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Points to Ponder:

When you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.



Report of the FWIO Executive Officer to FWIC

At the last several Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) Board Meetings, a great deal of discussion surrounded the plight of the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead. Difficult decisions had to be made. But things are looking up:

- At the Annual General Meeting in May 2002, FWIC voted for a mandatory fee of \$1.50 per member per year from every WI member across Canada. The fee will go to the Homestead's Upkeep Fund starting with the June 2003 fees.
- Charitable Donation Tax Receipts are available from the national office for individual donors. But remember to mark your cheque "Upkeep Fund."
- An Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant of \$33,600 will provide for a new roof, windows and electrical upgrades to be completed by January 2004.
- The FWIC Board has decided to move the national office to the Homestead after the FWIC Convention in Lennoxville, Quebec, in June.
- The security system and insurance coverages have been upgraded. A Property Manager for the Homestead has been hired at a nominal fee to check the home three times a week to satisfy insurance and ensure safety for the maintenance of the artifacts.
- Thanks to the generous donation from the Bruce McBlain family of Brant County, who will provide the first two-year rental, Tourism-Oriented

Directional Signs will be erected at Highway 24 and County Road 5.

The FWIC Convention information has been distributed to the provinces. Please contact the Provincial Office for a Registration Form. Remember, there is a limited number for each province and the Forms have been numbered and cannot be photocopied. The registration fee, minus \$50 for administration, is refundable under the following circumstances: if the Registrar receives cancellation notice by May 1, 2003, or if the registrant is sick or bereaved after May 1, 2003. There will be a draw among the first time attendees and their registration fee will be refunded.

FWIC Tweedsmuir Competitions 2000-2003 – Ontario Winners

Community History Competition

– "The History of a Button" – Fact or Fiction Winner – Catherine Ruth Freymond - Victoria II WI, Lennox & Addington, Kingston Area

Handicraft Competition

– "Quilt Block of Provincial Flower" Winner – Maritta Saharinen - Kars WI, Carleton Eastern Area

Cultural Competition

– "Scrapbooking" – Family Memories Winner - E. Ruth Algire – Williamsburg WI, Dundas, Eastern Area

Unity Essay Competition

– "My Part of Canada" Winner – Mary Victoria Nelles, Sim's Locks WI, Haldimand, Hamilton Area

Marg Eberle is the outgoing FWIO Executive Officer to FWIC. Her term will be completed in June.

The President's Penmanship Challenge



The President's Penmanship Challenge entails the submission of a handwritten or hand printed copy of the Mary Stewart Collect. The guidelines are as follows:

- **Who is eligible to enter?** – all members who are 70 years or older
- **Paper Quality** – archival quality, white or parchment in colour
- **Paper Size** - 8 1/2 x 11 inches or 10 x 13 inches with a one inch margin

- **Penmanship** – to be handwritten or printed in black ink, with either a ballpoint, fountain or calligraphy pen
- **Contact Information** - all entries to include the name, address, phone number, Branch and District of the entrant enclosed in a sealed envelope
- **Deadlines** – Bring submissions to be judged at District Annuals this year; winners to proceed to the Area Conventions this fall; Area winners to be received at the FWIO Provincial Office no later than November 28, 2003; winner announced at the Annual Meeting in 2004
- **Prize** - \$25 and the Collect will be suitably framed and hung in the Provincial Office.