bring a recipe you use a lot. Let's make it into a low-fat recipe.



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■ ROLL CALL: "Name a country you'd like to visit"

Wallacetown W.I. told about Bucharest-Budapest trip

KATHY MINNEMA
For the Times-Journal

The Wallacetown Women's Institute met for their November meeting at the home of member Sally McIntyre with 10 members and one guest present.

Two of our members recently had surgery and are recovering, Mary Gillett and

Ruth Ruger.

The Wallacetown 4-H Club are selling a box of four angels for \$10 as a fundraiser for Christmas.

President Helen Van Brenk and Kathy Minnema attended the London Area Convention on Oct. 15 at the Oxford Golf and County Club - Craigowan.

This year our twin is River Road Women's Institute.

Meeting convener was Sally McIntyre. Roll Call: Name a country you would like to visit - Egypt, England, Australia, stay home, out west again, Europe, Austria, Himalaya's and a safari in Africa.

Sally and Mary Young showed pictures and talked about their trip from Bucharest to Budapest this year in

June. Home of the Romanian Vampires and Dracula (but was not sighted).

They toured castles, parliament buildings, the world's largest Orthodox Church in Belgrave, Marshal Tito's tomb, and Hungary is best known for its paprika crop.

We also had the opportunity to look at some of the items they purchased.

A film was showed on "Accessible Customer Service Training" to which anyone volunteering in the three nursing homes in Elgin (Bobier Villa, Elgin Manor and Terrace Lodge) must be signed up before hand.

There are 1.5 million that have disabilities in Ontario and knowing how to deal and handle many and all situations is an advantage.

Motto "Everything old is new again." Here is a list!

Pedestal sinks instead of counters and basins are now being installed in bathrooms. Where do they put the stuff?

Candles are placed everywhere to mask odours or for ambience, not really for light. If my mother attempted a romantic dinner by candle-light, my dad always appeared at the table with a flashlight.

Wooden floors are back. Any realtor will tell you the young want wooden floors, not carpeting. We have carpeting because we stagger frequently and my guess is carpeting would help prevent bruising or worse a broken hip if we fell. Everyone seems to be getting their hips replaced. A few are renewing their old bodies with face lifts,

botox injections, tummy tuck and a few other unmentionable Empire waist-lines for the young are back, which is quite unfair because this style would definitely hide our middle-aged spread.

I recently saw pictures of girdles worn on the outside of clothing. Was it Madonna or?

Eye-liner resembling that used by Cleopatra is back.

Healthier home-cooking is coming back before we are literally rolled out. Schools are encouraging "no comfort food available in schools."

Dominoes is the game in Florida now. Remember lining the standing dominoes up carefully and then pushing the first one down to see the ripple effect? Well, we're actually playing dominoes

today. People are dancing together instead of giggling alone on the spot.

Darlene says aprons are back. Without an apron, I generally, after whipping cream, have to change my clothes.

Herbal remedies are becoming more and more popular to soothe the soul and to help heal the body.

Enjoy the "new" old era for; "Everything" old is new again.

Written by Joan M Landress
Wallacetown WI Member
Sept 24th 2009

CHRISTMAS PARTY – DEC.03/09

Dear Women Institute Members:

Wallacetown Women's Institute is extending an invitation to your W.I. members and spouses or a friend to join us for a Christmas Turkey Dinner at Lakeview Gardens Restaurant in Eagle on Thursday, December 3rd at 12 noon.

Entertainment will follow – with Gayle Johnston & Larry at the keyboard to celebrate the Festive Season. The cost will be \$20 p.p. includes taxes & tip. Please reply by Nov. 15 with numbers and payment's to ----

*Mrs. Louie Lackey
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Looking forward to your reply, as our membership is small we hope to be able to get better acquainted with more Elgin W.I. members & celebrate the reason for the season !!!



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Dec 31st 2009

Wallacetown W.I. celebrates Christmas

The Wallacetown Women's Institute held their December meeting at Lakeview Gardens. A full Christmas turkey dinner was supplied by Lakeview Gardens for 97 adults, including Institute members from Kingsmill-Mapleton, Boxall, Clachan, Cowal, Middlemarch, River Road, Shedden, West Lorne, Yarmouth Glen, and Wallacetown Women's Institute along with some of the ladies' husbands and community guests. Louie Lackey welcomed everyone and the Institute. Grace was sung before the meal. Greetings were received from Elgin President Grace Campbell who read accomplishments of the Women's Institute over the years since the organization by Adalaide Hoodless over 100 years ago who said "Educate a boy and you educate a man, educate a girl and you educate a family."

Darlene Ford gave out door prizes to 13 lucky people. Winners included Florence and Duncan McIntyre who have been married for 59 years,

and Norma McMillan for the eldest in attendance. We were entertained by singers Larry McGill on the piano and his niece Gail Johnston with a variety of songs from Christmas to old favourites. Gail is also a daughter-in-law of our member Joan Johnston. Darlene thanked Larry and Gail for an enjoyable afternoon. Some of the ladies did a little Christmas shopping before leaving.

Grace Campbell speaking





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Dec 3rd 2009 at Lakewood Gardens - Eagle.

Marlene Ford.



Gail Johnston - sang a variety of songs.



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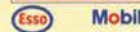
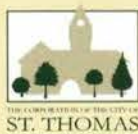
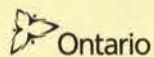
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"GET INVOLVED, IT'S HELPING OTHERS"

The Wallacetown W.I. met at the South Dunwich Community Hall on Mar. 4th at 1:30pm. There were 7 members, 2 visiting W.I. members from River Road and 2 guests present. President Helen Van Brenk opened the meeting in the usual manner. Kathy Minnema read the minutes from Nov., Dec., and Jan. meetings. While Louie Lackey gave the treasurer's report.

Correspondence:

- > Chili Luncheon & Bake Sale on Mar. 12th sponsored by the Middlemarch W.I. & Yarmouth Glen W.I. @ the Elgin County Building, cost \$8.00.
- > Women's Day sponsored by the F.W.I.O. Sat. April 10th, 9:25 - 3:55pm @ Lucan Community Centre cost \$40.00.
- > Flyers from The Arts & Cookery Bank in West Lorne. "The Heritage Pathway" selling bricks for the pathway were given out.
- > Superstar Decorator Challenge, on March 28th, 11:30 - 3pm @ St. Thomas Golf and Country Club cost is \$40.00 includes brunch.
- > Thank you card from Helen Van Brenk was read.
- > Spring Women's Institute Mystery Tour & Men too! Fri. June 4th, cost \$79.00 sponsored by the Wallacetown W.I. 8am sharp @ South Dunwich Community Hall, to reserve a spot call Darlene Ford.
- > Ont. Government recognizes volunteers application forms were recieved.

Helen gave the Elgin County Museum reporting on the upcoming exhibits for this year: Mar 13 - Aug. 21st. - Elgin County General Stores . June 8th - Aug. 21st. - Jumbo: The Greatest Show on Earth. Sept. 12th - Nov. 27th - Clark McDougall: Barns

Old Business: 5 members attended the Winter Picnic at the Yarmouth Centre United Church, Sally McIntyre, Darlene Ford, Mary Gillett, Louie Lackey and Kathy Minnema at 12noon. The hosts were Kingsmill- Mapleton and Yarmouth Glen W.I.'s.

Repairs are needed for the Erland Lee Home and F.W.I.O. are asking for support from all Institute's in Ontario. The F.W.I.O. also would like all Institute's to get Tweedsmuir History Books digitalized on the genealogical society website. Kay Waite has resigned as our Rose Program Co-ordinator, it was decided everyone would pitch in and help with this position. Our fees are due next meeting at the Annual meeting.

Elgin IPM "Queen of the Furrow" welcomes 30 Queens



On Feb. 26 and 27, the Elgin International Plowing Match "Queen of the Furrow" committee met for the first time, with 30 Queen's from across Ontario. The 2010 Ontario Queen of the Furrow will be crowned at the Elgin County International Plowing Match near St. Thomas, which runs from Sept. 20-23.

March 11th 2010
Kathy Minnema
 The Chronicle

On Feb. 26 and 27 there were 30 out of 33 Queen's of the Furrow who gathered at the Four Point Sheraton in London for the Ontario Plowman's Association Convention. These young women have competed in their own county or region this past year by plowing a parcel of land, giving a speech and an interview. This is their first opportunity to meet each other, and their Queen Mom - Diane Brown from Dutton and make new friends from all across Ontario.

A very busy weekend was planned by the Elgin committee. Chair - Kathy Minnema; committee members - Rita Hermsen; Rosemary Kennedy; Debbie Shackelton; Jeanette Jenkins; Helen Van Brenk; Louie Lackey; Lorraine Hennigs and Queen Mom - Diane Brown. The Queen's were introduced to many talents from Elgin County. We travelled to Sparta for

an Organic Makeup demonstration by Jaydancin, owner Vickie Balazs and her co-workers gave each of the Queen's a complete facial and makeup. When we returned to the hotel we had Sergeant Rob Rigole a driving instructor at the Ontario Police College speak to the Queen's on Forensic Investigations, travel and internet safety.

In the afternoon we had four round table discussion groups. From Cowal - North Dunwich we had Beth Peternel who explained table manners "Do's and Don'ts", along with the proper way to set a formal dinner table and the order which you use utensils. Trish Corniel from Dutton demonstrated "Posture", the proper way to sit, stand and walk at all times while representing their area at any event. The present Ontario Queen of the Furrow - Melissa Sparling from Huron County along with past judge Mel Switzer talked to the Queen's about what to expect during the competition in

September from a judges and a queen's perspective. The 4th table hosted past Ontario Queen - Vanessa Klages from Bruce County who gave them many helpful tips on speaking and presenting themselves in public. This was all information they could use to better themselves throughout their lives. The Queen's sang happy 16th birthday to Evan Ross from North Dunwich who piped the head table and the Queen's into the banquet in the evening.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Queen of the Furrow program. We are proud to host this event as Elgin County hosted the first Queen competition in 1960 and the honorary chair is our own Lynda Prong the 1st Ontario Queen of the Furrow.


The Queen's will meet again in September at the Elgin County International Plowing Match near St. Thomas from Sept. 20 to 23rd, where the new 2010 Ontario Queen of the Furrow will be crowned.

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Written by Kathy Mimmema

*March 4th 2010
meeting.*



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





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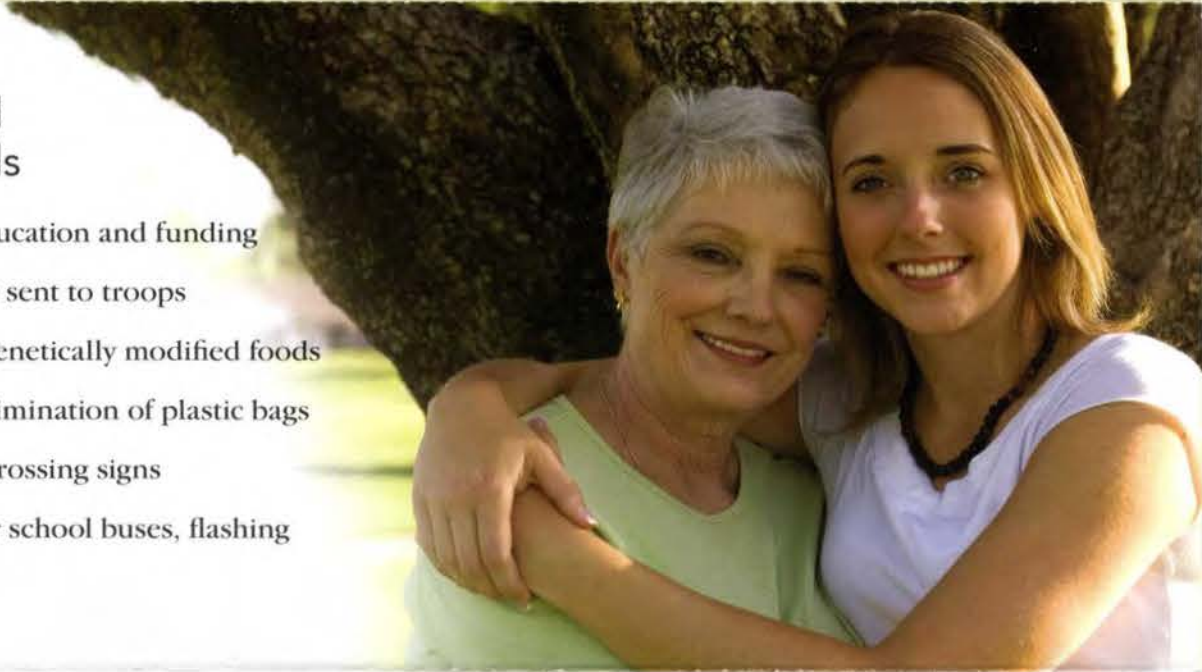
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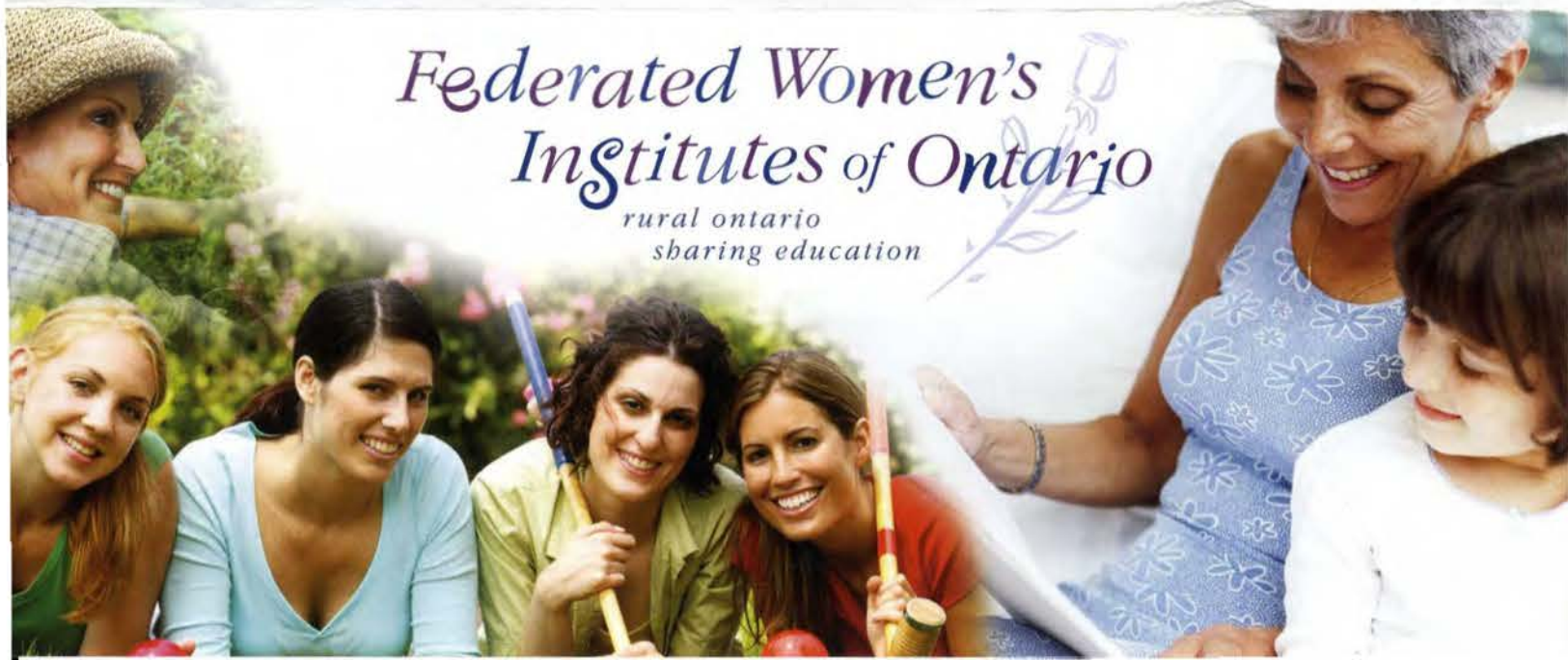


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