

Welcome to the Family!

The Newest Women's Institute Branch launches in Guelph

We are excited to welcome the Nouveau WI (Wellington Halton District) to FWIO! This enthusiastic new Branch started in November and has already hosted their first ROSE Session as an introduction to the community! An Evening of Women's Leadership featured dynamic young women leaders hailing from diverse backgrounds such as the non-profit sector, the corporate world, and government speaking about how they achieve success and challenges they face. Speakers included Sue-Ann Staff from 20 Bees Winery in Niagara Falls - an international wine-making star; Julie Wheeler, Executive Director of the Alzheimer Society of Kitchener-Waterloo; and Emily Boylan a Rural Policy Advisor with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs who has a passion for social policy issues. A number of WI Members were also there to help support this new Branch.



Our newest Members enjoy a glass of wine and some fun during the wine tasting portion of their first ROSE event.

The Nouveau WI believes it is vital for women to connect with one another, share experiences, learn from one another and grow. They also believe that they should have fun while doing it. They will be meeting regularly in the City of Guelph and are looking forward to meeting other WI Members. All of the groups founding Members agree that being part of an organization with as much history as Women's Institutes is the best!

HOT NEWS New Face at the Hoodless Homestead

Heather Gerrard is the new curator at the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead. Heather was born and raised in Brantford, and moved away from the city to attend university and college. After completing her Honours BA at the University of Guelph in classical studies and art history, Heather continued her studies at Fleming College where she earned her certificate in Museum Management and Curatorship. Heather has volunteered and worked for various museums, galleries and historic sites in Ontario and says she is very excited to be at the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead and is looking forward to getting to know everyone better!

Heather tells us there are many events planned for the new year which will be posted on the recently re-designed website: www.hoodlesshomestead.ca. Be sure to check it out!



Quilt Raffle at the Lee

The Erland Lee (Museum) Home awarded a beautiful hand-made quilt to Elva Leadlay as winner of the Quilt Raffle this past fall. This is the third quilt that was created from blocks that were part of a quilt block challenge several years ago. Quilted by Regina Wager, Lee Committee Chair and the women of Grace United Church in Dunnville, this quilt also won 3rd prize at the Caledonia Fair. Displaying the quilt in this photo are Regina Wager (left) and Lynn Korbyn.