

For Your Information

Provincial Calendar of Events, 2002

- July 9-Aug. 18** - Heritage Quilt Show at the Lee
Aug. 11 - 30th Anniversary Come-and-Go Tea & Craft Show at the Lee
Aug. 12-14 - FWIO Board Meeting, Guelph
Sept. 7 - Central Ontario Artists Association "Paint Out at the Lee"
Sept. 12-13 - Harvest Luncheon and Antique Appraisal at the Lee
Sept. 19 - Lee Committee's Fall Bus Tour
Sept. 20-22 - ACWW Area Conference, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec
Oct. 1-31 - 10th Annual Local Artist Show & Sale at the Lee
Nov. 9-10 - "A Family Lost, A Home Created," The Erland Lee Home Remembers
Nov. 23-25 - Community Quilt Documentation Workshop at the Lee
Nov. 25-27 - FWIO Board Meeting, Guelph
Dec. 3-23 - A Victorian Country Christmas at the Lee

For more information on the above events at the Lee Home contact Curator Michael Gemmell, at 552 Ridge Rd., Stoney Creek ON L8J 2Y6, Phone: 905-662-2691. Or check out the web page at www.fwio.on.ca/fwio/events.html

WI Plaque Dedications

Has your community dedicated a plaque or monument in recognition of the work of the Women's Institute in your area? If your WI has been honoured in such a way, please send a brief history or report, along with a photograph if possible, to the FWIO Provincial Office.

How many Women's Institute groups have a sign at the entrance to your village, town or city? Have you adopted a section of highway under the Adopt-A-Road program in Ontario? Do you wear special t-shirts or aprons promoting the WI when you volunteer in your community? Again, please send a brief report and photograph to the Provincial Office.

If either scenario applies to your Branch, send the information to the Provincial Office in an envelope marked "Attention - Christine." Past President Christine Reaburn is compiling scrapbooks of community recognitions of the WI and the various ways the WI promotes themselves in their community. Be recognized and send your information today!

FWIO Open Annual Meeting - Jan. 14, 2003

This is the date for the FWIO Open Annual Meeting to be held at the Kempenfeldt Conference Centre in Barrie. An FWIO Board Meeting will be held on Jan. 13, 2003, and workshops for FWIO officers will be held on Jan. 15, 2003. More details of the Open Annual Meeting will follow in either the Summer Supplement or Fall *Home & Country*.

A Reminder

Just a reminder to Branches to send their Education Coordinator reports to the District and not to the FWIO Education Coordinator Joan King. Thanks!

Loan Library at the Provincial Office

- There is one copy of the video of the Peace Bridge Ceremony available from the FWIO Provincial Office Loan Library.
- CALLCANADA99 has compiled a new tool for programming - a binder of resources entitled "Construction Tools for the Facilitator." It is well laid out and easy to follow. Many of the topics covered, such as "The Health of Our Air" and "Climate Change and Its Impact Upon Agriculture," fit with our upcoming programming for 2002-2003 on "Food Safety and Nutrition." This resource is available from the Provincial Office, with Branches paying postage both ways. Call today!

Membership Coordinator's Request

The FWIO Membership Coordinator, Cindy Lockhart, is working on a directory of email addresses to include one or two contacts from each Branch. It is her hope to have immediate access to all Branches in the province to help ease communications re: membership recruitment information. If you aren't a part of this directory, please send a contact and email address for your Branch to Cindy. If you have any questions, she can be reached at 736 Algonquin Dr., Midland ON L4R 4Z9, Phone: 705-527-7768, Fax: 705-527-1671, Email: lockhart@csolve.net

Special Donations to the Lee Museum

Special donations to the Lee Museum have been recently made by the following Women's Institute Branches:

- Laura Rose WI, Waterloo District - Bronze Level Donation - between \$500-\$999
- Hampden WI, Grey South District - Silver Level Donation - between \$1,000-\$4,999

Bronze and Silver Level Sponsors are recognized with a walnut maple leaf, approximately 8 inches in diameter, with an engraved black and metallic plate bearing their name. The leaf is mounted on the south wall of the Carriage House Picture Gallery. Gold Level sponsors are recognized with a larger walnut wood plaque, approximately 8 by 12 inches, with an engraved black and gold metallic plate bearing their name.

A Note from FWIC

Women's Institutes in Canada: The First One Hundred Years, 1897-1997, written by Dr. Linda Ambrose, is a perfect gift to send a friend and a perfect gift to receive. Order a book for a friend anywhere in Canada and FWIC will mail it directly to them and include a card with best wishes from you. Send all details, plus \$14.50 payable to FWIC to the National Office, 251 Bank St., Suite 606, Ottawa ON K2P 1X3, Phone/Fax: 613-234-1090. Don't forget these history books make a great gift for speakers or anyone who has assisted the Women's Institute in some way.

Hospitality Homes

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

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