

FWIC Competition Deadlines:

A Message from the FWIO Unity Convenor - Donna Russett

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

- Each level of the Women's Institute is to arrange their own judges, and decide if they wish to provide prizes.
- Branch and/or individual Women's Institute entries are to be judged at Branch level. 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.
- Branch is to send one winning entry from each category to the District Secretary to arrive by March 30, 1999.
- District is to send one winning entry from each category to the Area Secretary to arrive by July 30, 1999.
- Area is to send one winning entry from each category to the FWIO Unity Convenor - Donna Russett, RR 3, Stirling ON K0K 3E0, to arrive no later than January 30, 2000.
- FWIO Unity Convenor to send one winning entry from each category to FWIC Unity Convenor to arrive no later than April 30, 2000.
- Winning entries will be announced and on display at the 2000 FWIC Convention in Brandon, Manitoba.

Note: All entries are to follow the above path, beginning at the Branch level. Under no circumstances will deadline dates be changed.

Past President's Competition

The Past President's Essay Competition of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada for the triennium 1997 to 2000 is open to any Women's Institute member or their family members.

Topic: "Women's Institutes in a Changing Society"

- with a look back on WIs impact on the social, political, agricultural and educational structures
- with consideration given to interaction and cooperation with other farm and women's organizations (understanding that the need to have women's issues on the agendas of farm organizations resulted in the formation of farm women's groups)
- with positive insights for the future after 2000
- possible starting point - *Growing Strong, Women in Agriculture*, published by the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women

Prize: a prize not less than \$200 will be offered, with runners-up recognized at the national convention in June of 2000; there will be an opportunity for the winner to read her essay

Regulations:

- a 1000 to 1500 word essay on "Women's Institutes in a Changing Society"
- essays to be submitted to the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, Suite 606, 251 Bank St., Ottawa ON K2P 1X3 by February 1, 2000
- open to Women's Institute members or members of their families; proof of membership of the participant, or of the participant's relationship to a Women's Institute member must be submitted
- strict adherence to the time schedule for entry
- a bibliography if appropriate to be attached to the entry
- entrant's name and address should be placed in a sealed envelope attached to the essay

Senator Cairine Wilson Competition

The Senator Cairine Wilson Rose Bowl Trophy was presented to Dianne Campbell of Alberta at the 1997 Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) Triennial Convention in Hamilton, Ontario. The Senator first awarded it in 1957 for the most outstanding project in citizenship.

The winner of this 1997 FWIC competition was awarded the Rose Bowl Trophy to retain during the triennium. A miniature replica trophy will also be awarded to the winner for permanent possession.

This competition is open to individual Women's Institute members. Each province may submit one entry. Provinces will be responsible for their own competitions and eliminations.

Theme: The competition for the 1997-2000 triennium is an essay with photographs. The theme of the essay is "A Canadian Woman of the 20th Century Who has Made a Difference."

Length:

- essay should not exceed 1100 or be less than 900 words
- include no more than 3 photographs with captions (do not send original photographs)

Type:

- essay should be typed, preferably, or legibly handwritten or printed on 8 1/2" X 11" paper
- photographs should be mounted on a separate page or in a photograph album page of the same size
- text and photographs should be in a three-ring binder
- name and address of the entrant and her Institute Branch should be enclosed in a sealed envelope attached to the inside back cover

Points:

a) Content	65
b) Cover	15
c) List of Resources	10
d) Originality	10
TOTAL Points	100

For information about the FWIC Tweedsmuir Competitions for the 1997-2000 triennium, see page 13 of the Spring 1998 *Home & Country*. Note that the dates in the title on this page were printed incorrectly; it should have read Tweedsmuir Competitions 1997-2000.



Women's Institute Walk for the VON

Members from Lambton South and Centre Districts took up the challenge and walked for the Victoria Order of Nurses (VON) in Lambton County. Because they raised the most money for a team, the group won first prize of \$300. Participants from left to right in the back row are Michelle South, Darlene Pepper, Muriel McCallum, Beth McGill and Audrey Joyce (Brigden WI). In the front row from left to right are Anne McGugan (Sunnybrooke WI), Jackie South (Brigden WI) and Mona-May Thompson and Irene Jardine (Do-R-Best WI).

Submitted by Jackie South, Southwestern Area PRO.

