

Greetings from the FWIC President

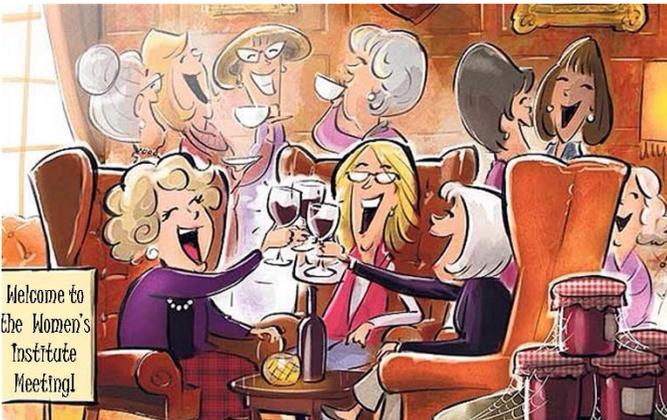
Time Marches on. Get it? March? OK, enough silly humour.

I trust that you are well and enjoying an easier winter. Year end is upon us and it's a time of renewal; thoughts of spring AND our membership dues come to mind.

Thank you to Manitoba and BC WI's for submitting your new members list to the office! This allows us to personally recognize new members to FWIC and to WI. We look forward to recognizing all new members to WI right across Canada so get those lists in.

Linda Hoy
President FWIC

Social Media Hit



If you stopped by the FWIC Facebook page earlier this month, you saw this image uploaded by the FWIC social media coordinator. As of this writing, the picture has been shared 66 times and reached over 4500 people, including women in the UK and Australia. They love us!

*Why not stop by to see it for yourself? The page is open for public viewing – you don't need a Facebook account to take part.
<https://www.facebook.com/WomensInstitutes/>*

Update on the Triennial Quilt

Donna Henderson wants a piece of your fabric! But not just any piece. She is looking for one of your favourites that tells a story. Here's a couple of samples of what's she's received so far.



This swatch is from a fan of Downton Abbey. She quilted a lap robe and tote bags from this material that replicates a dress worn by Maggie Smith's Character, the Dowager Countess.

This sunny, happy fabric was used on some of the 92 quilts donated to a charity project in support of children suffering from sickness or other traumatic events.



Send Donna your swatches!

- 100% cotton
- Any size or shape of new fabric will do.
- Up to 3 entries per person
- Deadline for submission of fabric is August 30, 2016

Attach your name and story of the piece and send to:

Donna Henderson
725 Napier St W.
Listowel Ontario N4W 3M2

Questions? Email donnahenderson80@gmail.com

More Social Media News

The Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead invites you to celebrate Addie's 159th birthday!

We are hosting a social media event on Facebook and would love for you to share stories and pictures of your branch members celebrating Women's Institute Week (February 14 – 20, 2016).

Hope to see you online!

Just as with FWIC, the Homestead Facebook page is open to the public and you do not need a Facebook account to check in on the news.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1194756510552976/>

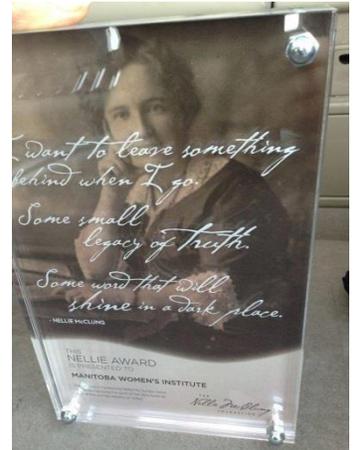
Whoa, Nellie!

I want to leave something behind when I go; some small legacy of truth, some word that will shine in a dark place. —Nellie McClung

Congratulations to Manitoba Women's Institutes! On January 28, 2016 they were honoured with a Nellie Award. We are so very proud of you all!

The awards celebrated the 100th anniversary of Manitoba women getting the 'vote'. MWI was 6 years old in 1915. Thanks to the Manitoba Association of Home Economists for nominating Manitoba WI!

During its 105 years, the Manitoba Women's Institute has encouraged the indomitable spirit of Nellie McClung, a speaker at its first annual convention held in 1911.



The MWI supported the suffragist movement that resulted in Manitoba women receiving the right to vote in 1916. It lobbied to bring about the passage of the 1916 Manitoba Dower Law to protect the property rights of a wife. It worked hard to make health care and public health programs accessible for rural people and safe houses accessible for abused women.

The Nellie Awards are presented by the Nellie McClung Foundation (Manitoba) in partnership with the Winnipeg Free Press. To read more about the other nominees and award winners, see this web page <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/the-nellies/>



Ann Mandziuk and Donna Young at the Nellies

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Addie's 159th birthday in your own way!*

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& we are looking for celebratory pictures from all of you!*

*Take advantage of Women's Institute Week events
or plan a birthday party with your friends!*

*Forward your individual or group photos starting the
week of February 14th until Addie's birthday on the 27th
& we will have one big celebration together!*

Submit Photos to: programs@adelaidehoodless.ca
OR share directly to Facebook
Homestead page: www.facebook.com/adelaidehoodless/
FWIC page: www.facebook.com/WomensInstitutes/

Vote for Addie!

Next time you are online, make sure to stop by this website. It profiles 30 Great Canadian Women and our Addie is among them! You can vote for your favourite. I know mine!

<http://canadashistory.ca/Magazine/Online-Extension/Articles/30-Great-Canadian-Women>



Dates to Remember



January- May 2016

- **Vesey's Spring Fundraising** program runs from January, 2016 until the order deadline May 1st, 2016

February 14 - 20, 2016 - **W.I. Week**

- Founders Day February 19, 1897
- Adelaide Hunter Hoodless 'Canadian Woman of the Year' Winner announcement

February 27, 2016 - **Adelaide Hunter Hoodless' Birthday** (1857)

March 1, 2016 - **FWIC Membership Fees**

- fees are due from the provincial offices

March 8, 2016 – **International Women's Day**

March 31, 2016 - **Erland Lee Award**

- nominations from provincial offices to the FWIC Office due; one per province except two for Ontario

April 1, 2016 - **Provincial Reports**

- FWIC Committee Reports and Volunteer hours due to FWIC Office

April 2016 - **Erland Lee Award**

- winners announced

May 1, 2016 – **International Peace Garden Scholarship Program**

- The deadline for the submission of the Provincial participant's name for the Peace Garden Scholarship Program to the FWIC office
- Each province will set their own application process and provincial deadline
- Brochures and Applicant Letter have been sent out digitally; let the FWIC office know if you haven't received them yet

June 1, 2016 - **FED NEWS** Summer Edition

- Deadline for submissions

June 17 - 19, 2016 - **FWIC Board Meeting**

- Being held this year in Brant County ON

July 2016 - **FED NEWS** Summer Edition mail out

August 21 – 27, 2016 - **The FWIC Peace Garden Scholarship Program**



International Women's Day – March 8th 2016

What are you doing to commemorate your 'Pledge for Parity'?

Share with us how your province or branches will mark the day for social, economic, cultural or political achievements of women.

We will post to the FWIC Facebook page and share with others.

Let's all 'pledge for parity' for women and human kind as a whole!

**Comments?
Questions?
Concerns?**

**Contact us!
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