

FED NEWS BULLETIN



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Summer Makes Way for Fall

It was an eventful summer for both FWIC and the Homestead. And as we look back on all the activities and experiences we had throughout the warm, wet and dry days of summer (depending on where you are located in Canada), we are blessed in that Canada celebrated 150 years as a nation, our WI movement celebrated 120 years of women making change count throughout our glorious country, and our co-founder, Adelaide Hunter Hoodless would have celebrated her 160th birthday if she were still with us today. All in all, it was a great time of sharing as we prepare to reap the harvests that autumn will soon bring us.



Dates to Remember



Fall 2017

FWIC Boxed Jam Sales (Fundraiser)

- *contact your provincial WI office/FWIC office for more information or to purchase*

October 13 - 15, 2017

FWIC Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Workshop Brant County, ON

November 25, 2017

FWIC Executive Skype Meeting

January 15, 2018

2018 Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Canadian Woman of the Year Award

- *nominations are due to the FWIC office*
- *check the FWIC website for more details*

Celebrating Canada 150 Together!

Together as a community, spread across the nation, we joined together to ring in Canada's 150th anniversary. Whether you came out in support of our joint efforts with Brant County for Canada Day at Addie's, or if you checked in with us leading up to the day on Facebook, we loved engaging with you for such a momentous occasion.



As the year continues, we hope you'll continue to join us in reflecting on our history as a nation, as well as our bond through the WI.

Comments? Questions? Concerns? Contact us!
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2017 FWIC AGM & Annual Board Meeting: Women Inspired to Make Change Count

The 2017 FWIC AGM and Annual Board meeting took place in Fort Coulonge, QC from June 25-27th. President Linda Hoy kicked off the meeting by reminding attendees to focus on leadership and teamwork.

Numerous topics were discussed from the 2018 Triennial Convention, to a new WI logo, updates from the provinces and a new strategic direction for the FWIC and WI movement in Canada.



Two guest speakers attended the meetings: ACWW World President, Ruth Shanks AM and Sheila Needham, ACWW Canada Area President. Both brought messages of how WI member support is



helping make a positive change globally through the many ACWW projects in developing countries. A donation was presented to Ruth Shanks in support of these projects.

Local WI members showed great hospitality to the FWIC Board in providing a tour of the Chutes de Coulonge and Pontiac County WI's hosted a dinner and



entertaining evening before we returned home to our respective provinces. Thank you to these lovely ladies for making us feel right at home!

WI Women Making News

In the category of WI women making news, former FWIC President Marie Kenny was presented with a Sovereigns Medal for Volunteers award by His Excellency the Right Honourable Governor General David Johnston on June 12th in Moncton, NB. It was featured on CBC News and on the FWIC website. Congratulations Marie on this great honour!



Marie was also the recipient of the 2017 Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Canadian Woman of the Year Award. Through her outstanding leadership and voluntarism as a WI member and a community member, Marie exemplifies the ideals and values that our WI co-founder, Adelaide Hunter Hoodless lived during her day.



Food Policy Summit

The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food invited FWIC to participate in "A Food Policy for Canada Summit" in Ottawa on June 22-23. Linda Hoy, FWIC President, attended on behalf of FWIC for the consultation to support the development of A Food Policy for Canada.

Participants were put in table groups for breakout discussions on four themes:

- (1) Increasing access to affordable food
- (2) Improving health and food safety
- (3) Conserving our soil, water and air
- (4) Growing more high quality food.

Then attendees were asked to discuss and identify the future they would like to see and the related priorities and possible key actions. This was a great opportunity for WI to participate and everyone's input was welcomed to be included in the final report.

Bustling out in BCWI

WI members from British Columbia were out in style for their 37th Triennial Convention in Vanderhoof, B.C. this summer. In the spirit



of "Your View of the Future is Shaped by the Past," members were encouraged to dress up with hats, gloves, necklaces, scarves, or fascinators to represent their favourite era!

Members were active throughout British Columbia this term! While the Landry WI celebrated a sizeable 75 year anniversary, the ladies in Coldstream took to the Vernon Science Centre to explore a Dinosaur exhibit for their March meeting this year. The engaging self-guided tour offered hands-on stations, and was all-ages friendly. The Colwood WI branch also boasted a successful fundraiser year, while celebrating the 90th birthday of their long standing member Dola Acres!

Tracking the Triennial Quilt

Donna Henderson is finished creating the FWIC quilt for our 2018 Triennial Convention!

She has received 105 pieces of fabric from across the country, each one submitted with a story about the chosen fabric. Currently, Donna is working with Diane Dammann to create a Quilt Stories Booklet, which will be for sale at the 2018 convention. Additionally, Julie Hockley of the MWI office has helped in getting lottery licencing for the project.



This has been an enlightening experience for us and our members, in weaving together the history and experiences of our incredible WI members and their families across Canada (and globally) into a tangible event for all!

Raffle tickets are \$2 and presales have already begun. Contact the FWIC office for more information.



Hospitable WI Housing

A WI member and her husband from Great Britain (Isle of Mann) will be hosted in October by three WI members who have listed their homes in the "Ontario Hospitality Homes" list. We look forward to showing them the beautiful places in our part of Ontario.

Another WI member from Great Britain hopes to visit a member in Alberta for a few nights, she used the FWIC Unity Project when planning her trip.

Won't you join us and open your homes for WI members and their travelling companion(s)?

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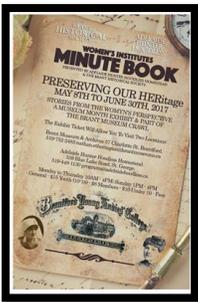
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Preserving our HERitage: History from a Womyn's Perspective

It certainly has been a busy spring and summer at the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead & National Historic Site. In addition to our regular Homestead tours and current exhibit, *Perserving Our HERitage*, (the evolution of WI from 1897 to today) our summer projects have included an ongoing collections inventory of the homestead and its furnishings.



On May 3rd, the exhibit launched with a reception which included reenactors portraying Mrs. E.D. Smith (first President of the Saltfleet WI), Mr. & Mrs. Erland Lee (WI co-founders), Laura Rose (Superintendent to spread the WI and get new members), Mrs. Madge Watt and Lady Tweedsmuir. County Crier, Dave Rose, also declared the opening of the exhibit and beginning of the first WI meeting in 1897. The exhibit ran from May 8th to July 1st and a mini WI exhibit continued throughout the summer.

Canada Day 150



Staff at the Homestead were very involved with a joint planning committee for the St. George Canada 150 celebrations. July 1st in St. George illustrated how different community groups can work together for a common cause.

The Homestead's part was the provision of historic carriage rides during the afternoon of Canada Day and we also participated in a local parade with more than 37 floats and bands.

As well, the Homestead was open for tours and refreshments. Record numbers came out to our site as the final day of the 'Preserving our HERitage' exhibit was offered.

Thank you to the joint fundraising efforts of the St. George Canada Day Committee, the Homestead received funding for historic 1867 decorations, historic costuming and for renting the carriage ride services. As well, thank you to historic interpreters, Susan and Sarah for giving up their holiday to greet and provide tours to our many visitors!

Strategically Speaking

From April until June, an ad hoc planning committee was gathered to prepare a new Strategic Plan for the Homestead which included looking at the purpose of the Homestead, a new mission statement and recommendations for future activities and focus for this historic site. In June, the FWIC approved the new direction of the Homestead's Strategic Plan.

Highlights of the plan and its recommendations

include:



1. Addition/renovations of the back office area to include a new meeting room, proper collections & archival storage, public health certified kitchen, pavilion enlargement and new offices.

- 2. A new Mission Statement: *To enhance the lives of individuals, their families and communities by promoting the ideals of Adelaide Hunter Hoodless*
- 3. To become more of a 'living historical museum' which will allow attendees to have a more hands-on interactive experience
- 4. Focus on two Community Events: Easter at Addie's and an Arts & Music Festival.



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