

- The FWIC Annual Report for 2000-2001 is available from the FWIC Office at 251 Bank St., Suite 606, Ottawa ON K2P 1X3, Phone/Fax: 613-234-1090.
- The FWIC Convention will be held in Lennoxville, Quebec from June 22 – 28, 2003.
- The following twinning program has been set up by FWIC between WI Branches in Ontario and other provinces:
  - Eastern Ontario Region is twinned with Prince Edward Island
  - Southern Ontario Region is twinned with Manitoba
  - Northern and Western Ontario Regions are twinned with New Brunswick
- Visit the FWIC Website at <http://www.nald.ca/fwic.htm>  
Soon, you will be able to connect to it via the FWIO Website at [www.fwio.on.ca](http://www.fwio.on.ca)
- Email the national office at [fwic@magna.ca](mailto:fwic@magna.ca)
- Changes to Tweedsmuir Competition Guidelines
  - "The History of a Button" – remember this refers to a clothing button, and the story must be typed or legibly hand written.

**FWIC Competition Deadlines**

**Take note of the following deadline dates for the FWIC Competitions:**

- Women's Institute members who participate are to send their entries in each category to the District to be judged at their District Annual in the spring of 2002. Remember to place a card with your full name, address and phone number and your Women's Institute Branch, District and Area in a sealed envelope firmly attached to your entry.
- District is to send one winning entry from each category to the Area to be judged at their Area Convention in the fall of 2002.
- Area is to send one winning entry from each category to the FWIO Executive Officer to FWIC, Marg Eberle, at RR 1, Highgate ON N0P 1T0, Phone: 519-678-3289, Fax: 519-678-3313, Email: [jeberle@netrover.com](mailto:jeberle@netrover.com) to arrive no later than November 30, 2002.
- The FWIO Executive Officer to FWIC will send one winning entry from each category to the FWIC Unity Convenor by April of 2003.

The Erland Lee (Museum) Home recently unveiled the new donor wall in the Carriage House. This recognition board, consisting of carved walnut plaques with black backing and gold, silver and bronze detailing, is a culmination of the fundraising program instituted by FWIO in 1999 in regards to the Lee. There are three donor categories: Bronze - \$500 to \$999, Silver - \$1,000 to \$4,999 and Gold - \$5,000 plus. The donor board hangs beside the Women's Institute picture gallery, linking the earliest contributions to the WI to today's major sponsors. Current Gold level sponsors include the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Hamilton Community Foundation and June Williams, who left the Lee Home a major bequest in 2000.

This new donor recognition program does not replace the Memorial Fund donation program. The Memorial Fund still recognizes smaller donations to the Home in a Memorial Book in the dining room. With the Museum's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary approaching in 2002, the Lee Committee wishes to thank everyone who has contributed to the upkeep and operation of FWIO's most prominent "jewel in the crown."

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**Whiteman's Creek WI, Brant**

Whiteman's Creek WI hosted two busloads of delegates from the ACWW Triennial Conference on June 16. The weather was perfect to welcome the visitors to the beautiful town of Paris. Branch President Karen Wismer and Past President Marsha Edgar were the tour guides for the day. Visitors were treated to a tour of a typical Ontario farm house, circa 1915, where they were welcomed by Harold and Mary Ellen Edgar as well as the oldest Whiteman's Creek member Maude Kirkpatrick.

The next stop was a garden tour at the home of Master Gardeners Dave and Mary Collins, followed by a luncheon at the Bethel United Church built in 1864. Visitors were encouraged to view the Tweedsmuir History Books and sign the guest register. Paris Historian Fred Bemrose boarded each bus providing an interesting commentary of the many cobblestone homes and churches as they took an excursion around town. Mayor Ron Eddy gave official greetings in the Brant County Council Chambers before the group departed for the barbecue at the Country Heritage Park in Milton.

What a wonderful opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with men and women from around the world!



*From left to right are Joyce MacDonald - Vice-President, Whiteman's Creek WI, Elizabeth Rushton - ACWW Area President for Canada, Rae Cochrane - delegate from Northern Ireland, Betty Houbion - delegate from USA, and Julie Gillis - Secretary/Treasurer, Whiteman's Creek WI.*

*Submitted by Jennifer Edgar, District Director, Whiteman's Creek WI, Brant.*

