

FWIO Executive Officer Report

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FWIC Tweedsmuir Competitions

- Cultural Competition – Story – “Grandmother, Mother and Me”
- Handicraft Competition – Craft – Hardanger Table Runner
- Community History Competition – Story – “If These Walls Could Talk”

For guidelines to each of these competitions, refer to page 8 of the Spring/Summer 2004 *Home & Country* newsletter. All Branches are encouraged to participate in each of these three categories. Entries are to be sent to the Provincial Office for judging. Entries are to be received no later than March 1, 2006.

Senator Cairine Wilson Competition

This Competition is open to individual Women's Institute members. The Senator Cairine Wilson Silver Rose Bowl Trophy, first awarded in 1957, is presented for the most outstanding project in Citizenship. For the 2003-2006 triennium, the Competition is to write about our own Women's Institute members who demonstrate qualities outlined in the Mary Stewart Collect and who have contributed to the development of a

Branch or Branches. She may be the member that started your Branch or someone who keeps the Branch learning and supporting their community. There are hundreds of members who could have their contribution acknowledged and celebrated!

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

FWIC Convention

The next Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) Convention will be held from June 14 to 17, 2006, in Red Deer, Alberta. It is never too early to start planning, so mark these dates on your calendar now. The Convention Theme is “Valuing Our Identity, While Adapting to Change.” Registration packages can be found on the FWIC website at: www.nald.ca/fwic.htm

Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead Update

In November 2003, Adelaide Hunter Hoodless was inducted into Brantford's Walk of Fame. If you are in the area, go check out the monument near Brantford's City Hall. Adelaide's contributions to the community, Canada and the world were recognized in the ceremony attended by many dignitaries and Women's Institute representatives.

A beautiful Iroquois ceramic sculpture presented during the ceremony is on display at the Homestead.

The Homestead has seen many changes and improvements. A new roof and windows are now in place, blinds for the windows have been installed (thanks to the Hamilton Area WI) and the exterior of the Homestead has been painted. The National Office has moved into the apartment attached to the rear of the Homestead. Grants are being applied for to do renovations to the kitchen area to make the space more suitable for group functions. Curator Karen Richardson has been hired to work fifteen hours a week. Parks Canada is creating a 3-D Virtual Tour of the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead and the Erland Lee (Museum) Home on their website. So keep your eye on that site!

Many thanks are extended to everyone who contributed to the Adelaide Hoodless Upkeep Fund through the “Focus High for WI” Project and to all those who gave of their time and talents.

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Highland Creek WI Receives Heritage Award

Since March of 1908 the Highland Creek Women's Institute has served the community well. In recognition of their years of service to their community, Heritage Ontario presented the Branch with a Heritage Award. Long-time President Mary Miller and Secretary Evelyn Dempsey accepted the Award on behalf of the group. Shown from left to right is Scarborough Archivist Richard Schofield and WI members Lois McAuley, Evelyn Dempsey, Mary Miller, Patricia Barratt, Doreen Burton and Clara Lahmer.

With the support of the Scarborough Historical Society, Mr. Schofield recommended the Highland Creek WI for the award. Several weeks later, the Historical Society organized a slide presentation at the Bendale Public Library highlighting the Branch's achievements throughout its 96-year history.

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