



## HOME & COUNTRY

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## FWIO Mailbag:

February 1, 1995

Dear Donna,

As I sit here at my kitchen table, recycling paper, considering ideas for my Area Workshop, I keep remembering the awesome experience I shared at Crieff Hills with other young women. Donna, it was the first [workshop] I had attended since 1978, that I could look across the group and actually feel that my age-group was in the majority. It was reassuring. It was uplifting! It was gratifying! It was great!

Don't misunderstand. I have enjoyed every [workshop] I've attended through the Women's Institute, but this one was different. It was a real boost.

Thank you WI, again, for giving me an opportunity to learn, broaden my horizons, listen and share ideas.

WI members of Ontario - we are very much alive and ready to enter the next century with great ideas, energy and enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

*Marlene A. Matheson*

Brooksdale WI, Oxford North

May 22, 1995

Dear Janine,

"Marketing WI" - what a wonderful workshop, if we can just put some of the great ideas into action. Our leader was really the best - [full of] enthusiasm, vitality and a "let's get at it spirit." Her name is Mary MacFarland and [she] belongs to one of the new Branches in our Subdivision. We expect our 1995-96 programming will certainly be better after this presentation. I felt the Executive would like to know that their hard work is being carried on and with such zest. They must have all been enthusiastic and it sure came through to us.

Sincerely,

*Dorothy Harnden*

PRO, Cold Springs WI, Northumberland West

## Editor's Notebook:

### Ideas Wanted

As you know, the newsletter has printed a general interest article and a profile of a WI member from one of the four regions in each of the four different issues - the Northern region in the Spring issue, the Western region in the Summer issue, the Southern region in the Fall issue, and the Eastern region in the Winter issue.

At the *Home & Country* content planning meeting held in April, the Editorial Committee decided that these two articles could be combined. In other words, the general interest articles would only feature Women's Institute members. Cleg-horn's Clydesdales in this issue is a good example.

In the Fall issue a member from the Southern region whose business is hydroponic lettuce will be featured. The Winter issue will report on a member from Eastern Ontario who grows Christmas trees for a living.

If you know of any Women's Institute members whose business or livelihood would make an interesting regional feature article, please let us know. Send your suggestions, marked Regional Feature Ideas, to Janine Roelens-Grant, Editor, *Home & Country*, FWIO, RR 5, Guelph ON N1H 6J2.

### Please Note

The objectives of the *Home & Country* are outlined in the column to the left. While informing the general public about the WI is not a specific objective of the *Home & Country*, any exposure the FWIO gets by distributing the newsletter beyond its members can only raise its profile.

So, it is with this in mind that the *Home & Country* Editorial Committee asks you to consider purchasing a subscription to the newsletter for your local library. To subscribe to the *Home & Country* send a \$12 cheque or money order, payable to the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, to the provincial office.

### Thank You

I would like to thank the many Women's Institute members, Branches, Districts and Areas who sent cards, memorials and letters to my family and me after the death of a dear son Bryan, who died on February 4, 1995. To know that others care, and share in our grief gives true meaning to the words "Friendship Circle." Your love and kindness will always be remembered with gratitude.

*Charlotte Johnson*