



*The Canadian delegates gather for a group photo at the ACWW Triennial Conference.
Many WI Members from Ontario are pictured - how many can you spot?*

ACWW Triennial Conference

What a wonderful experience it was to attend the Triennial Conference of ACWW in Hot Springs, Arkansas! This was the first time I had attended this event and I found the whole thing something I will never forget. To see the flags of the 74 member countries paraded in and on the platform until the end of the Conference was simply beautiful. Women the world over have the same concerns: food and education for their children, a peaceful environment, a source of income and acceptance of their value as individuals. We all want to be appreciated for the things we do. We, in this country, share the same desires of women world-wide.

The volcano in Iceland prevented many women from getting to the Conference at all. The American hospitality was very much evident with the entertainment being so

enjoyable and the closing gala being a wonderful evening for all. We were certainly treated royally.

Several resolutions and recommendations were passed with much discussion. We listened to the opinions from other countries and compared them with our own opinions. We made our decisions based on our discussions at our March Board Meeting.

Monday was our tour day! I was able to take in the Garvan Gardens, which were in full spring mode, lunch at the new Farm Women's Hall at the fairgrounds, a visit to a working potter in Hot Springs and a look around at the pottery in the shop, and a tour of the Bath House Museum. This was a most interesting stop. We were toured through the Bath House and told the history and operation of the Bath Houses. This was one of the best of the tours.

The Conference was a very busy week with long days. There were Tea Breaks in the morning and afternoon. There was a little shop for purchasing items to take home. There was a Quilt Draw and a contest to vote on the best Quilt Square sent in for the competition. There were exhibits from ACWW and the Farm Women re projects and activities they had been involved with. There was certainly a lot to see and do. At the Tea Breaks one met with old and new friends.

Attending a Conference such as this gives one a very broad picture of WI work around the world. It also drives home the similarities of women no matter where in the world they live. I hope to get my pictures into a scrapbook this summer and I will bring it with me to Area Conventions.

– Carol Innes