



# DISTRICT WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE FAIR AWARDS

This award is presented at the District level of FWIO and recognizes the significant contributions made by WI Members working at local fairs.



## Oxford District

Congratulations to Anya Donaldson who was presented the Woman of Excellence Fair Award on the opening night of the 156th Embro Fair in 2014.

Anya became interested in submitting entries at the local fair as a teenager. In high school, she began entering and saving her prize money which she put towards her tuition for nursing school. Anya completed her nursing degree, married and moved from Calgary to Ontario where she would later rekindle her interest in fair involvement. Anya entered at the local fairs and, as a WI Member, used her creative skills to set up exhibits following the fair themes.

Anya works diligently, encouraging young people in her area to compete in the Embro Fair Ambassador Competition. Braemar WI (Southern Area) sponsors a competitor almost every year and can claim fame to many winners. In recent years, she helps as a volunteer on judging day at the Embro Fair.



*Pictured (L-R): Oxford District President Anne Innes (who presented the award), Anya Donaldson and Bernice Marsland, a Member of the Braemar WI, who presented Anya with flowers from her Branch.*



## Renfrew North District

Congratulations to Eleanor Waite, a Member of Forester's Falls WI (Eastern Area), who was presented the Woman of Excellence Fair Award at the opening ceremonies of the Cobden Fair in 2014.

Eleanor has been a loyal supporter of the Cobden Agricultural Society for many years. She has worked in the food booth, donated food and prizes, washed dishes, sold tickets and worked tirelessly to make the fair a success. Presently, she is the Chair of the Domestic Science Area where she spends hours applying for sponsorships and special prizes, working with judges and organizing the entries with their respective standings for the community to

admire. She is responsible for the security of the entries and ensures they are safely returned to the owners at the close of the fair.

Eleanor joined Forester's Falls WI in 1980, becoming a Life Member in 2005. She has held positions at Branch level and served as President for several terms of office. Her artistic flair and attention to detail is greatly appreciated in preparing the annual Branch display for the local fairs.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart". Eleanor demonstrates this, working not for pay but for the privilege - and her community reaps the benefits.



*Pictured (L-R): Renfrew North District WI President Julianna Coulas (who presented the award) and Eleanor Waite.*



## Wentworth District

Congratulations to Marianne Vogel of Rockton WI and Anne Smith of Strabane WI who were presented with the Woman of Excellence Fair Award on behalf of Wentworth District (Hamilton Area). The presentations were made at the Rockton Agricultural Society Awards Banquet on November 28, 2014.

*Pictured (L-R): Marianne Vogel, Wentworth District President Pat Cooper, and Anne Smith.*

