



ATTENTION
READERS

Women of Excellence in Agriculture Award

Since 1996, FWIO has recognized the significant contributions made by women in agriculture at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, by presenting them with a prestigious Women of Excellence in Agriculture Award.

You are invited to recognize a deserving woman who has contributed to 'excellence in agriculture' at The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. The award is open to all women, currently or previously involved in agriculture at The Fair.

Your nomination package must include the following:

- a typed profile (not to exceed 500 words) describing the work of the nominee, particularly volunteer activities, while involved in The Fair.
- 3 nominators providing letters of recommendation including contact information (not to exceed one page)
- contact information of the nominee

The closing date for submissions is September 15, 2007. The winner will be selected by an appointed committee and notified by September 30.

Forward completed nomination packages to:

Women of Excellence in Agriculture Award
c/o Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario
7382 Wellington Road 30, RR#5
Guelph, ON N1H 6J2

Safe Food Handling is Important for ALL Community Organizations

In a previous *Home & Country ROSE Garden*, we told you about the recent amendments to the Food Premises Act which exempts community groups from rules that apply to restaurants and other commercial establishments. As we mentioned previously, FWIO is working with Canadian Ministry of Health and your local Health Units to offer vital safe food handling information to WI Branches and other community organizations. Ensuring volunteers have this current and up-to-date information will help make your events a success!

Get Involved!

- Schedule a Safe Food Handling Session as part of 2007-2008
- Contact your local Health Unit this summer to schedule your date and start planning
- Invite WI Branches and other community organizations to participate
- Tell us about your event and you will have the opportunity to be selected as a feature story in an upcoming *Home & Country ROSE Garden*.

More information will be sent to your Branch ROSE Coordinator and will be in The Connecting Link, the Member Services section at www.fwio.on.ca, and in WI Chit Chat. For ideas and assistance with your planning, please contact ROSE Program Manager Patty Pizziola at 519-836-3078 or roseprogram@fwio.on.ca.

