

HOT NEWS

FWIC continues with "Into The North"

FWIC is launching the second phase of the "Into The North" Project by shifting to support school age children - K to Grade 8 - with school supply items. In order to distribute donations evenly, the country will be divided into six regions - the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairies, Alberta and British Columbia. A coordinator(s) will be appointed for each region and will seek out a community(s) to work with. Watch "The Connecting Link" and the FWIO website for more information.

Did you Know?

FWIC Convention 2009 is to be held at the University of PEI in Charlottetown in June 2009. Every WI Member that comes to PEI for the convention is asked to bring a book bag with a children's book or colouring book/crayons to be distributed by PEI wherever needed. British Columbia will host the FWIC Convention in 2012.

Announcing new FWIC Competitions!

Senator Cairine Wilson Competition

The competition for the 2006-2009 triennium is to write **"What it means to me to be a Canadian citizen"**.

The information can be in the form of a story or a poem. The story should be a minimum of 750 words and the poem a minimum of 12 lines. The poem does not have to rhyme.

Your submission must be typed and presented on 8 ½" x 11" white paper. Your name and Branch should be placed in a sealed envelope fastened on a separate piece of paper and attached to the back of the story or poem.

Points:

Content	65
Clarity of message	15
Presentation	10
Creativity	<u>10</u>
Total points	100

The winner will be announced at the National Convention in PEI in June 2009 and will be awarded a miniature replica trophy for permanent possession.

Tweedsmuir Competitions

- History Competition: a pictorial history theme- 90 years of women achieving
- Handicraft Competition: rug hooking
- Cultural Competition: essay - "The woman who inspired me"

Project guidelines and points for Tweedsmuir Competitions will be available soon. Watch for more information in The Connecting Link, online and in upcoming newsletters.

FWIC Competition Deadlines

- Women's Institute members who participate are to send their entries in each category to the District to be judged at their District Annual in the spring of 2008. Remember to place a card with your full name, address and phone number and your Women's Institute Branch, District and Area in a sealed envelope firmly attached to your entry.
- District is to send one winning entry from each category to the Area to be judged at their Area Convention in the fall of 2008.
- Area is to send one winning entry from each category to the FWIO Executive Officer to arrive no later than November 30, 2008.
- The FWIO Executive Officer to FWIC will send one winning entry from each category to the FWIC Chairs responsible for the competitions by April 1, 2009.

The FWIC theme for the 2006-2009 triennium is

"Women Inspired
Women Involved
Can Achieve Anything".

FWIC Twinning
Ontario is twinning with
Nova Scotia. WINS Branches
interested in twinning will be
announced shortly.