

TWEEDSMUIR REPORT

~ By Tweedsmuir Coordinator, Irene Robillard

Is your Branch behind in keeping your Tweedsmuir Community Histories current? Here are some suggestions to catch up.

Remember that scrapbooks of newspaper clippings are also Tweedsmuir Histories. It is better to capture the event this way, than lose it altogether if there is not enough time to summarize the activity.



Have workbee(s). My Branch is about 10 years behind so we spent the first bee sorting the information between subjects and then by date, where applicable. We then tackled one of the subjects at the next get-together. We first picked WI events and happenings, as it also gave new Members an opportunity to see past accomplishments and activities. Many hands make light work.

Ask help from students who want to complete their volunteer hours. (Thanks to Oxford District for the suggestion.)

The digitizing project with OGS is stalled. We are now looking at other options to get digitizing done across the province. Ideas are welcome.

Are you about to put a Tweedsmuir Collection in an archives, museum, or other location? If so, please contact me first. We should not give away our copyright, if possible. Guidelines and sample agreements have been drafted and were reviewed by the Provincial Board at their August meeting. Once approved, this information will be put on our website and the Tweedsmuir Manual can be finalized.

The Board recently accepted the recommendation that 'Real Life Stories' be the topic for our province-wide Canada 150 project. Thank you for your survey replies and all your suggestions. Stay tuned for our launch, hopefully in early 2014.

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National News

~ By FWIO Executive Officer to FWIC, Joy Trimble

The 52nd Annual Board Meeting of FWIC was held June 13-16 in Charlottetown, PEI. The 2015 National Convention will be held June 9-13 at the Fredericton Convention Centre in New Brunswick. The triennium theme is "Women's Institutes – Plant Seeds of Change".



Branch Fundraiser – FWIC has partnered with Vesey's Seeds whereby Branches have an opportunity to raise funds and increase the awareness of WI in their communities. Fall bulb orders have to be to Vesey's by October 1st and spring orders by May 1st. Contact Vesey's directly by calling 800-363-7333 and state you are a WI Branch and they will send you the information for your fundraiser.

Federated News – will continue for 2014. Beginning January 1st, the cost of the newsletter will be increased to \$6 per year for individual subscriptions and \$5 per issue for groups of 10 or more. A new **Fed News Bulletin** will be sent monthly to the provincial offices to keep FWIC programs and activities up to date.

FWIC Project – "Growing a Healthier You" began in February with a focus on "Take 10" suggestions for each month and offers some program ideas. These monthly Take 10's will continue to the 2015 Convention.

FWIC Fundraiser – in keeping with the theme, FWIC has adopted "Willie the Worm" (who is green). FWIC is asking WI Members across Canada to collect donations at meetings or special events during the rest of the triennium to help feed "Willie". These funds will be used to help FWIC achieve financial stability without the need to increase membership fees. FWIC challenges Branches to create their own "Willie" and possibly a jingle. Please send pictures to the Provincial Office which I will display at the provincial annual meetings and FWIO Provincial Conference 2014.

Check out **Glimpses Across Canada** and more of the above information on the FWIC website (www.fwic.ca) or on the FWIO website under Members Section/National where copies can be printed from. FWIC is now on Facebook.

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