

# For Your Information

## Important Dates to Remember

### FWIO Board Meetings

August 8-11, 2005  
November 21-23, 2005  
January 9, 2006

### Annual Meeting

January 10, 2006

### FWIO Provincial Conference

August 11-13, 2006  
Fanshawe College, London

### FWIC Convention

Date: June 14-17, 2006  
Place: Red Deer, Alberta  
Theme: "Valuing Our Identity,  
While Adapting to Change"

Note: Registration packages are available on the FWIC website at [www.nald.ca/fwic.htm](http://www.nald.ca/fwic.htm)

## Flea Market in Support of the Lee

**Date:** August 13, 2005

**Place:** Binbrook Fair Grounds

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Vendors Wanted** - \$15 per space. Call 905-662-2691 or 905-692-4604 to reserve a space or for more information. This event is sponsored by the Erland Lee Committee.

## "WI Chit Chat" Now Available!

Communication is very important to our organization. To this end FWIO is pleased to have launched a new communication tool called "WI Chit Chat." It is a Women's Institute member discussion forum developed exclusively for members to meet online and share. The Chit Chat is a useful tool for both individual members and Branches. And it is free! Connect with fellow members in the "Members Lounge," a place for members to meet one another, share stories, ask questions, trade recipes and patterns, and it is much, much more.

Instructions on how to access WI Chit Chat are available from the FWIO Provincial Office. It can also be accessed from the Member Services Section on the FWIO website. Or access it by visiting [www.wichitchat.com](http://www.wichitchat.com) and simply follow the instructions on this screen to enter the forum. Please contact FWIO for your WI username and password.

Join other WI members online today!

## A Note from Your FWIO Executive Officer

**FWIC Competitions** - For guidelines to these competitions refer to page 8 of the Spring/Summer 2004 *Home & Country* newsletter.

**Senator Cairine Wilson Competition** - For guidelines to the Senator Cairine Wilson Competition refer to page 12 of the Spring/Summer 2004 *Home & Country* newsletter.

**Past President's Competition** - For guidelines to this Competition refer to page 13 of the Winter 2005 *Home & Country* newsletter.

Entries for all of the above FWIC Competitions are to be sent to the FWIO Provincial Office for judging. Entries are to be received no later than March 1, 2006

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## Woman of Excellence in Agriculture Award – Call for Nominations

Since 1996, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) have recognized the significant contribution made by women in agriculture at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (RAWF) by presenting them with the prestigious Woman of Excellence in Agriculture Award.

FWIO invites you to recognize a deserving woman who has tirelessly 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 Royal Winter Fair. The nomination package must include:

- a typed profile (not to exceed 500 words) describing the work of the nominee, particularly volunteer activities at the Royal Winter Fair
- letters of recommendation (not to exceed one page each) from three nominators to include their contact information
- the nominee's contact information.

The closing date for submission is September 15 each year. The winner will be notified by September 30. Call the FWIO Provincial Office for a nomination package. Send the completed nomination package to: Woman of Excellence in Agriculture Award, c/o FWIO, 7382 Wellington Road 30, RR 5, Guelph ON N1H 6J2, Fax: 519-836-9456.

## Provincial Office News

The following Provincial level positions are open positions at FWIO's Annual Meeting in January 2006:

President-Elect  
Eastern Regional Board Director  
Western Regional Board Director  
Southern Regional Board Director  
Northern Regional Board Director  
ROSE Coordinator  
Advocacy Coordinator  
Tweedsmuir Coordinator  
Membership Coordinator

All positions are to be nominated at Area Conventions following the same procedure as that for the President-Elect. Contact the Provincial Office for current roles and responsibilities and for current applications.

## Hospitality Homes

Remember, Hospitality Homes in Ontario are open to all WI members and their companions for \$15 per night per person. To obtain a list of Homes, send three 50 cent stamps to Gillian Catto at 89 Ellmen Road, RR 1, Whitefish ON P0M 3E0, Phone: 705-866-0253. If possible, Gillian prefers that members obtain a list via email at [gilcat@sympatico.ca](mailto:gilcat@sympatico.ca)

## New Look

I'm sure you will have noticed the "new look" to this issue of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) newsletter. Last November, the Board passed a motion to incorporate *The ROSE Garden* into the *Home & Country* newsletter. The FWIO newsletter is now known as the *Home & Country ROSE Garden*. Hope you like it!

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