

# — Real Life Stories —

Do you have a story to tell?

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The results are in! You have chosen Real Life Stories as the topic for our province-wide project for “Canada 150.” Thanks to all Branches and Districts that responded to the survey last year.

Here is your opportunity to keep the past alive. The general submission guidelines are below. Full guidelines and the submission form should be available from your Branch Secretary and on our website in early 2014 (Members Section, Canada 150 Box.)

The website has some ideas to get you started, including “150 Questions for Canada’s 150th.” Thanks to Howick WI (Guelph Area) who created this questionnaire as a tool to inspire stories.

We hope all Members will participate.

## **Submission Guidelines:**

1. This project is open to all current Members of the Federated Women’s Institutes of Ontario (FWIO).
2. The topic is “Real Life Stories.” You can write about any time of your life (youth, marriage, etc.) The story could be inspirational, humorous, or an everyday situation.
3. Maximum of three entries per Member.
4. One of the following formats must be used:
  - a. Prose, about 500 words but can be less or more. Maximum is 1,500 words.
  - b. Poetry, any length, to a maximum of 1,500 words.
5. The committee reserves the right to edit chosen submissions where necessary (e.g. sentence structure).
6. A committee will recommend to the Board how the submissions will be compiled (book, ebook, or other means) and which submissions will be used.
7. Copyright will remain with the author, with permission given to FWIO to publish the story as part of this Canada 150 Project.
8. Photos related to the story are also welcome and will not affect whether the story is chosen. They should be 300 dpi or higher and can be colour or black & white. Include a caption, such as: date, situation, names, and photographer.
9. Methods of Submission: It is preferable that the stories be submitted electronically, as this will greatly reduce the effort of the committee. If you are not comfortable with computers, perhaps you could find a buddy to type and submit your story. If this is not possible, to allow all Members to participate, submissions can also be mailed.
  - a. Electronically – On the FWIO website, go to the Canada 150 Box in the Members Section and follow the instructions.
  - b. By Mail – The submission is to be typed or printed, double-spaced, and must include the submission form, available from your Branch Secretary or the website. Forward it to the address on the submission form.
10. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: March 31, 2015.**

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