

Network

Upcoming Events

March 18 to 21

Thunder Bay Farm Women are sponsoring a Computer Course

March 19

Nipissing District Women's Institute presents a seminar "Women — Growing with the 80s" at the Pinewood Motor Inn, North Bay, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March 21

Huron County Community Services Council presents 'Strategy Exchange' — an opportunity to meet and exchange information with other community service workers.

March 21

Women Today, Clinton, are celebrating their fifth birthday and holding a quarterly meeting.

March 22

WSA Regional Seminar called New Frontiers for Farm Women. Held at the Thamesford Community Centre from 9:45 a.m. till 3 p.m., the day features regional reports and talks by Del O'Brian, chairman of the agricultural advisory council, and journalist, Fredelle Maynard.

March 23 and 24

Agriculture in Transition, a two-day conference, will be held at Sir Sanford Fleming College, Lindsay. It is sponsored by the Farm Management Program at Sir Sanford and the Canadian Organic Growers. Contact person for the event is Dee Kramer, 416-499-8418.

April 1

Women Today, Huron County, hold the first day of their project to train women to establish self-help groups, called "Women Being Well."

April 9

Ruscom Women's Institute is holding their annual meeting and election of officers with a dress-down day and a smorgasbord luncheon. To be held at the Dr. Millen Community Centre in Woodslee at 10 a.m.

April 9

Middlesex Women for Support of Agriculture, the Federation of Agriculture, and the Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a dinner with Senator Sparrow (Soil at Risk) as a speaker. To be held at the Delaware Community Centre at 7 p.m.

April 16

Women for the Survival of Agriculture (Winchester) will sponsor a spring seminar for farm women with guest speaker, Judy Hendin, an Ottawa lawyer, and Don Johnson, Q.C., a crown attorney, speaking on the effects of the Constitutional changes on women's rights.

Current Activities

- Middlesex Women for the Support of Agriculture's education committee have established a permanent display and March Break Showcase on Agriculture at the Regional Children's Museum in London.
- The Women's Community House in London is conducting a three-month long study on the resources which exist for battered women in Middlesex County to determine the viability of a safehome network for the county. Funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services, the feasibility study will investigate the possibility of placing a community development person in the area to better co-ordinate the rural and community services in Middlesex County to help battered women. Contact person for the study, which began this month, is Judith Moses. She can be contacted by calling 519-439-0755.
- Ruscom Women's Institute passed a resolution at its meeting opposing the application of CNCP Telecommunications to deregulate the long distance monopoly of Bell Canada. It is to be voted upon at the area's District Annual meeting in May.
- Women Today, Huron County, is participating in a research project to gather information on rural women's use of the criminal justice system in situations of wife assault. Members will be interviewing women who have been abused to determine what help the police, lawyers and court system has been to them and will gather information on how to improve the provision of services.
- Women for the Survival of Agriculture, Eastern Ontario, is preparing an Agri-business Careers Day scheduled for some time in October.
- Middlesex Women for Support of Agriculture's Education Committee has come up with a list of possible projects: sponsorship of a follow-up professional development day for the county's grade three teachers on the new unit of 'Good Things Grow in Ontario'; co-operation with the county agronomists during career week to focus on careers in the food system; approaching the federal Minister of Agriculture re implementing agriculture in the classroom on a national scale; development of a resource list of farms willing to take schools on a farm tour so that it does not become a burden for a few to act as hosts; correspond with the London Board of Education to see if they wish any assistance.
- Middlesex Women for Support of Agriculture is asking that farmers write letters to their MPs, John Wise, federal Minister of Agriculture, and Michael Wilson, Minister of Finance, to let them know how farmers feel about the white paper on agriculture recently released by the federal finance department.

Anyone interested in Ontario Farm Women publishing notices of their organization's meetings or activities, who is not now receiving a Network form, please send information to Ontario Farm Women, P.O. Box 7400, Station E, London, Ont. N5Y 4X3.