

Provincial Calendar of Events, 2002-2003

Jan. 13, 2003 – FWIO Board Meeting, Barrie

Jan. 14, 2003 - FWIO Open Annual Meeting, Kempenfeldt Conference Centre, Barrie

For more information about Erland Lee (Museum) events see page 10, or contact Curator Michael Gemmell at 552 Ridge Rd., Stoney Creek ON L8J 2Y6, Phone: 905-662-2691. Or check out the website at www.fwio.on.ca/fwio/events.html



Communications Handbook – A Great Resource

In response to a number of requests from a variety of groups and individuals, the Communications Review Team of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) developed a comprehensive communications workshop, which they delivered to participants in the winter and spring of 2001. A companion workbook entitled a *Communications Handbook* was compiled and is available on the OFA website or through their Regional Field Representatives. Call a regional OFA office today and ask about this great resource. Or find it on the OFA website.

Donations List

Please note the following motion, passed at the August 2002 FWIO Board Meeting, with respect to the Donations List: That the Donations List currently printed in the *Home & Country* newsletter will be printed as an annual insert in the newsletter.

- All donations received since April 25, 2002, to the fiscal year end, September 30, 2002, will be included as an insert in the Annual Branch Mailing from the Provincial Office early in 2003. All donations given in this fiscal year prior to April 25 have already been listed in the *Home & Country*.
- All donations that are received in the fiscal year from October 1, 2002, to September 30, 2003, will be included as an insert in the Winter 2003-2004 issue of the *Home & Country* newsletter.

FWIO Credit Card Proposal Cancelled

Due to a lack of interest and to protect membership list confidentiality, the FWIO Board decided to discontinue discussions with MBNA Canada/Mastercard in the development of a credit card exclusive to the organization.

A Good Idea!

Does your local library or public and secondary school have *For Home and Country: The Centennial History of the Women's Institutes in Ontario* in their collection? This book is now available for \$15 for unmailed copies and only \$20 if it is mailed from the FWIO Provincial Office. The FWIO Board encourages Branches to purchase copies of *For Home and Country* to donate to their local library and schools. What a great way to promote the work of the organization and contribute to the community at the same time!

ACWW 24th Triennial Conference in 2004

The 24th Triennial Conference of ACWW will be held from March 23 to 29, 2004, in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. The cost of registration is 225 pounds up to the Early Bird Registration date of September 12, 2003; thereafter it is 250 pounds. The fee covers the Welcome Reception, Gala Dinner, Tasmania Day, Official Opening and Closing of the Conference, as well as a Tasmania Evening of Entertainment. Lunches are included from March 24 through to the 29, in addition to a Conference Bag, Badge and papers.

ACWW Competitions

- Greeting Card – depicting the 24th Conference Theme – “Working with Women Worldwide”
- Bookmark – size – 5 cm x 25 cm, any material, to include the initials ACWW, the 24th Conference date and place

Note: The July-Sept. and Oct.-Dec. 2002 issue of *The Countrywoman* contains the ACWW Conference Registration Form and other pertinent information.



FWIO Policy re: the Mailing List

The FWIO Policy re: the mailing list maintained at the Provincial Office reads as follows:

The names and addresses of the members shall not be given out with the exception of a list of Area, District and Branch Secretaries, which is provided to the Provincial Board and Coordinators and other provincial positions if required.

Note: Any member can get in touch with other members via Branch, District and Area Secretaries.



Nominate Someone Today!

Take note of the upcoming spring deadlines for the following awards:

- The Governor General's Caring Canadian Awards – March 1 each year
- Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame – May 1 each year
- The Order of Ontario – May 1 each year
- Foundation for Rural Living Awards of Rural Excellence – June 30 each year
- Governor General's Awards in Commemoration of the Person's Case – May 17 each year
- YWCA – YMCA Women of Distinction Awards – April or May each year

For a more complete listing of Awards, contact information and deadlines, ask your Branch Secretary about the *Home & Country* Summer Supplement that was mailed to all Branches in August 2002. Nominate someone today!

Future Mailings

Watch for this material in future mailings to your Branch and/or District:

- a synthesis of the District Public Relations Reports
- a summary of the reports from the District Education Coordinators
- Computers – The New Age! Are You Ready? (a Fact Sheet by this title compiled by Education Coordinator Joan King).

Hospitality Homes

Are you planning a vacation? Remember, Hospitality Homes in Ontario are open to all WI members and their companions for \$10 per night per person. To obtain a list of the Homes, send three 48 cent stamps to Gillian Catto at Box 16, Site 14, RR 1, Whitefish ON P0M 3E0, Phone: 705-866-0253.

2003 Christmas Ornaments

To avoid disappointment, order your 2003 Christmas ornaments today by calling the FWIO Provincial Office at 519-836-3078, or email Heather at heatherr@fwio.on.ca

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