

Provincial Calendar of Events, 2001

Oct. 1-31 - 9th Annual Local Artist Show & Sale at the Lee Home

Nov. 10 - Heritage Workshop at the Lee

Nov. 26-28 - Board Meeting

Dec. 2- Christmas Open House, Hoodless Homestead

Dec. 4-23 - Christmas at the Lee Home

Jan. 14, 2002 - Board Meeting

Jan. 15, 2002 - Open Annual Meeting

For more information on the Erland Lee (Museum) Home events call 905-662-2691.

Call the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead at 519-448-1130.

FWIO OPEN ANNUAL MEETING

- January 15, 2002

This is the date for the FWIO Open Annual Meeting to be held at the Kempenfeldt Conference Centre in Barrie.

Cost: \$33 - includes lunch, breaks and an annual report

Deadline for Registration: Dec. 1, 2001

Same Day Registration - Cost: \$10

(no meals or annual report)

Registration Time: 8:30 a.m.

Note: In order to arrange for meals for bus loads and large groups, advance registration is required. Only those who preregister will receive an agenda, an annual report and meals. To register call the FWIO Provincial Office at 519-836-3078.

Tentative Agenda at the Annual Meeting

Provincial Advisory Councillors, Coordinators and Board are to participate in a Membership Workshop on Monday, January 14, 2002, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and continuing after dinner from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The workshop will break for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

The Open Annual Meeting will be held on the following day, on Tuesday, January 15, 2002. Workshops for provincial officers - Board Directors, Coordinators, Provincial Advisory Councillors and Committees of the Board - are being organized for Wednesday, January 16 on topics yet to be finalized.

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 47 cent stamps to Gillian Catto, Hospitality Homes Coordinator, at Box 16, Site 14, RR 1, Whitefish ON P0M 3E0, Phone: 705-866-0253.

FWIO International Exchange, 2001

Pat Salter from Alma, Ontario, was chosen as the FWIO representative for the International Exchange with the Michigan Association for Family and Consumer Education. FWIO offers up to \$500 towards the expenses of the successful Exchange participant. In return, the participant has to document the benefit of the exchange visit to herself and to FWIO and submit it to Board.

Provincial Office Notes

Life Membership Fact Sheet

Given the number of questions regarding Life Memberships in the organization, the Provincial Board has decided to develop a fact sheet to help answer these queries. Watch for this fact sheet in your January Branch mailing.

Insurance Fact Sheet

A fact sheet addressing the many queries regarding FWIO's liability insurance is also being developed. It is being reviewed by FWIO's insurance broker and will be available to members in the January Branch mailing. Also watch for this fact sheet and keep it on file in your Branch for future reference.

Task Force on Agriculture

The Prime Minister's Caucus Task Force is underway to explore *Future Opportunities in Farming*. The Task Force will consider the effectiveness and future direction of safety net programs, farm products that will attract a premium price and rural economic opportunities for farm operations to contribute to a healthy environment, as well as increase Canadians' confidence in food safety. It is the intention to deliver the report to the Prime Minister by September 2003. Talk to your MP if you wish to provide input into this report.

Wanted

The FWIO Marketing Committee is looking for two people with product/marketing experience and ideas. Send resumes to the FWIO Provincial Office, Attention - Marketing Committee Chair.

Donations List

Due to space constraints in the *Home & Country* newsletter, the Donations List is not included in this issue. Watch for it in the Winter issue.

ACWW Quilt Draw Winners

Prize Winning Quilt - V. Currah, Toronto ON

2nd Place - Jocelyn McIntyre, Cochrane AB

3rd Place - Sandra Vibrent, Thunder Bay ON

Provincial Office Gets Provincial Flag



At a spring meeting, Wellington Centre District was informed that the FWIO Provincial Office at Marden did not have a provincial flag. With the ACWW Conference to be held in the province, this would never do! The District decided to take up a collection and, "voila!," they had more than enough to purchase a flag. It was proudly carried and displayed during the Opening Ceremonies of the ACWW Conference. From left to right are District President Myrtle Reid, District Assistant Secretary Pat Salter and FWIO President-Elect Dianne Orr.

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