

Down The Garden Path



ABOVE: L-R. Ruth Blenkhorn (Nova Scotia), FWIC President 2009 - 2012; Marie Kenny (PEI), President-Elect 2009-2012; Sheila Needham (Quebec), FWIC Past President; Margaret Yetman (Newfoundland), FWIC Past President.

BELOW:
Thursday was Island Tour Day and Carol Force from Burford, ON poses in front of a Bottle House. There were three buildings made entirely of bottles in different shapes and sizes.



ABOVE:
Helen Young with Joy Trimble (FWIO president) in front of double decker bus

FWIC Conference Review

The trip to the FWIC conference in PEI was most enjoyable and educational! While touring on our double-decker bus, we visited the Confederation Building in Charlottetown and the guide explained how the meeting took place as we saw where the Father's of Confederation sat for their debate.

As part of the 1967 centennial celebrations, FWIC had WI members, from across Canada, create 10 Provincial and 2 Territory Crests in needlepoint for chairbacks for the chairs in the Confederation Building. A WI Member in each province worked very hard on the needlepoint crests. In 1990, it was noticed that the needlework crests were wearing, so they were removed, mounted and framed and displayed in the Centre. When Nunavut became a territory in 1999, the crests were taken down until a crest could be made for the new Territory.



Autumn Termere from PEI (daughter of the incoming President -Elect Marie Kenny) hand stitched the Nunavut Crest and Sheila Needham, President of FWIC, presented it to the Confederation Centre on June 19, 2009 when conference participants attended the production of Anne of Green Gables.

Submitted by Pat Salter, Alma WI



ABOVE: Former Board Director, Ilene Chesterman of Jean Brumpton WI in Tillsonburg won first place in the Tweedsmuir History Competition for 2006-2009 at the FWIC Conference in PEI. The class was Scrapbooking: Women Achieving in the Last 90 Years. Her winning album included pictures and articles of various women through the decades over the last 90 years. Congratulations Ilene!

