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### The Five Stages of Womanhood:

1. to grow up
2. to fill out
3. to slim down
4. to hold it in
5. to heck with it!



## Letters

### What Nerve!

Put yourself in this situation – your voice mail echoes back at you: "Would you please buy me a quilt at the auction tomorrow. I'm willing to pay x number of dollars." This is exactly what I did to Pat Salter at the ACWW Triennial Conference last June. What nerve!

Pat, along with roommate Marg Harris, got the message. So what do the WI girls do? They form a committee, the two of them, plus Ruth Grose, Marg Hall and Enid Whale. The Monday evening after the Conference, I got a telephone call from Pat saying, "You own an International Quilt! Winnie has it in her van." Right after breakfast Tuesday morning, I drove over to Winnie's home. WOW!

Now I had to learn more about my treasure. Fortunately, Edith Lazaruk recorded the names of the ladies who made the blocks. Irene Enders printed the labels and the two of them attached them to the back of each quilt. The label told me that Hunta WI did the quilting. Do you know where Hunta, Ontario, is? I didn't either – so get out your road map!

Elna Blackburn is the Secretary of the nine-member Hunta Branch. These ladies

quilted throughout the winter, two days a week for three and a half months. Now I must tell you where the blocks came from – 2 came from New Zealand, 1 from England, 1 from Northern Ireland, 4 from Iowa, USA, 1 from Nebraska, USA, 1 each from British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland in Canada and the remainder from Ontario, Canada. A truly international quilt!

I even had more nerve. I wrote to Hilda Stewart, World President of ACWW, asking if she could connect me to the lady who made the Northern Ireland block. Would you believe I received a hand written note from Hilda? It gives me goose bumps when I think about it! What a gracious lady!

I have received several letters from those wonderful ladies who created the blocks. I would like to thank them, as well as a big thank you to the Thunder Bay District who coordinated the International Quilt Block Competition. What a task!

Well, I better stop here. I'm starting to talk about my quilt as much as I talk about my grandchildren!

*Irene Maurer*

Moorefield WI, Wellington North

### The FWIO Marketing Committee had a busy year!

One of the Marketing Committee's accomplishments has been to gather the various items sold by FWIO and place them together in a kit. The kit consists of a small compact suitcase embroidered with the FWIO logo. Each of the 26 Provincial Advisory Councillors (PAC) received a suitcase full of items. Pictured from left to right is Pat Salter – member at large, Edith Jenkins – PAC, Subdivision 2 and Paula Williamson – PAC, Subdivision 7. PAC is expected to use the kit as a promotional tool to boost sales. Ask your PAC to show you these items today!

Submitted by Paula Williamson, Chair,  
FWIO Marketing Committee.

