Provincial Calendar of Events, 2002

May 7 - Board Teleconference

June 12-14 - Board Meeting, St. Joseph Island

Aug. 12-14 - Board Meeting, Guelph

Sept. 17 - Board Teleconference

Nov. 25-27 - Board Meeting, Guelph

For more information on the Erland Lee (Museum) Home events call 905-662-2691, or refer to the Winter *Home & Country* Supplement for a detailed listing on the back page. **Note:** The Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead will only be open from May 16 to August 31 this year due to financial circumstances. For information on their events during this period call 519-448-1130.

Hospitality Homes

Are you planning a vacation? Remember, Hospitality Homes in Ontario are open to all Women's Institute members and their traveling 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, at Box 16, Site 14, RR 1, Whitefish ON POM 3E0, Phone: 705-866-0253.

FWIO Tartan for Sale

Yardage required to make a vest: McCall's Pattern 8940 has seven vest styles for sizes 4 to 22 using 60 inch material. For example, size 12 to 14 uses 1 to 1 3/8 yards depending on whether you want edge-to-edge waist length or buttoned hip length. Leftovers can be used for buttons and bows, hat bands, book marks and covers, blouse or jacket trim, pillow or cushion edges, belts, doll clothes, mini draw-string bags and coin purses (etc.).

How to order the FWIO Tartan

Place your order based on the following:

 Metres: ____ x \$60.00
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 Shipping/Handling
 = \$5.00

 Subtotal
 =

 7% GST on Subtotal
 =

 Total
 =

Mail your order and cheque, payable to FWIO, to the Provincial Office at 7382 Wellington Rd. 30, RR 5, Guelph ON N1H 6J2, Phone: 519-836-3078, Fax: 519-836-9456.

Home & Country Supplement

The FWIO Board decided last November to issue two Home & Country Supplements, along with the four quarterly newsletters. These supplements will be printed in February and July, to arrive at the Branch late in that month. The purpose of these supplements is to print reference information (i.e. address lists, calendar of events for the Lee Home, etc.) or timely information and news from the provincial level (i.e. introduction of provincial projects, competitions, etc.). This leaves more space in the regular 16-page newsletter for more Branch, District and Area coverage of activities and events. Note: There is only one supplement printed per Branch. So ask your Branch Secretary to pass it around at your next meeting.

Provincial Office Notes

- Monies donated for the September 11 crisis have been forwarded to the Red Cross.
- The Tuesday and Friday Provincial Office closure has been extremely helpful in allowing staff to catch up on their workload, without the expense of hiring additional help. Your understanding and cooperation in this matter has been much appreciated.
- Please direct inquiries re: finances and charitable status (etc.) to Lynn Ruigrok, FWIO Executive Director, at lynnr@fwio.on.ca
- Inquiries re: general information, supply orders, scholarships and displays should be directed to Heather Ross, Office Assistant, at fwio@sentex.net
- Inquiries re: receipts and expense cheques should be directed to Mary Poodry, Bookkeeper, at maryp@fwio.on.ca

Old Supply Stock for Sale

Numerous consignment orders have been recently returned to the Provincial Office. Limited quantities of the following items are now available:

1997 Christmas Ornaments - \$5 1999 Christmas Ornaments - \$5 Centennial Rulers - \$2 Centennial Mugs – Pink - \$2.50

Marketing Research Development Director

The FWIO has recently hired Kelly Marshall-Rutherford as the Marketing Resource Development Director for the organization. She can be reached at the Provincial Office at 519-836-3078 or email her at kellymr@fwio.on.ca

Condolences

Condolences to family and friends of the late Janet Hieplah, former FWIO President from 1980 to 1983, who passed away in February 2002. During her term in office, Hieplah oversaw a major transition in the relationship between the Department of Agriculture and the Women's Institute. This major restructuring meant that the WI would be connected to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food through an arm called the Rural Organizations and Services Branch.

Donors List

Once again, due to space constraints the Donors List is not included in this issue. It will be updated in the Summer issue of the regula Home & Country newsletter or in the Summer Supplement. Watch for it!

Safe Food Handling Resource Kit

The Beef Information Centre has put together a free Resource Kit to help promote safe food handling. The Kit includes: a Resource Guide, with key resources available for practising and training in safe food handling; a Safe Food Handling Information Booklet, with a "Top 10" list of food handling do's and don'ts; and a Safe Food Handling Poster, with three important messages re: Time and Temperature Management, Ground Beef Handling and Stop Cross Contamination! To order this Kit contact the Beef Information Centre Office at 2233 Argentia Rd., Ste. 100, Mississauga ON L5N 2X7, Phone: 905-821-4900, Fax: 905-821-4915.

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