

More than 50 women from Women's Institutes across Elgin came to Wallacetown to help the women of the Wallacetown WI celebrate their 90th anniversary. They were joined by officials who came to wish the women congratulations on their milestone. Joining in are Elgin county archivist Brian Masschaele, Dutton/Dunwich Mayor Rien VanBrenk, Louie Lackey, Susan McConnell from MP Gar Knutson's office, Warden John Wilson and president Helen VanBrenk. (T-J photo by Danielle Milley)

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Wallacetown WI marks 90 years

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WALLACETOWN — On July 3, 1912, a group of women in Wallacetown got together and decided to create an organization called the Wallacetown Women's Institute.

Wednesday afternoon more than 50 women from across Elgin come to Wallacetown to celebrate the 90th anniversary of its inception.

President Helen VanBrenk welcomed women who came from WIs across Elgin to help the 16 women of the Wallacetown branch celebrate their milestone.

Elgin Warden John Wilson, Dutton/Dunwich Mayor Rien VanBrenk, local MPP Steve Peters and a representative from area MP Gar Knutson's

office were on hand to say a few words.

The afternoon included the guest speakers, some entertainment — including two members dressed up in green flapper dresses complete with headbands — a reading of a poem a member had written, and some finger food.

Louie Lackey has been a member for 15 years.

"I've been really looking forward to today," she said, adding the event took almost a year to plan.

The group started with 36 women who came together to acquire good homemaking skills and it has evolved into a group of women who helped out during both world wars and who have made donations to numerous causes over the years.

WALLACETOWN WOMENS INSTITUTE

Celebrates
90th Anniversary

South Dunwich Community Hall
WEDNESDAY, July 3rd - 2 to 4pm

Quilts ~ Tweedsmuir History Books
Entertainment ~ Speakers and Lunch
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, PAST & PRESENT W.I. MEMBERS

90th anniversary for Wallacetown W.I.

Wallacetown Women's Institute will celebrate, 90 years on July 3rd from 2-4pm at the South Dunwich Community Hall. Dignitaries, speakers and entertainment provided by Institute members from Elgin.

Quilts on display and our Tweedsmuir History Book available to purchase. Special presentations made. All welcome, past and present W.I. members included.

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Gladys Graham

Dorothea Mearns



**An Invitation to the
90th Anniversary
of
WALLACETOWN W.I.**

July 3, 2002

2p.m. --- 4p.m.

**South Dunwich Community Hall
Wallacetown - Hwy.#3**

Join in our Celebration, by each Institute singing one or two of their favourite songs of yesteryear, you may wish to wear outfits from the era of the music. It will be a lot of fun reminiscing to the oldies but goodies! A sound system will be available, also a piano, you may wish to pre-record a cassette for back up music or lip sync. INFO - Darlene 762-2990 to let us know if you will be part of our celebration!



Louie Lackey made The Wallacetown W.I. Banner.



Kathy Minnema - Amarilis Drouillard.



Louie Lackey, Amarilis Drouillard.



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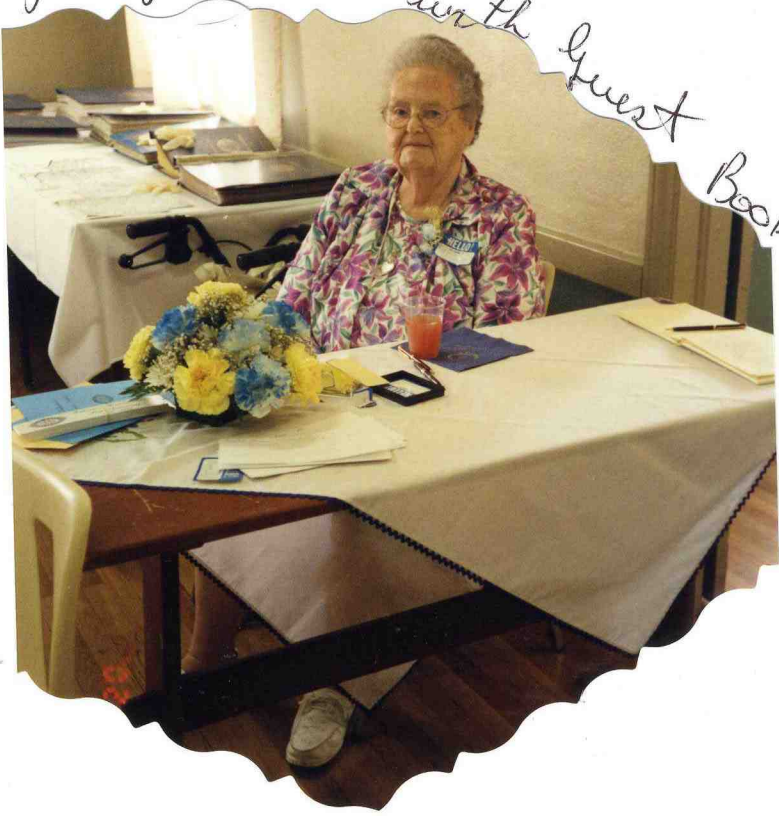


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At door.

Gladys Graham with Guest Book.



The Anniversary Cake.



Tweedsmuir Books on Display.



Helen Van Breuk, Susan M'Connell.

Dorothy Lamb selling Out History Books.



Kay Waite giving a gift to Fran.



Guest speaker Fran Hyatt President of London Area W.I.