

Spring Has Sprung!

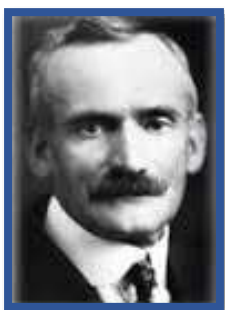
We're so pleased that the snow has thawed – or hopefully begun to thaw depending on where you are! We cannot wait to see what the warm weather will bring to our branches and communities. Be sure to share your activities on Facebook, or send them to fwican@gmail.com so that we can be sure to share them on our pages.

We hope you enjoy all the pleasures that spring, the warmth and the bright shining sun brings!



The Homestead on Easter Weekend 2017

Erland Lee Award Winners To Be Announced



Presented annually by the FWIC, this award recognizes men who most exemplify the qualities of Erland Lee, who aided in the founding of the Women's Institute. Qualities he exemplified which have helped the organization grow to its contemporary state and have reached across Canada and to millions of women worldwide.

To qualify, a gentleman is nominated due to outstanding contributions to the WI movement. Nominations were submitted this year by the **QWI**, **MWI**, **FWIO**, the **Erland Lee Museum Committee**, and the **AWI**.

Mark Your Calendars



May 26th – Reports Due to FWIC Office

- Provincial and Executive Officer reports

May 8 – July 1st – Exhibit Launch:

'Preserving our HERitage: a Womyn's Perspective'

- A look at how women, specifically through the W.I. movement, have preserved our Canadian history



Home and Country magazines from 1957 and 1962. These artifacts are part of building the 'Preserving our HERitage' exhibit at the Homestead.

June 20-22nd – FWIO Conference

- Pembroke, ON

June 23-25th – ACWW Canada Area Convention

- Being held in Pembroke, ON

June 25-28th – FWIC Board Meeting & AGM

- Being held this year in Fort Coulonge, QC

Tweedsmuir Competition Entries Deadline

Please be sure to get your Tweedsmuir competition entries in on time for the 2018 Triennial Convention! All entries must be *received* by **June 1, 2018**. Please forward all entries to:

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FWIC Spotlight – June Young Executive Officer, Newfoundland & Labrador

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I first became a member of W.I. in 1968 as a charter member of Twillingate Branch when this branch was established. However, it wasn't long before I moved away because my husband's job was being moved to another Province. We had many moves due to his employment and when we came to Gander in 1976, it wasn't long before I was once again a member of W.I.

My first employment was in banking, and where ever we went, there was a job waiting for me. However, as time went on, I needed a change. While my children were young I studied Interior Design by Correspondence School and obtained a Diploma. I soon set up a small business in design; this helped me keep an eye on my children and have a career as well.

I have been an active member of Gander W.I. for over 20 years, and have served many of these years in an executive position. I also served as District Representative for the Central District.

In addition to my W.I. activities, I like to quilt, paint, and take photographs. I am always willing to share these things with others. I have discovered over the years that nothing stays the same, there is a learning curve around every corner, and we must accept change.

Along with my committee and board members, I look forward to the work ahead.



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Announcements



Spread the Jam!

FWIC is exploring the possibility of selling jam gift boxes from PEI

Preserve Company as a fundraiser. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming months. It promises to be a delicious announcement!



New WI Logo!

A new WI logo has gone through initial design stages and will be voted on by the FWIC Board at the 2017 Annual Meeting in June. Designs were drafted by third year graphic design students at from The Agency program at Mohawk College. Executive Officers chose from the presented designs and selected their favourite one to move forward for approval.

The new logo is universal for the WI movement. It can be used by WI's at any level in Canada, from local branches to the national office.

Be on the lookout for new WI promotional materials and 'swag' to be released once the logo is approved. What a great way to show your WI pride as a member!

Quilting in Unity: Triennial Quilt Update



Donna Henderson is almost done building the FWIC quilt for our 2018 Triennial Convention!

She received 105 pieces of fabric from across the country and each one

was submitted with a story about the chosen fabric. A booklet will be put together with these stories, and selling it as a fundraiser for the convention.

This is a lovely opportunity to share in the past and present history of our incredible WI members and families across Canada!



2017 WI Conferences, AGMs & Conventions!

What better way to stay connected with the goings-on of provincial & national

WI's then attending some of the many conferences, AGM's and conventions being planned across the country for 2017. These are great opportunities to network, share, and grow together!

MWI: May 5-6th

Manitoba WI Conference

Russell, MB

SWI: May 26th

Saskatchewan WI Convention

Foam Lake, SK

QWI: May 26-27th

Quebec WI AGM & Convention

*Centennial Ballroom, MacDonald College,
St Anne de Bellevue, QC*

AWI: May 30-June 1st

AWI Convention

Norseman Inn in Camrose

NBWI: May 30th

NBWI Convention

PEIWI: June 3rd

PEIWI Convention

Credit Union Place, Summerside, PEI

FWIO: June 20-22nd

FWIO Conference

Pembroke, ON

ACWW: June 23-25th

ACWW Canada Area Convention

Pembroke, ON

FWIC: June 25-28th

FWIC Board Meeting & AGM

Fort Coulonge, QC

BCWI: July 5-8th

BCWI 37th Triennial Convention

Vanderhoof, BC

WINS: August 2-3rd

WI Nova Scotia Convention

Cape Breton University, Cape Breton, NS

Comments? Questions? Concerns? Contact us!
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Prince Edward Island Celebrates Spring for Charity

The PEIWI held their 17th annual “Spring is in the Air” gala dinner this April. Sponsored by the Federated Women’s Institute of PEI, the event was a huge success, raising approximately \$14,000 - \$16,000 for the Community Hospital in O’Leary and the Western Hospital in Alberton.

Our PEI sisters also will participate in the “Be Island Proud Keep it Clean” campaign on May 13th, with hopes of clearing approximately 20,000 bags of garbage from across the island’s roadsides.

Just into spring, and already planning for fall, the PEIWI is also planning for their fall workshops to occur in three different locations across the province, in addition to other great events coming up on their social calendar, like the “Period of Purple Crying” program, and the “Active Like a Girl” walk run event.



Newfoundland & Labrador in Bloom

Districts throughout Newfoundland and Labrador have been active at prepping their communities for spring since we last touched base with them.

The Trinity WI Branch celebrated its 50th Anniversary, while the Springdale WI Branch earned its 80th year. Join us in congratulating them for their longevity and dedication to the WI!

Be Aware this May!



Want to get involved in your community even more this month? May marks “Mental Health Awareness Month”, annually recognized in the U.S. since 1949. Many people suffer in silence out of fear of stigmas, poor reactions from others, or lack of support structures to reach out to.

Be open to dialogue this month and help to reach out to those who need it, by lending your ear and your heart. And if you suffer from mental illness, depression, anxiety, or other syndrome, please reach out when in need.

Canadian Mental Health Association: <http://www.cmha.ca/>

Updates from the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead



Upcoming Events at the Homestead

May 8 – July 1st

‘Preserving our HERitage’ Exhibit

- Promoting WI involvement in capturing WI history and sharing it with future generations
- Joint exhibit with the Brant Historical Society

May 23rd

‘Preserving our HERitage’ Open House

- Open House event as part of the ‘Brant Museum Crawl’
- General admission price discount

May 27th

St George Legion BBQ Fundraiser

May 28th

Glenhyrst Family Art Day

- Family outreach for the Homestead

July 1st

Addie Celebrates Canada Day 150

- The Homestead will be decorated to celebrate Canada 150 and will provide carriage rides in the Village of St George
- Hours 12:00pm – 3:00 pm



Learn more at www.adelaidehoodless.ca or follow the Homestead on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!





What's Up at Addie's!

Easter with Addie

The Homestead just wrapped up their 5th Annual Easter fundraiser at Addie's Egg Hunt and Petting Zoo! Well over 1,400 visitors of all ages came out to celebrate Easter at Addie's. Patrons were treated to a giant Easter egg hunt, balloon art, face painting, games, vendors, raffle prizes, and a visit from the Easter Bunny!



Images from the 5th Annual Easter at Addie's - more on Facebook!

The Homestead shared this event with Pikington Acres and Circle Square Ranch, in Brantford, who ran an interactive petting zoo. Baby goats, sheep, bunnies, a pony, and a donkey were present to meet with visitors.

We received an incredible amount of local support through raffle and silent auction prize donations, "in kind" donations, and monetary donations. In all, over 40 organizations contributed to making this event a success.

New Exhibit Launch: "Preserving our HERitage"



On May 3rd, we kicked off our newest exhibit at the Homestead, surrounded by familiar faces and new friends.

We were visited by the Lee's, Lady Tweedsmuir and their colleagues as we learned about the origins of the WI and its evolution over the last 120 years from a "womyn's perspective." This exhibit is possible, thanks to an Ontario 150 Celebration grant.



For information about the exhibit, please visit our website or Facebook. We'd love to explore our history with you.

#Addie160 Ongoing

We have received some wonderful donations to our #Addie160 campaign, and graciously acknowledge all those individuals and branches who have contributed! Donations continue to be accepted for the fundraising campaign, challenging at least **160 donors to light the 160 candles on Addie's birthday cake!** The fund will be used to aid us in transitioning the Homestead's programming, so that children and families can come and experience Addie's childhood home through tactile learning and skill-based workshops.

To help light 160 candles on Addie's cake, please send contributions to:

Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead
P.O. Box 209, St George, ON N0E 1N0

Or online:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/addie-160/>

Stay in touch, we want to hear from you!

We want to see your stories, your shining faces, and hear your thoughts on the world, the WI, and most of all, about your local districts!



Join in on the conversation on Facebook and be a part of the nationwide FWIC community.

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