

In Memory of Peggy Knapp FWIO President 1989-1991



Sadly, Peggy Marie Knapp passed away on August 13, 2014 in Stratford, Ontario at the age of 86.

You only have to pull out an old issue of *Home & Country* and read an article penned by Peggy to know that there was something truly special about her. She not only knew how to get your attention, she knew how to hold onto it. This is because her kindness and sincerity always shone through. Quite simply, Peggy had a way. She had a presence. She was one of a kind.

Peggy joined the Women's Institute in 1950. She was a long-time Member of Ashgrove WI in the Milton area and had once belonged to Laura Rose WI when she lived in Cambridge.

Peggy was involved in Women's Institute at the Branch, District, Area, Provincial, National and International levels. She became FWIO President in 1989, after being the first person to ever hold the President-Elect position. At the time, she expressed the value of having two years of learning before taking on the role of President.

In 1992, Peggy became the ACWW Canada Area President.

Peggy chaired the 1997 Convention which celebrated the 100th anniversary of Women's Institute.

Peggy was very involved in the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, both personally and through WI. From 1989 to 1998, she served as FWIO Representative to the Royal's Board of Directors. Peggy was a member of the Executive and Agriculture Administration Committees from 1991-1998, and was also an Honourary Governor of the Fair.

Peggy's leadership extended to several other causes in her community and beyond.

In 1998, Peggy was inducted into the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame. She was also the recipient of an Honourary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Guelph.

While Peggy received many accolades in her life, she was never one to take all the credit. In her final column as FWIO President, written in November 1991, Peggy likened herself to a pilot attempting to fly a plane throughout her term. She graciously referred to everyone who supported her as "the wind beneath my wings".

Farewell, Peggy. You will never be forgotten.

Don't Miss the *Annual General Meeting!*

When: Thursday, November 27, 2014

Please Note the Venue Change:

The Best Western Plus Royal Brock Hotel & Conference Centre

716 Gordon Street, Guelph, ON N1G 1Y6

*For overnight accommodations, please call 519-836-1240 and mention that you are with FWIO, as rooms are reserved.

Workshops will take place on Friday, November 28, 2014.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, November 5, 2014

The Registration Form is available on the FWIO website or can be requested from the Provincial Office.

Copies of the form may also be made from the insert, received by Branch Secretaries with this issue.

