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SPEECHES BY QUEEN FINALISTS.



Oct 2010 Kathy Minnema

Queen of the Furrow

Tammy Fischer (R) from Bruce County is the 2010 Ontario Queen of the Furrow winner, shown here with Louie Lackey from the Elgin Queen of the Furrow Committee, who is also the maker and quilter of the "Dresden Plate Quilt", presented on September 22 at the Crowning Banquet of the Ontario Queen of the Furrow.

Oct 2010



W. Grose

An evening of Queens

Back row: Katie Cheesmond, Cheryl Lelfso, Lynn Godkin, Melissa Parney, Jen Christie, Irene Wilson, Jill Onno, Mary Schlaply, Peggy Kipfer, Jenn Meghans, Janice Fox, Linda Waugh, Barb Mason, Vanessa Scott, Melissa Sparling
 Front row: Barb Cunnington, Lynda Prong, Melanie Hunter, Elizabeth McMillan, Lynne Moore, Sharon Salm-Grose, Dawn Brunton.

Fiftieth anniversary of IPM Queen of the Furrow

2010 marks the 50th anniversary of the IPM's Queen of the Furrow program. Former Ontario Queens travelled from across Ontario and as far away as BC and Nova Scotia to attend the anniversary celebrations. They took to the podium with stories and memories of their IPM reigns, and shared some of the highlights of their careers. Ontario Queens have gone on to pursue careers in farming, agribusiness,

journalism, law, medicine, veterinary medicine, teaching, clergy and tourism

To mark the milestone, a commemorative table book of photos and stories from the past 50 years is being published. This book will provide readers with history and a snapshot of the program, and reflections and personal memories of past Queens' experiences. Proceeds from the book will be donated to Canadian Breast Cancer Society.

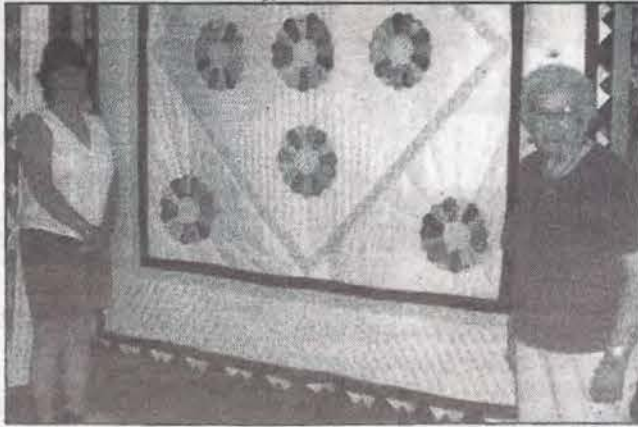
Dresden Plate Quilt shown off at 2010 IPM

Kathy Minnema

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The Queen of the Furrow committee graciously accepted these plates for the use of the quilts made for the Crowning Queen and 1st. runner-up for this year's match. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Queen of the Furrow, beginning in Elgin County in 1960, representing the past and the present.

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Submitted

Dresden Plate Quilt

(L-R) Kathy Minnema and Louie Lackey are shown here at the Quilt Show in May held by the IPM Quilt Committee at the Keystone Complex in Shedden.



Kathy Minnema

First runner-up

Mackenna Roth from Middlesex County was the 1st runner-up contestant for the Queen of the Furrow 2010, shown here along with quilter Louie Lackey, at the Queen of the Furrow Banquet.



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DIANE BROWN (QUEEN MUM)
GIRLS AT THE BANQUET.
Sept 23rd 2010 Thursday.



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the Furrow 3rd from the (2)
TAMMY FISCHER.

Oct 7th 2010



Andy vanHelvoort sitting on his tractor, was the winner of the draw for the John Deere 3010 tractor on September 27. On left is Bill Walters, Vice-Chair of the 2010 IPM, and Gilles Hume, owner of the farm where the 1960 IPM was held.

Tractor winner accepts prize

Allan Weatherall, Director of Development,
St. Thomas Elgin
General Hospital Foundation

October 1, 2010 - The International Plowing Match (IPM) Committee; the ARK Lodge I.O.O.F, Springfield; and the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation announced that Andy vanHelvoort of St. Thomas is now the owner of the John Deere 3010 tractor. His ticket was drawn on September 27.

Totally refurbished, the 2010 IPM Committee used the John Deere 3010 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the 1960 Match held in Elgin County. The IPM was held on the Hume Farm on John Wise Line that year and the tractor was unveiled to the public launch at that time.

Proceeds from the sale of the lottery tickets will directly benefit the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation and will assist in acquiring vital patient care equipment.

letters to the editor What a great IPM!

Oct 7th 2010

Dear Editor,

I want to thank the Executive Committee of the 2010 International Plowing Match for selecting me to be the feature artist for the 2010 IPM. I am truly grateful for all the exposure I had in all the various media. I met and made so many new friends and clients. It is a truly moving experience to see an image I created appear in windows of so many of the local businesses as well as on full page ads in magazines like Harrowsmith and Daytripping.

My husband Dave, the Town Crier for the County of Elgin, was honoured to be a part of the opening ceremony and dinner with the dignitaries and Mrs. Harper. Thank you, Dan McKillop and the Executive Committee, for all the planning an event like this took to arrange. Everything went like clock work.

Both Dave and I were pleased and proud to make the presentation, along with our co-sponsor, the Retired Teachers Assoc., to the young budding artists who participated in the poster and colouring contest. Elgin has such a wealth

of artistic talent and the potential for future Picassos and Warhols looks great! The educational tents, with all their interactive displays and exhibits, were beyond words. My grandsons are still talking about them. Well done!

The hundreds of volunteers that labored above and beyond, to make this event such a success are to be commended. The many sponsors and exhibitors too, made this enormous event happen. I don't know if I will be around for the next IPM in Elgin, I'd like to think I will be, but who knows?

I am so glad I was a part of this historic event.

Thanks again Duncan McPhail, Donna Lunn, Rien Van Brenk, Bill Walters, Allister Cameron and Ralph Millman, the Executive Committee, and all your hundreds of volunteers for your contributions of time away from family in order to make the 2010 IPM such a great success! You made all of Elgin proud.

Jenny Phillips

ELGIN COUNTY IPM "QUEEN OF THE FURROW 2010"

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On behalf of the "Queen of the Furrow" committee we wish to extend our congratulations to the winner of this quilt. It is our hope that you cherish for many years to come the love and commitment that went into the making of this quilt.

*Written by Kathy Minnema -
June 2010.*



Poem composed by Mrs Wm. Dufty, Sr. (formerly Nellie Pearce of Union) some time after the International Plowing Match which was held on the grounds of the Ontario Hospital on # 4 Highway, in October, 1940. Then passed on to Mr Larry Pearce & Mrs Marilyn (Pearce) Kazmer. (Nellie was their dad aunt)

My thoughts go back to the plowing match,
With harness shining and horses sleek,
Where men and boys were out to compete
And prove which could turn the furrows most neat.

With days so cold and nights so bleak,
With many a tent and many a leak--
And Susie late one day, with the meat
Tramping the accelerator, with both feet.

Past the Cop. with hand raised high commanding her to "Stop! or Die!"
But nary a stop did Susie make--
She headed her car, straight for the gate,
Then up the "Avenue" she flew and handed us the red hot stew.

They came from far, they came from near--
They parked their cars- tier on tier,
The advertised every-thing from machines to a cow
And showed us how the oxen did plow.

A night crew were chosen for fear of a fuss-
It was Gramp Ingram and Mr. and Mrs. Russ
Why Ellen even a bath did take,
While the elements without were holding a wake.

And poor Tommy Thomas, at the head of it all,
From out of his bed, he had to crawl--
For they pulled and they pegged, and they all did work
Even to Ken, on the tail of his shirt.

But why dwell, on such things, so black--
Just to think of Lee and also Jack,
How they handled that crowd and held them back
Then one by one, they let them in, While Zella and Edna took their 'tin'.

They peeled and they pared and some of them swared-
They talked and they laughed and their troubles shared-
Then the waiters dashed down the tabled long,
And tried to feed the hungry throng.

Meat, vegetables served, by the kitchen gang,
Went on the long tables with a bang-
While others cut and passed the pie
And the rest washed dishes and piled them high.

May 4th 2011

IPM 2010 announces major community donations \$250,000 given away in first round

A full house of International Plowing Match (IPM) 2010 volunteers was at the East Elgin Community Complex April 30 to hear final results of the successful match in Elgin County and to witness donations of \$250,000 to community groups across Elgin County.

IPM 2010 Chair Duncan McPhail opened the meeting by saying, "What a difference a year makes, eh?" and added "We're here to give away a little money today."

The \$3.5 million plowing match netted in excess of \$550,000 to go back to communities in St. Thomas and Elgin County. The April 30 donations to volunteer groups represented the first round. An additional \$255,000 in legacy gifts will be announced later.

Sponsors who contributed over \$50,000 to IPM 2010 were involved in the decision-making about donations. Jason White from Steelway Building Systems chaired the donations committee, consisting of sponsors Dave Karn from Dowler Karn Fuels and Jim McIntyre representing the Green Lane Community Trust Fund, as well as members from the IPM executive.

Volunteers from 161 organizations and individual volunteers put in 36,000 hours to put on the event, and the distribution of funds was based largely on the number of volunteer hours contributed.

The range in donations on April 30 was from \$1,523 to the Elgin Regiment to \$29,614 to the Optimist Club of Wallacetown.

Other groups included St. Thomas Lions, Springfield Lionesses, East Elgin Spinners and Weavers, Central Elgin Fire Services, St. Thomas Knights of Columbus, Glanworth IOOF #289, St. Thomas Masonic District Lodges, Rodney Kiwanis, Central United Church, Elgin



Jason White of Steelway Building Systems announces IPM 2010 donations to volunteer organizations April 30.

County Railway Museum, Kettle Valley Pioneers, Wallacetown Agricultural Society, East Elgin Women's Institute, Retired Women's Teachers of Ontario (St. Thomas / Elgin), Elgin 4-H Association, Centennial Sports Club, IODE Stirling Chapter and St. John's Ambulance.



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HORSEBACK RIDING: New stable and indoor arena set the stage for expanded programming



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Darren Ferguson of Southwold gets a ride on a horse led by Sue Stiles around the new arena at the Horseshoe J Dude Ranch. The ranch held an open house last weekend to showcase its new arena, stables and other facilities.



PATRICK BRENNAN Times-Journal

Brian Smith holds Scout, saddled up for a ride Sunday at the Horseshoe J Dude Ranch in Southwold.

Southwold dude ranch saddles up year-round

June 2011

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Times-Journal

IONA — Sue Stiles is planning on a longer season and maybe some evenings in the barn this year at the Horseshoe J Dude Ranch.

Last weekend, the dude ranch showcased a new stable and indoor riding arena on their 100-acre property at 32553 Erin Line, just

west of Iona Road.

The arena will allow for expanded riding lessons, host dude ranch riding club activities and other events such as birthday parties.

"We used to be a seasonal business, now we'll be open 12 months a year," Stiles said.

The building includes a 19-stall stable and heated viewing room, which can also be used to host parties.

"It expands the business," Stiles added. "This allows us to have a connection with winter months."

The Horseshoe J Dude Ranch opened in 1957, and is now operated by the Steele family, of which Stiles is a member.

There are 100 acres of trails on the property and rides are booked by reservations, Stiles said.

There are also week-long and day camps operating with bunkhouses available for overnight stays.

"If a family wants to come, they can come and stay out here and stay in the cabins," Stiles noted.

Other amenities include a salt-water pool and barbecue area and a fleet of Conestoga wagons available for horse-drawn rides.

"We are starting to get into businesses using the buildings for team-building," she said.

The ranch is also looking to the future to expand its riding programs.

"Therapeutic riding is something down the road we probably will offer," Stiles said.

Groups from schools and churches visit regularly and

the ranch offers summer jobs for students.

All of the horses are gentle in nature and are used to being ridden by a variety of individuals, Stiles assured.

"We have several horses who have been here quite a while."

To find out more about the ranch, call 519-762-5402 or visit online at www.duderanchontario.com.



Greg W. King

Cameron Lodge installation

Cameron Lodge installed its new Master for the 2011-2012 Year on June 1, at Cameron Lodge #232, Dutton. Front Row (L-R): WBro Byron Mitchell, Bro Jim Corniel, WBro Don Page, Bro Eric Wilton, WBro Greg King, WBro Craig Armstrong, Bro Barry Spruyt, VWBro Jim Barber. Back Row (L-R): WBro John McIntyre, Bro Andrew McAlpine, VWBro Bud Welch, WBro Jerry Galbraith, WBro Brian VanBrenk, WBro Terry Walker, and WBro Terry Derbyshire.

COUNTY ACCEPTS HISTORIC PLOW



PATRICK BRENNAN Times-Journal

Elgin County Warden, Dave Mennill, left, reads a plaque after accepting an historic plow donated to the county by John Wise, right, a former federal agriculture minister and dairy farmer. The plow was restored after being bought by Central Elgin Mayor Bill Walters and presented to Wise last year at the 2010 International Plowing Match. Watching from their desks are Brian Masschaele, left, and Jim Bundschuh. See story, page 6.



1 Warden Dave Mennill 2 John Wise

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ELGIN COUNTY: The veteran Liberal MPP is leaving provincial politics

Council pays homage to Peters

PATRICK BRENNAN Times-Journal

Elgin county council paid tribute to Steve Peters, stepping down this year as Liberal MPP for Elgin-Middlesex-London

"No matter what position given to you by the premier or your Queen's Park colleagues, you were accessible and worked hard, a lot of the time behind the scene, to ensure your home riding was your No. 1 priority," praised Warden Dave Mennill in making a presentation to Peters in the county council chambers.

"Steve, you have been successful at every political turn, including as a city alderman and of course, mayor of St. Thomas," Mennill said. "And at every interest, you became passionate about, in particular Elgin history."

Peters was remembered as one of the few mayors of St. Thomas to attend an Elgin county warden's election.



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Steve Peters, left, retiring Liberal MPP for Elgin-Middlesex-London, accepts gifts at Tuesday's council meeting from Elgin County Warden Dave Mennill.

"That just opened it up," Mennill said. "We needed better relationships between the city and the county."

Peters said he learned many valuable lessons during his time at Queen's Park.

"If you're going to represent this county, you have to leave your party colours at the door," he said

Peters will continue as

Speaker of the Ontario Legislature until a new one is elected.

County council gave Peters a copy of the watercolour painting by Sir Richard Airey showing Col. Thomas Talbot in his home, circa 1850. He was also presented a tie in the county's official Bruce tartan, the same tie county councilors wear.



1 Warden Dave Mennill 2 Steven Peters



Elgin International Plowing Match Committee.

■ **HERITAGE:** Implement once owned by John Wise, who twice served as federal agriculture minister

Plow finds new home in Hall of Fame

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An historic plow, once owned by John Wise, is on its way to a new home and greater visibility.

The plow, donated Tuesday during a brief ceremony at Elgin county council, is going to be displayed in the Elgin Federation of Agricul-

ture Hall of Fame.

The plow, a Cockshutt No. 21, made in 1900 was originally used by John Henry Wise, great grandfather of John Wise.

It was bought by Central Elgin Mayor Bill Walters in 2001 at a farm sale and restored by Ron Prong before being presented back to Wise

last year at the International Plowing Match.

"The county is pleased to receive this donation," advised Elgin county Warden Dave Mennill. "This is a fitting addition to the agricultural display and will be enjoyed by many generations to come."

Wise served as federal min-

ister of agriculture in 1979-80 and again from 1984-88.

He is a fifth generation dairy farmer, elected to Parliament in 1972.

He was a deputy reeve and later reeve of the former Yarmouth township, now a part of Central Elgin. Wise was warden of Elgin county in 1969.

■ THE FRUITS OF HIS LABOURS



Rien Van Brenk, left, a member of the 2010 International Plowing Match committee, distributes apples from his orchard when the committee appeared before Elgin county council Tuesday.

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