

Quilts, Quills and Bears

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In September 2005, the Women's Institute is hosting a provincial Quilt Show! What's in it for you, your Branch, District or Area? Read on!

The name of the show is "Quilts, Quills and Bears."

Quilts

Individuals, Branches, Districts or Areas may send quilts for viewing. There will be a "Viewer's Choice" Award. You may also send quilts that you wish to sell. You decide the price. A 10 per cent hanging fee will be deducted from the selling price. The plan is to have 800 quilts in the show.

Quilt Block Competition

The completed quilts will be raffled with the draw taking place at the show. Tickets will be sold at the 2004 Area Convention and at the show.

Quills

There is a Children's Story Writing Competition! The story is to be written at a Grade 3 level and is to be about "Quincy" the bear and his or her adventure with a quilt. Good luck!

Bears

There will be a police car at the quilt show and the idea is to fill the car with bears - sewn, crocheted and knitted bears to be given out to those needing comfort. Many of you are involved doing this locally, but if Women's Institute crafted together, imagine the number of bears to fill a car! What great publicity for the WI!

You will be hearing more about the quilts and bears later. It was important, however, to get the information out to you that the Women's Institute is having a provincial Quilt Show, with:

- a Quilt Block Competition
- a Children's Story Writing Competition
- quilts needed for viewing
- quilts needed for sale
- donated bears needed to fill a police car.

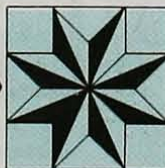
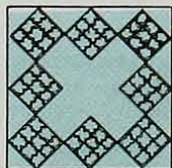
Vendors

There will be vendors and your Branch, District or Area can be a vendor. All you need to do is rent a space. All profits are yours. The price of renting a space is unknown at this time since venues are still being negotiated.

Quilt Block Competition

Rules:

- Open to all members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO).
- All blocks become the property of FWIO.
- Entries must be submitted by June 30, 2004.
- Entries must include the member's name, address, postal code, telephone/fax/email, as well as the name of their Branch and District, in a sealed envelope securely attached to the back of the block for judging purposes.
- Entries to be forwarded to Anne Dyas, RR 3, Cochrane ON P0L 1C0.
- Material - cotton
- Size - 14 inches finished - the worked area to be 13 1/2 inches square, the remaining 1/2 inch to form the seam allowance.
- Colour - the principle colours to be green and pale yellow on a white background; other colours may be used in conjunction with the principle colours.
- Design - pieced, appliqué, trapunto; a member may enter one of each design.
- Block not to be quilted.
- Block will be judged on workmanship and colour combination. The quilt blocks will be made into a quilt or quilts. They will be raffled, with the draw to take place at the Quilt Show to be held in 2005. Prize money for the top three blocks is \$75, \$50 and \$25.



Children's Story Writing Competition

As part of the Quilt Show, FWIO is sponsoring a competition to choose a winning story about a teddy bear named Quincy and his or her great adventure with a quilt. The winning story will be published as a children's book of special interest to Grade 3 level readers. The judges will be looking for a story that a child would enjoy an adult reading aloud to them, as well as a story that a child will enjoy reading on their own.

Competition Rules:

- Open to all members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO).
- All entries must tell an original story in the author's own words.
- Text to be 500 to 750 words printed or typed double-spaced on 8 1/2 x 11 inch plain paper.
- Qualified judges, chosen by the committee, will not be Women's Institute members; the judges' decision shall be final.
- The committee reserves the right to edit any entry where necessary (e.g. sentence structure, etc.).
- FWIO will have the winning story professionally illustrated by an artist of their choice before publication. Please do not illustrate your story.
- Entries may not identify the author in the text of the story.
- Entries must include the member's name, address, postal code, telephone/fax/email, as well as the name of their Branch and District, in a sealed envelope securely attached for judging purposes. Entry must include the signed Release Form. Please ask your Branch Secretary for a copy of this Form.
- Deadline for Submission - Entries must be postmarked no later than May 30, 2004, and mailed to FWIO clearly marked as follows: FWIO, Provincial Office, 7382 Wellington Rd. 30, RR 5, Guelph ON N1H 6J2, Attention: Story Writing Competition.
- Book to be published by FWIO under the author's name. All entries become the sole property of FWIO.
- Prize - \$350
- The book will be launched in September 2005 at the Quilt Show and the author will be present to autograph copies.

There is something for everyone - quilting, sewing, crocheting, knitting and story writing. Plan to be involved in creating a first rate show! Watch for more details in future newsletters and mailings.

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