

Welcome Christine Reaburn to her new position as FWIO Executive Officer to FWIC.

Christine started her office in June after the FWIC conference in PEI.

FWIC would like to hear about programs and happenings pertaining to an FWIC Committee (Agriculture; Canadian Industries (Environment); Citizenship and Legislation; Education and Cultural Affairs; Health and Home (Rural Child Care); International Affairs; Unity).

Christine is also looking for your programs and actions dealing with Advocacy, Resolutions and Recruitment because she has been given the responsibility for these areas.

The 2012 National Convention will be hosted by British Columbia Women's Institutes (BCWI) - the dates, venue and theme should be known shortly.

The next FWIC meeting will be held in Toronto on October 23-25

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Have You Sent In Your Registration Yet?



Information has been sent to each Branch regarding the next Provincial Conference coming up June 4 – 6, 2010 at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo.

If you have not received information, please contact Annemarie McDonald Registration Chair at 905 873 2519 or annemarie4@sympatico.ca

There are TEN outstanding and interesting workshops planned, including Food Heritage, How to Love the Skin you are in, Circle Dancing, Gardening Design and more! We are excited to announce that the speaker for Friday evening will be The Honourable James Bartleman, former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

There are several competitions scheduled. We have included the details for this the essay competition below.

Topic: My Grandmother, a Woman Informed

Children (Grades 4-8) essays should be 300-500 words in length. For adults, or anyone in your community, essays should be 500-1000 words.

Essays will be judged as follows:

Content/Research - 50%

Creativity - 30%

Technical - 20%

You do not have to be a WI Member to attend – so why not invite your sister, neighbour or best girlfriend and you'll be sure to have a great time!

Registration forms and conference details are available online in the Coming Events section at www.fwio.on.ca.

Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?

Members and guests of Burnstown Women's Institute, Renfrew South District, found out at a recent ROSE program. Two Members, Eileen Brydges and Laura Geymonat, consulted with a parent and two teachers and compiled a list of 20 questions in each of the following categories: social studies, math, grammar, geography, science, plus a spelling bee. Participants worked in pairs completing the questionnaire. Everyone was rewarded for their efforts, even if they weren't as smart as a 5th grader.

A Member who recently moved to Burnstown from Nova Scotia sent a copy of the questions to her former branch in Homeville, N.S. They enjoyed the program so much that they distributed it to WI branches throughout Nova Scotia.

Any branch who would like to find out if they are smarter than a 5th grader can obtain a copy of the program by contacting Laura Geymonat at jlgeymonat@sympatico.ca

