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FWIO — Hands Craft Contest

Hands Magazine and the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario are sponsoring a craft competition. Any WI member can enter a handmade craft article of their own design. Accompanying the article must be an explanation of the pattern and step-by-step instructions, as well as a 200 word (maximum) history of the craft and its significance to the crafter. Entries which reflect Canada's heritage in multicultural motifs and methods are encouraged.

A profile of the winner and her craft will appear in Hands Magazine. All entries should be sent to Hands Magazine, Canadian Crafts Project, P.O. Box 340, Station L, Toronto, M6E 4Z2 by March 31, 1987. First prize is \$100, 2nd prize is \$75 and 3rd prize is \$50. Twenty-five runners-up will receive subscriptions to Hands Magazine. A special Minnie Warren Lewis Award of Merit will be given to a WI life member whose entry is selected by judges.

What's on at the OAM

The Ontario Agriculture Museum opens its doors on May 12 for the 1986 season. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, the museum offers some exciting special programs this year. May 25 — Tin Lizzies and Rumble Seats. Over 100 antique cars are featured at this annual judging meet of the Historical Automobile Society of Canada.

May 31 — Wonders of Wool. Sheep June 1 shearing, fleece tying, washing and carding of wool and sheep dog demonstrations are part of this two-day event.

June 8 — Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Unveiling.

July 5 — Great Canadian Antique
July 6 Tractor Field Days. Rallies, demonstrations and
parades of antique Canadian tractors and gas
engines will be featured.

July 27 — Artisans at Work. Numerous skilled craftsmen will be demonstrating 19th and 20th century crafts such as blacksmithing, wheelwrighting, weaving and much more.

The museum is located on Tremaine Road, just south of Highway 401 in Milton. For more information, contact Dorene Collins, P.O. Box 38, Milton, Ontario, L9T 2Y3, or phone 416 878-8151.

New NFB film

A new film, produced by the National Film Board of Canada, looks at women in non-traditional jobs. Called Too Dirty for a Woman, the film tells the story of four women employed by the Iron Ore Company of Canada in Labrador City. If you are interested in borrowing this 16mm film, contact your closest National Film Board office.



Farmers' helpline now available



A farmers' telephone helpline is now in place under the new "Farmers In Transition" program (FIT) operated by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. The 24-hour-a-day toll-free service provides information on employment programs, stress counselling, where to get legal advice, how to obtain professional help in dealing with creditors as well as farmers' rights and obligations. Trained staff is on duty from 9 am to 5 pm weekdays. An answering service will relay messages to staff outside regular hours. The telephone number is 1-800-265-1511

Widow's book from Nfld. WI

The Newfoundland and Labrador WI, with money from the Secretary of State, have recently reprinted "A Widow's Handbook", by Jane Robinson. First published in 1979, the second edition has a bigger section on children and a new section on the law affecting widows. You can get a copy of the handbook for \$2.75, by writing to the Newfoundland and Labrador WI, P.O. Box 4056, St. John's, Newfoundland, A1C 5Y2.

Year of Peace

1986 has been declared the Year of Peace. For more information, contact the Department of the Secretary of State of Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0M5.