



*Pictured (L-R): Evelyn Peck (FWIO President, 2013-2014), Donna Willows and Eleanor Williams.*

## Woman of Excellence in Agriculture Award

### FWIO Congratulates 2014 Winner, Donna Willows

"Throughout her life, agriculture and its importance has been a driving force. Through her involvement in various organizations, she has endeavoured to communicate to both rural and urban communities how and where their food is produced and what great lengths of man power and hours it takes to produce the food that feeds us all."  
- Eleanor Williams, nominator

Donna Willows has had a lifelong dedication to agriculture. She was a Junior Farmer, as well as a 4-H member. As a 4-H member, she showed in the Queen's Guineas competition for 3 years. After marriage she joined her husband in showing Holstein cattle.

During her time on the FWIO Provincial Board, Donna was the organizer of the FWIO booth at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. No small feat. Some WI Members still talk about the experience of helping in the booth and the opportunity to showcase WI.

Donna belongs to Carlingford WI (Perth South District) and has been a dedicated WI Member, active in her Branch, District and Area, co-chair of the London Area FWIO Provincial Conference and was on the Provincial Board. In addition, she has been active in local fairs, plowing matches, her church, canvassing for the Canadian Cancer Society and volunteering at the Stratford Perth Museum – wherever she can advocate for agriculture.

*Submitted by,  
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Award Representatives, 2014*



*Pictured standing (L-R): Donna Jackson, Linda Williams and Lorraine Martin. Seated: Jennie Weese.*

## Meet the Members Introducing...Jennie Weese

Jennie Weese is a valued and much loved Member of Victoria II WI (Lennox & Addington District, Kingston Area). She joined in 1944 and became involved immediately in the war effort.

Jennie was a farm wife who raised three children and was always willing to lend a hand, especially helping at the many major functions that Victoria II WI catered over the years. She is skilled at crafts and has crocheted many doilies. She is also well known for her baking and always had a variety of delicious squares ready to entertain visitors. Jennie was in her own home until two years ago and was a charming and gracious hostess. Even when she moved into Napanee from her farm, she maintained lovely flower gardens and tomato plants.

While Jennie did not hold any offices in the Branch, she was a very capable Branch Director and Social Convenor and, until two years ago, attended every meeting. Jennie is 99 years young.

Jennie was thrilled when she was presented with her 70-year pin and bouquet of flowers. She reminisced about her experiences in WI, especially the bus trips she enjoyed so much. Jennie is an example to be emulated in her fulfilling of the WI motto, For Home and Country.