



EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE AWARD

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario takes pride in recognizing the tremendous contributions made by women in agriculture at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

If you know of a deserving woman currently or previously involved in agriculture at the Royal, FWIO invites you to nominate her for this prestigious award.

Your nomination package must include the following:

- A typed profile (not to exceed 500 words) describing the work of the nominee and her volunteer activities while involved in the fair.
- Three letters of recommendation (including contact information) nominating the woman.
- Contact information of the nominee.

All submissions must be received by **September 15, 2011**. The winner will be selected by an appointed committee and will be notified by September 30, 2011.

Please forward completed nomination packages to:

Women of Excellence in Agriculture Award
c/o Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario
7382 Wellington Road 30, RR5
Guelph, ON N1H 6J2



BRANCH PROFILE

Goulds WI

Goulds WI (London Area) was founded on May 14, 1919 and, 92 years later, they continue to be an active Branch in Perth South District. Today, the Branch is comprised of 15 Members who live in the Staffa, Mitchell and Stratford areas. Four of their Members are Honorary Life Members.

Over the years, Goulds WI has made many contributions to their community. In 1922, they purchased a piano for the Goulds' School as well as furniture for the restrooms in Mitchell. They have catered for the International Ploughing Match and the Mitchell Fair. The Branch has sponsored 4-H clubs since 1952, and one Member has led 4-H for 30 years. In 1947, they started their Tweedsmuir History Books, and their local Archivist has stated that she and many others have used these records a great deal.

The Branch keeps busy working on WI leadership tasks at the District, Area and Provincial levels; Fall Fair activities and displays in Mitchell and Stratford; 4-H leadership; crafts; making clothes for children at the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario in London; visiting ill friends; and canvassing for many charities. Members all pitch in and help whenever they have a project. They have hosted several ROSE Sessions for their community, with most of their speakers being local persons. A 50-50 draw at each meeting helps with extra funding.

The Branch emphasizes that the key to their success is being a friendly and outgoing group. They have fun and enjoy each other's company, taking part in what they are asked to do and helping others when they have concerns. Most of all, they are proud to be Members of WI - for Home and Country.

