

June 2024

Monthly Newsletter of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada



WI Connections

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Margaret's Message

Submitted by President, Margaret Byl

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, I bring you greetings and best wishes. I am excited to bring you news that Her Royal Highness, Queen Camilla, has granted patronage to the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada.

It is that wonderful time of year when the world is alive with the vibrant colours of summer! If you have a birthday in June, roses and honeysuckle are your flowers of the month. I look out of my windows and see red roses in the front yard and the pink Institute rose bush is bursting with blooms in my back yard (I need to replace my WI Centennial rose bush). Hummingbirds and migratory birds are back bringing a symphony of sound and colour with them. One can't help but to have a sense of awe at the world around us. Let's think about what we can do to protect our planet on June 5th, World Environment Day.

Did you know that June 1st is World Milk Day? How appropriate that we begin the month with a reminder of how the WI began. The passion of Adelaide Hunter Hoodless, after the loss of her infant son, John Harold, (due to "Summer Complaint" thought to be from contaminated milk) that she began her public life in educational and social reform. It took many years, but Adelaide was instrumental, through the Women's Institute, in providing a resolution to the Canadian Government requesting that milk be pasteurized as a legal requirement. FWIC/WI Canada is proud to own the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead, the birthplace of Adelaide Hunter Hoodless a National Historic site of Canada and location of the National Office of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada.

June is a month that reflects the goals and values of the WI. Besides being World Milk Day on June 1st, it is also Global Day of Parents, the 4th is International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression; the 8th is World Oceans Day, the 15th Elder Abuse Day, the 26th is International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit trafficking but to name a few days of note in June.

Wishing all the fathers in our WI family a Happy Father's Day on June 16. I had to smile when I read that June 30th is International Asteroid Day. I enjoy sitting out on a warm summer night watching the shooting stars. It reminds me of my childhood watching the stars with my Dad,

Have you registered for the National Triennial Convention in Truro, Nova Scotia? There are many ways for you to join us – in person, via zoom or a day registration. Don't forget about the competitions! There are the Tweedsmuir Competitions, Senator Carine Wilson Competition and Joan Holthe's Past President's Competition. Details are available on our website fwic.ca

Sometimes life throws us curves or keeps our schedules busy. It is important to take a moment to stop and smell the roses. Bring a single rose from your garden to a friend or someone you know that is feeling down. It will surely bring a smile to their face.

I will leave you with this quote for my WI friends

"A single rose can be my garden; a single friend, my world." – Leo Buscaglia



Newfoundland & Labrador Women's Institute



NLWI Provincial Board Members, Her Honour Joan J. Marie Aylward and Honourable Carl R. Thompson.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Women's Institutes held a celebration of Women's Institutes 2024 at Government House on May 7, hosted by our Patron the Honourable Joan Marie J. Aylward, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland Labrador and the Honourable Carl R. Thompson.

Approximately thirty-five members attended the celebrations, six of whom were NLWI Life Members.

Greetings were received from the following: NLWI President, Elizabeth Moss Her Honour, Joan Marie J. Aylward.

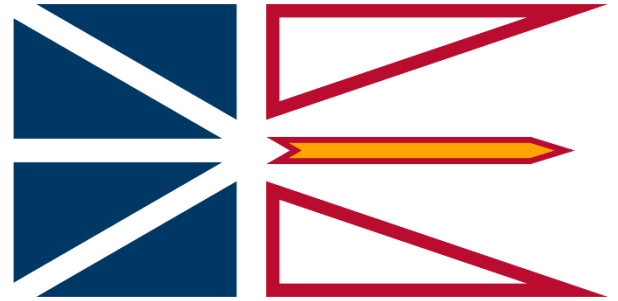
Messages of warm wishes were read from FWIC President, Margaret Byl and from ACWW Area

Canada President, Marie Kenny. Andrea Barnes brought greetings on behalf of the Minister of Women and Gender Equality, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Lesley Clarke, NLWI Awards Committee introduced the NLWI 2024 Scholarship winner and Her Honour, Joan Marie J. Aylward presented the Scholarship to Hannah Barrett, St. John's, Newfoundland. A heartwarming "Tribute to Members" was delivered by NLWI Past President, Elizabeth Young. Following the ceremony, guests were invited to join Her Honour for refreshments.



NLWI Scholarship Winner Hannah Barrett & Her Honor



Quebec Women's Institute



Dedication of the Quebec Women's Institutes Monument in Dunham, Submitted by Louise Smith

On Saturday, May 25th, the skies were clear and the sun was shining. It was warm but not too hot. It was a perfect day for representatives from various Quebec Women's Institutes across Quebec to come to the town of Dunham for the dedication of the monument honouring the establishment of the first branch of the Women's Institutes in Quebec.

Elizabeth Ann Johnson was born in 1866 in Faddentown, not far from the villages of Clarenceville and Noyan. As a young woman she moved to Knowlton. There she met her future husband, George Mason Beach. They were married in 1888. Eventually they moved to the family farm in Dunham.

In 1911 Mrs. Beach invited several ladies to her home where they discussed forming the first Women's Institute branch in Quebec. Elizabeth Ann Beach was a woman with a vision that inspired many women to look to the needs in the community outside of their homes.

The mayor of Dunham, Pierre Janecek, spoke at the dedication. He has been a staunch supporter of the value and history of the Quebec Women's Institutes. Every November, when the Remembrance Day ceremony takes place at the monument, the mayor makes sure that the place is properly prepared, and he always attends or else he makes sure that someone from the town is at the ceremony.

In his speech Mayor Janecek told how the first meeting of the Dunham branch was held across the street from the monument site in what was called Best Hall at that time. Now it is the Dunham Tourist Bureau.

He was happy to see the names of other charter members written permanently on the stones, each family representing early members of the village of Dunham. There is a separate stone recognizing that the land on which the monuments sit, was donated by Mary Stevens Selby. Selby Lake is named after the Selby family.

Pierre Janecek ended his speech thanking the Quebec Women's Institutes for recognizing the legacy of the Dunham ladies, and for contributing to the history of the village.

Linda Janes, the President of the Quebec Women's Institutes, also spoke. She gave more information on the first meeting. It was lead by Elizabeth Ann Beach with the help of Jean Muldrew of MacDonald College. The goal, in starting a W.I. branch, was to teach and inspire women, particularly those living in rural areas, with little or no access to information that was available in larger cities, how to learn through reading, writing, painting, art, languages, handicrafts, child care, nutrition, home economics, and teaching.

The land was dedicated in 1964 and initially a stone cairn was built on the site. Years went by and although repaired, the cement between the stones deteriorated to a point where it was not able to continue as a monument. A granite monument is now in place and two other monuments complete the site.

If you go to the fire department on the main street in Dunham, the monuments are in a fenced area, open to the public, right beside the fire department. Go take a look at the bilingual plaques honouring this special piece of history.

Three QWI Past Presidents - Sheila Wallet Needham, Helen Routliffe and Linda Annesley Hoy





Look Forward to...
Lesley Crewe Author and Speaker
One of the keynote speakers at the
Triennial FWIC Conference
September 2024



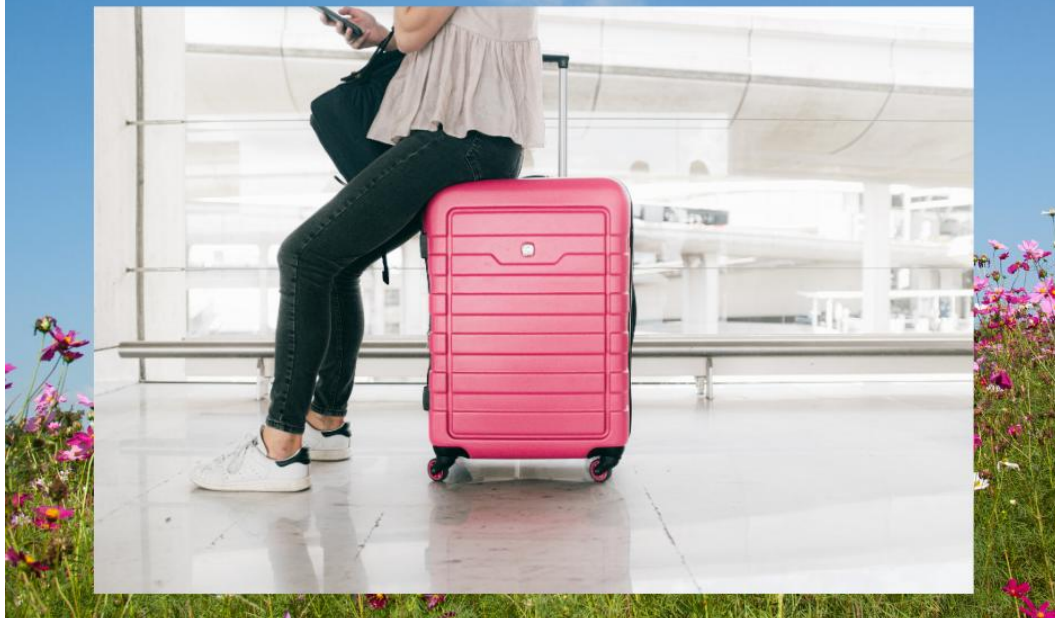
23RD NATIONAL CONVENTION SEPT 17-19, 2024

Hey, did you know?

- Each Provincial Women's Institutes has ten votes at the Convention. Each province determines who their delegates will be.
- There are five resolutions to be considered.
- The President-elect will be determined.
- Reports will be given by the Communication Committee and the Outreach Committee
- Winners of the competitions will be announced.
- Guest speakers confirmed include Lesley Crewe, author; Starr Cunningham, Nova Scotia Mental Health Foundation, Pam Mood, professional speaker and leadership expert; and Rob Newcombe, Thought leader on generative AI.
- Bell Ringer sessions
- Local entertainment
- Recognize those who participated in the 2023 Leadership Modules and the Pen Pal program
- You can attend a day of your choice.
- Virtual attendance is also available.
- Opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones

Room Mate?

We have a list of WI Members looking to share rooms.
Please contact Lynn at registrations@fwic.ca
Triennial FWIC Conference - Sept 17-19, 2024
Truro Nova Scotia



Manitoba Womens Institute

Why not try these recipes submitted by Manitoba Women's Institute Members this wellness Wednesday!!!

SOUPS & SALADS

APPLE SALAD

Annette Waller

2 cups Granny Smith apples,
cut up
4 cups celery, cut up
1 can cashews

Dressing:
1/2 cup icing sugar
1/4 cup Miracle Whip

Soak apples in a bowl of cold water with some lemon juice for a couple of minutes to prevent turning brown. Add dressing just before serving. It will seem thick but the juice from the apples will thin it.

BEAN SALAD

Kristine Dryden

1 1/2 cups vinegar
1/2 cup water
1 3/4 cups white sugar
1/2 tsp salt
1 green pepper

5 ribs celery
14 oz can yellow beans
14 oz can green beans
14 oz can kidney beans
1 purple onion

Mix sauce ingredients and boil for 5 minutes. Cool for 20 minutes. Cut up vegetables and combine. Pour over sauce and let sit for 24 hours in fridge before serving.

CHINESE SALAD

Carol Anne Wood

Sliced cucumber, peeled
Sliced radish
Sliced green pepper
Green onions

2 cups cooled white rice
Dressing:
2 Tbsp soya sauce
1 cup Miracle Whip

Rub bowl with garlic. Add thin layer of cucumber, layer of radish, layer of green onions, layer of green pepper. Top with cooked white rice (cooled). Let stand overnight. Add dressing just before serving.

2024 Quilt Raffle at Truro Convention

Virginia Kreklevich

February 17, 1936 – October 5, 2021

SWI President 2002-2005

FWIC Board Member 2006 - 2009

SWI President 2018-2021

This quilt was the last one made by Virginia for FWIC.

It fits a double/queen size bed.



Federated Women's Institutes of Canada



CONSTITUENT SOCIETY, ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD



Highlights from the FWIC/WI Canada Board Meeting – May 27, 2024

Tweedsmuir Competitions, Senator Carine Wilson Competition, and the Past Presidents' Competition 2024: Details will be shared again in the June issue of *WI Connections*.

National Convention 2024:

- **In-Person Registration Fee May 1 onwards:** \$425.00. Forms and information are on the website.
- **Virtual and Day registration:** Members are reminded that virtual attendance and day registration are also available.
- **Annual Reports 2024:** The provincial reports and the national committee reports are due July 1st. Please send them to Lynn MacLean at president-elect@fwic.ca.
- **Auction:** An auction will be held during the convention. Each province is requested to bring three items each with a minimum value of \$20.
- **Resolutions:** FWIC distributed the resolutions that will be voted on at the national convention on April 15. Please share the resolutions with your members.
- **Credential Forms:** The Credential Forms were distributed in April and completed forms are to be returned to Lynn MacLean at president-elect@fwic.ca. Deadline July 17.
- **Quilt tickets:** Provinces received a form to collect the names and money. The tickets will be filled in Nova Scotia in September.
- **Senator Carine Wilson, Tweedsmuir, and Past Presidents competitions:** Entries that are being mailed to Nova Scotia are to be sent by **September 1st** to Lynn MacLean 1365 Heathbell Road, Scotch Hill, NS B0K 1H0. If entries are being taken to Nova Scotia, they are to be passed in by **noon on September 17th** at the Registration Desk at the Hotel.

Summer students:

Two students have been hired for the summer. Rachel Gubbins will work with FWIC and help with the paperwork for the national convention. Veronica Boone will assist Nancy Carubba at the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead.

ACWW and UNESCO Podcast – Number 3: the latest podcast is “Women Thought Leaders”. Get the link from the ACWW website (www.acww.org.uk.)

Patronage: FWIC has been advised that Queen Camilla has been appointed as the Patron of FWIC.

Reminders:

WI Connections: Reminder that submissions from branches and members are encouraged from each province. Please submit them by the 20th of each month.

****Next Meeting of the Board of Directors: Monday, June 24, 2024, at 7 pm ET.**



FWIC WI CANADA YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Did you know that FWIC has a YouTube Channel? Here you will find all the online events that have been held over the last three years.

To access it, open YouTube on any device and in the search bar type in FWIC WI Canada. Scroll down until you find the FWIC crest (shown below). Click on the symbol and it will show the ten videos we have published over the last three years.



The most recent video from FWIC WI Canada is Agriculture in the Classroom and Food Waste which was recorded on April 29, 2024. It is about an hour in length. It contains great info on how BC does Agriculture in the Classroom as well tips on how to reduce Food Waste.

For quick access to the latest video, here is the link:

<https://youtu.be/q38SnwP8k98>

FWIC 23rd National Convention 2024



FWIC 23RD NATIONAL CONVENTION 2024

Competition Reminders

Where do I send them?



If you have entries for the following competitions:

- Tweedsmuir Competitions
- Senator Carine Wilson
- Past President's Competition

MAILING: Please mail before September 1st to:

Lynn MacLean

1365 Heathbell Road, Scotch Hill, NS B0K 1H0

BRINGING TO TRURO: Please hand them in at the Registration Table by noon on September 17.

Judging will take place on the afternoon of Sept. 17th.

Competition Reminders

Where do we send the entries for:

- Tweedsmuir Competitions
- Senator Carine Wilson
- Past President’s Competition

<p><u>Mail ahead to Truro by September 1st :</u></p> <p>Lynn MacLean 1365 Heathbell Road, Scotch Hill, NS B0K 1H0</p>	<p><u>Bring to Truro:</u> If taken to Truro, NS, they are to be handed in at the registration table by noon on September 17</p>
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SENATOR CAIRINE WILSON COMPETITION

(2021-2024)



Topic: Empowered Woman- describe an empowered woman or someone who has empowered others using an artistic medium.

- This could be an article in fabric, paint, sculpture etc., be artistic.
- Include a short description of the submission.
- Follow general rules.

Scoring Points

General Appearance:	20
Workmanship:	30
Presentation:	20
Originality:	30

GENERAL RULES

- There will be no limit to the number of entries submitted by Provincial members, however, only one entry per category per person will be considered.
- All submission must have name, Province, Branch, email address and phone number attached in a sealed envelope.
- Submissions that are **mailed** in must be received by **September 1, 2024**, at the following address (**not the FWIC office**): FWIC President-elect, Lynn MacLean; 1365 Heathbell Road, Scotch Hill, NS B0K 1H0.

- Otherwise, submissions must be brought in on the **first day of the Convention, by noon on September 17, 2024**, to be judged. Late submissions will **not** be considered.
- All entries must be picked up at the end of the Convention or arrangements made to return the items at the expense of the submitter.
- FWIC/WI Canada will not be held responsible for lost or damaged submissions.
- Winners must give permission for the use of their photo, name, province, and branch by the FWIC/WI Canada on their website, social media pages, and newsletters.
- Photos of people in the competitions must have their permission for use by FWIC/WI Canada
- Copyrights must be adhered to (Permissions in writing for copyright items must be provided).

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Number One Reason for Belonging to WI... Friendships



Liz Chongva was a great host, showing Karen Gerwing (last President of Saskatchewan WI) and her husband Jim around Dugald, Manitoba, May 13-15. The friendships made across the country are wonderful.



TWEEDSMUIR COMPETITIONS

There are four competitions as part of the Tweedsmuir Competitions.

History Competition

Did you have a family member participate in any of the wars? Why not share their story as a story, as a poem, or in a song?

RULES:

- Length: 300 -- 1000 words
- May add up to 2 pictures.
- Needs to be typed and double spaced.
- Use the font ARIAL; size# 12.
- Spelling and grammar scored under general appearance.
- Follow the general rules.



Scoring Points

Most inspiring: 50

General appearance: 20

Originality: 30



COMMUNITY COMPETITION

WI branches have completed many community projects over the years. Why not share one of the projects that your branch has completed? It could inspire others to do the same.

Project: Write an essay talking about a branch community project. This could be a one-time project or one that is ongoing.

Rules:

- Length: 500-1000 words
- May include pictures.
- Needs to be typed and double spaced.
- Use the font ARIAL; size# 12.
- Spelling and grammar scored under general appearance.
- Follow the General Rules

Scoring Points

Content: 60

General appearance: 20

Originality: 20



CULTURAL COMPETITION

Did you or a member of your family meet the Queen, or did she visit your part of Canada?

Project: “Your Memories of the Queen”. This could be a short story of when the Queen visited your area.

RULES:

- Length: maximum of 6 pages
- May include pictures.
- Needs to be typed and double spaced.
- Use the font ARIAL; size# 12.
- Spelling and grammar scored under general appearance.
- Follow the general rules.

Scoring Points

Content:	60
General appearance:	20
Originality:	20

HANDICRAFT COMPETITION

Attention crafters:

Why not make an applique wall hanging? Create your own design or find a pattern you like?

Project: Appliqué wall hanging. This can be in any medium.

Rules:

- Size: maximum 30” (76.2cm) X 42” (106.68cm)
- Can be either hand-done or by machine.
- Must be completely finished and ready for hanging.
- Back must be visible.
- Follow the general rules.

Scoring Points

General Appearance:	15
Presentation:	20
Design and colours:	20
Workmanship:	30
Back of the project:	15

Ellen's Corner submitted by Dr. Ellen S. McLean

One morning this week I looked out the window and thought I saw a hummingbird. I wasn't sure, but I had someone come right away and help me hang up the feeder. In fifteen minutes, two little hummers were there. They arrived four days later than last year, and now I look forward to watching those beautiful, feisty little birds. I have learned that when the weather is warmer and I am sitting outside near the feeder it takes a little while before the birds accept the presence of a creature sitting there, and I enjoy the front-line seat to watch their antics, and was so pleased last year when one same and perched on my finger.

It is summer and many, or all, of our branches and provincial units have held their annual meetings, and in less than four months we can meet as a national organization in Nova Scotia, our first face to face meeting since Winnipeg in 2018. Nova Scotia is pleased to welcome everyone. These meetings, are the opportunity for us to look back at the year's activities, the successes and maybe something not so successful but has taught us something. But more important is looking forward to what projects are being proposed for the coming months. There are many issues to be considered, - domestic violence, food waste, school food program, homelessness, food production and much more.

The corner which is my privilege to occupy is going to be empty for the summer months. I will be doing a lot of thinking, looking back and looking forward, as I enjoy the beauty around me and the beautiful feathered "helicopters" beside me. Have a wonderful summer, may the weather be what is needed for successful crops and gardens, and may it be a safe, healthy and happy one for you and your family. Hope to see you in Nova Scotia.



We'll miss you Ellen - have a great summer!

Ave. of Music Summer Music Concert

Featuring The Piano Man (Michael Stoneman) + Open Mic



THURS. JUNE 6TH DOORS OPEN AT 6:45PM /CONCERT AT 7PM OPEN/MIC TO FOLLOW BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR AND STAY FOR A BONFIRE. TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE OR @ THE DOOR. \$10 PER ADULT. KIDS FREE

ADELAIDE HUNTER HOODLESS HOMESTEAD 359 BLUE LAKE RD

Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead submitted by Nancy Carubba



Homeschool at the Homestead. A fun day of wildlife photographic journeys, honeybees and pioneer fun! Thanks homeschool kids - you made our day!

Thank you to the Bayfield Pathfinders and Rangers for visiting The AHH Homestead Museum and thank you to Story Teller Brenda Byers for inspiring us with stories about courageous women.



- Our museum layout has improved. The gift shop items are now located in the learning center. This is the room that visitors arrive in and leave from. The area that used to be the gift shoppe is now set up with a table and chairs which shows how it can be set up /rented for a dinner or a meeting. For approx. 20 people when overflow to the adjoining dining room.

- Two small weddings have been booked at the Homestead. One June 29th one July 27th. The first is renting the facilities the second is hiring us to coordinate the wedding. Both will be photographed and used for marketing for more Homestead weddings.
- The Summer (May to Sept) programme has been distributed. It includes more events than last summers program. There are more rentals booked for the Homestead property as well. We are gaining traction and moving in the right direction.
- Two summer students were hired (via Gov't programs) and started working in May. 1. A Museum and Archival Assistant is with us until Aug while the 2. FWIC secretary role is full time but ends in July.



Enterprise WI, from Charlotte County, New Brunswick hosted their first paint and sip and had a fun filled day in May!

Congratulations Monica!



Monica Rivers, an anti-litter champion in Pictou County, is the recipient of the Emerging Environmental Leader award. An avid supporter of the community's annual Go Clean Get Green initiative, the statistics from her litter-clean-ups speak for themselves. For example, she collected 103 bags of garbage from the ditches close to her home in 2022 and 73 bags the previous year. Monica is constantly looking for new opportunities to inspire change, and partners with groups that are committed to sustainability and waste reduction to make it happen. She even designed a sorting guide poster for her office, which includes a QR code that people can visit if they're unsure about what goes where.

Monica is also a first-year member of the Lyon's Brook and Area WI in northern Nova Scotia. Monica writes "I joined the Lyon's Brook & Area WI to connect with other female leaders in the community. The WI provides members an opportunity to learn from others and be a part of initiatives that may seem small but make a big impact on those in the community!"

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Sheila Gallant, Marie Kenny, and Elizabeth Harpum

Prince Edward Island Women's Institute



Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)

Update, submitted by Marie Kenny, Area Canada President. canada@acww.org.uk



ACWW enhances Global Friendships! Greetings Everyone,
The month of May has come and gone so fast, but with it here in Eastern Canada we have experienced warmer days for gardening and yard work! Farmers are on the fields and Fishers out to sea! It also is a time when many Women's Institutes Conventions and AGM's are hosted!

It was my pleasure to participate a few this month: attended in person NBWI Convention, sent greetings to QWI AGM/Convention, attended BCWI convention (virtually) and attended PEIWI's AGM/Convention(in person).

Thank you to all the Presidents, Board Members and attendees for inspiring and engaging opportunities to learn and grow together!

I also had the pleasure of Hosting for a coffee morning Elizabeth Harpum, secretary of Little Warden WI Essex Federation, UK. This was an excellent opportunity to learn and to share as we had wonderful conversation about WI and how even though we live thousands of miles apart there are so many common threads as we all do our best as rural women supporting rural women. Elizabeth also attended the PEIWI -AGM.

Lastly, be sure to check out ACWW's latest podcast! Listen to interesting women leaders sharing their stories, the barriers they face and lessons learned to build new ways to lead the world.

I close with a thought from Archbishop Desmond Tutu: "Do your little bit of good where you are its those little bits of good put together that over whelm the world!"

Until next time! Marie Kenny, ACWW Area Canada President

Addressing Food Waste,

submitted by Marie Kenny, ACWW Area Canada President

Greetings Everyone,

As part of celebrating Mother's Day in May, I have taken time to reflect upon the many incredible women in my life. Two of my heroes are my Mother and my Grandmother Bertha. So please bear with me for the next few minutes and perhaps find a suggestion or two that might be inspiring to you!

My Mother and Grandmother were tremendous role models in my life. It was a normal way of life for them to recycle, reduce and reuse items. These were not just catch phrases for them, but a way of life. Clothing was passed down; some were used for rugs hooking or donated to others in need. Jar, bottle and plastic containers were washed and reused,



there was no plastic wrap. Food waste was not an issue. If we enjoyed a delicious roast beef or chicken dinner the next day we would have sandwiches from the leftover meat, then enjoy a savoury soup make from the stock. Canning, making preserves, baking bread, biscuits, pies and cookies were all part of life on the farm. These were simpler times many might say, but the work was hard, the days long and life was full of valuable lessons. One such lesson was to accomplish a goal, take it one step at a time. So that is how we will address this ACWW Resolutions. Thank you for all you are doing to share knowledge around this issue.

Did you know: Leftovers get a bad rap!

Give this a Try: Love your leftovers. They are such an easy way to save time and continue eating healthy foods? When you take the time to plan and prepare a nutritious dinner, why waste what's left? The following suggestions by Helen (ACWW Coordinator):

1. Cook enough food (casserole, stir fry, soup, etc.) for more than one meal. It can be either re-heated or frozen for another meal and no waste.
2. If milk goes sour use it to make biscuits.
3. Clean out the fridge on a weekly basis and combine past- prime vegetables into a stew or soup. Save all chicken bones, turkey carcass, or ham bones in freezer and use them as a protein base for a soup.

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Past President's Competition for Triennial 2024 Submitted by Joan Holthe (2018-2021)

I decided to create a competition that would help fill the shelves at the Adelaide Hunter Homestead store, therefore, please be aware that your articles will not be returned (unless specified). There are no quantity limits established per person, every contribution is welcome, and it would be very helpful if provinces could designate a central location for collection and travel to Truro, NS by their delegates.

Entries if being delivered in person are to be handed in on September 17, 2024. If the items are to be mailed, they need to be received in Nova Scotia by September 1 st and sent to" Lynn MacLean, 1365 Heathbell Road, Pictou, NS B0K 1H0

I would like this to be a friendly competition, where judging is done by viewers choice, during the triennial. The winners of the three categories will each win a prize of 100.00. It will be necessary for a small, folded piece of paper be taped or pinned to the article with the artist's name, address, and phone number on it.



The categories are:

1. Knitted or crocheted clothing attire, for child, under one year
2. Quilted table runner, length under 40 inches.
3. Christmas tree ornament, set of two.

Last Tuesday of the Month at
9 am MST



Tuesday Coffee Chat

MONTHLY TOPICS



Community Service Event

Recently the Debec WI, part of NBWI hosted a community service event with guest lawyer

Kyle Davenport.

Kyle spoke about the importance of power of attorney and last will and testament for people of all ages, since we never know what the next day will bring. Following the presentation, guests took home samples of the documents and had a lunch.



New Brunswick Women's Institute

The Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries has long supported the Women's Institute of New Brunswick. Today the provincial AGM was held in Berwick and I was pleased to be able to stop in and bring greetings. As a proud WI member I believe that this is an organization which can bring so much to our communities in terms of passing on traditional knowledge of domestic skills including food growth, preparation, and preservation. It was established as an organization to support farm widows. Today it continues to support wives, mothers and daughters of all ages. I would encourage women to seek out their local chapter and consider joining...
Minister Johnson

Honourable Margaret Johnson on left and President Sharron Adams on right at recent Annual Provincial Convention.





President Michelle Phillippi

Ontario Federation of Women's Institutes.

2023 has been such a wonderful year for WI in Ontario! Our members have gradually - and safely - emerged from the pandemic restrictions to once again enjoy the companionship that local branches offer.

Education is at the core of the WI, and many branches were delighted to once again offer local ROSE sessions - Reaching Out Sharing Education in public meetings. They had fun - making seasonal decorations for long term care homes. They taught skills like sustainable gardening. They organized all candidates meetings for local elections. And true to our history, they worked for change, inviting local law enforcement to speak about topics like fraud and human sex trafficking. I have delighted in the opportunities I have had to visit our branches and hear their news in person!



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Friendships,
learning together, and a common voice
in community have been
our backbone for over 128 years.
This September...it will take all hands
on deck to steer WI into the future.
Plan now to attend in person or virtually
and be part of history as we create our
future recipe for success!

- Full registration (May 1-July 17) \$425
- Day registration Tues., Sept 17@ \$75
(opening ceremony & evening meal)
- Day registration Wed.,
Sept 18 @ \$200 (meeting, lunch, dinner
, afternoon break)
- Day registration Thurs., Sept 19 @
\$200 (meeting, lunch, afternoon break,
closing banquet)
- Virtual Rate \$40.00 per day



Register with Lynn at.... registrations@fwic.ca



See you all in July!