

## Tweedsmuir Competitions, 1994-1997

In 1945, Lady Tweedsmuir, wife of Lord Tweedsmuir who was Governor General of Canada, donated three silver cups to the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) for competitions to be held each triennium.

The successful entrants will receive the prestigious Tweedsmuir Cups at the FWIC Convention in Brandon, Manitoba, in June, 2000.

All Branches are encouraged to participate fully in each of the following three categories:

### Community History Competition

- a wall hanging depicting the history of your community

#### Project Regulations:

- open to individual Women's Institute members or a WI Branch
- to be made from material of your choice
- approximate size to be 36" long x 23" wide
- a wooden dowel to be placed at the top for display purposes
- give a short written description of the wall hanging - approximately 250 to 300 words
- descriptions to be typed on one page, double spaced and placed in a plastic page protector
- name and address of the entrant to be enclosed in a sealed envelope attached to the back of the project

#### Points:

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| a) General Appearance       | 30         |
| b) Suitability of Materials | 15         |
| c) Workmanship              | 30         |
| d) Written History          | 25         |
| <b>Total Points</b>         | <b>100</b> |

### Handicraft Competition

- counted cross-stitch Christmas tree skirt

#### Project Regulations:

- can be an individual WI or Branch effort
- approximate size to be 45" in diameter
- not a kit
- name and address of the entrant to be enclosed in a sealed envelope attached to the back of the project

#### Points:

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| a) General Appearance       | 15         |
| b) Originality              | 25         |
| c) Finishing                | 15         |
| d) Suitability of Materials | 15         |
| e) Workmanship              | 30         |
| <b>Total Points</b>         | <b>100</b> |

### Cultural Competition

- short story: "My Memories of a One-Room Schoolhouse"

#### Project Regulations:

- using the theme, "My Memories of a One-Room Schoolhouse," the short story must be written by an individual WI member
- not to consist of more than two memories

- to consist of a minimum of 750 words or a maximum of 1000 words
- to be typed and double spaced in a book form, with a cover depicting the one-room schoolhouse
- to include one or two illustrations throughout
- name and address of the entrant to be enclosed in a sealed envelope attached to a blank back page

#### Points:

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|---------------------|------------|
| a) Cover            | 20         |
| b) Story Content    | 20         |
| c) Diction          | 20         |
| d) Illustrations    | 20         |
| e) Characterization | 20         |
| <b>Total Points</b> | <b>100</b> |

**Note:** Anyone winning the same category of the Tweedsmuir Competitions for three consecutive trienniums is ineligible to compete in the following triennium.

Entries to be sent to each provincial office for judging. Each provincial office to set the deadline dates. The deadlines for Ontario entrants will be forthcoming in the Fall 1998 issue of *Home & Country*.

## FWIC Executive Officer Report

By Donna Russett

### Novisi Weaning Industry

This international project approved by FWIC was discussed on page 12 of the Winter issue of the *Home & Country* newsletter. FWIC is collecting donations to forward to ACWW. It is hoped that the necessary \$4,000 is raised as soon as possible. Please make all cheques payable to FWIC Novisi Project and mail them directly to FWIC at Suite 606, 251 Bank St., Ottawa ON K2P 1X3.

### Squares for Zambia Discontinued

The Mazabuka Association for the Disabled is asking Women's Institutes to discontinue sending squares to Zambia. Unfortunately, the grant which paid for post office handling charges has been stopped and they can no longer afford to accept parcels. The Mazabuka Association extends a sincere thanks to all Canadian WI members for their overwhelming support of this project.

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### Maple WI Hosts Breast Screening Program

Members of the Maple Ridge WI hosted an Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP) information evening last November. All women were welcome. Invitations went to women's organizations in the area, as well as to all WI Branches. Dr. Diane Pross emphasized the significance of early detection. She stressed that besides the actual examination and mammogram, one of the most important aspects of visiting a clinic is educating women on why and how to do self-examinations. This is stressed because most breast cancers are discovered by the woman herself.

**Note:** If your Branch is interested in taking part in a Breast Screening information meeting, phone the OBSP toll free number at 1-800-668-9304.

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