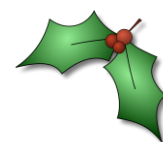


WI Connections

Monthly Newsletter of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada

President's Message

Joan Holthe, President



This issue does not have my funny face on it, as I would like to dedicate this issue to the wonderful Provincial Representatives who have worked so hard for Home and Country this term. The Provinces have sent these talented women to assist in the operation of FWIC/WI Canada and their input during these difficult times have helped without measure. Because of their insight and participation, we are moving into 2021 with a positive attitude about funding, programming, and communications.

I would like to extend my best wishes to all to have a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous new year from myself and husband, Larry.





Ellen's Corner

Ellen McLean has been an active WI member for close to seventy years. Over that time, she has served in many roles including President of the Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) and President of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). Testimony to her excellent leadership and service, Ellen has received a honorary doctorate degree from St. Francis Xavier University, been inducted to the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame, received the Order of Canada as well as being the first recipient of the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Women of the Year.



Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year, and I love the Christmas customs and traditions, enjoying the present but with fond memories which I cherish from earlier years. I am the daughter of Danish immigrants so naturally my years living with my parents were years when Christmas festivities were quite Danish. The heart of the celebration was Christmas Eve. It was church in the late afternoon. Then home for the Christmas dinner of roast goose, stuffed with apples and prunes. It was rice pudding for dessert, made with lots of whipped cream and served with strawberries or raspberries. Hidden in the pudding was a whole almond, and whoever was lucky enough to get the almond also got a gift. There was always a bowl of pudding left over for the "Nisser" (elves) who lived in the attic. If they didn't get their pudding, they would play tricks on the household throughout the next year. After dinner it was carol singing and then opening the gifts. The Christmas Tree's decorations included strings of small Danish flags, Danish paper hearts and "Kramhuse" filled with candies!

Becoming part of the McLean family meant quite different customs at Christmas. For the first time I hung my stocking by the fireplace in hopes that Santa would find it. (Growing up I always was a little envious of my friends who had a visit from the jolly old elf.) After the barn work was completed on Christmas morning it was breakfast and then the fun of opening gifts. This was followed by preparations for a traditional Canadian Christmas dinner with the turkey with all the trimmings and plum pudding with hard sauce for dessert.

Early in our marriage my husband and I decided that we should find a way to combine the two traditions. (Added to the fun was that Christmas Eve was his birthday!) We did that and this tradition has continued to the present. So Christmas at the McLeans is a combination of two cultures. The Sunday before Christmas is rice pudding day, And then on Christmas Eve after milking and church our family gathers for a buffet of Danish food, - a variety of open-faced sandwiches. There is always pickled herring and smoked salmon, a variety of cheeses, always Danish blue, and finishing the meal with Danish cookies and pastry. Christmas Day dawns and after the cattle are cared for it is breakfast and then

it is the fun of emptying the Christmas stockings and opening the gifts. Later in the day the cooks serve a delicious Christmas turkey dinner. Memories of food and fun.

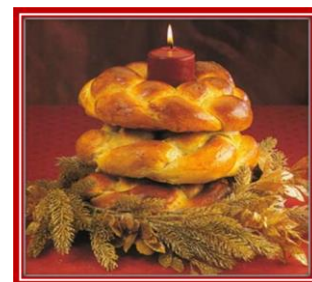
Christmas 2020 is going to be different for all of us . More than ever before I hope it will be a time to reflect on the true meaning and spirit of Christmas, It will be a time for us to remember the thousands in need, - the unemployed, those living in Homeless Shelters, the women and children in Transition Houses, the men and women in Addiction Centres, the Senior who lives alone just down the road, the Food Banks and of course our thoughts and prayers must go to the thousands in hospital because of Covid 19 and the essential workers who care for them. It is a time for us to be caring, giving, and sharing,

May you and your family experience the peace, hope, joy, and love of this Christmas Season. My warmest wishes to you for a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and Happy New Year.

A Ukrainian Christmas Family Tradition Submitted by Denise Joss

Most people know about the 12 meatless dishes served for Ukrainian Christmas Eve supper. We celebrate according to the Julian Calendar on January 7th. Church services and Caroling continue to the 10th. Here are some interesting details:

- Animals are fed first on Christmas Eve (January 6th).
- Children are sent outside to look for the first evening star to begin the supper. (If it's cloudy we let them back in the house.)
- A candle is lighted and placed in the window as a welcome sign to any homeless travellers.
- A meal is taken to a neighbour before supper in honour of those who are not able to be with us or an empty plate may be set at the table.
- Families carol around the table after supper before they go to attend mid-night Christmas Eve Services.



Ukrainian Christmas Eve Meal:

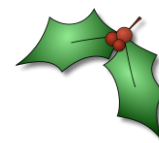
Kutia –Wheat boiled with honey
 Kolach – round braided bread
 Meatless borscht –beet & veg. soup
 Vehsehlatsy - Pickled Herring
 Meatless Holubtsi –cabbage rolls
 Varenyky – perogies with onions

Sauerkraut and Peas
 Broad Beans or Mashed Beans
 Pidpenky - mushrooms & gravy
 Compote – stewed fruit with prunes
 Pickerel Fillets or Salmon
 Pampushky – tiny cabbage buns



BRANCHES OF THE NORTHERN REGION OF ONTARIO

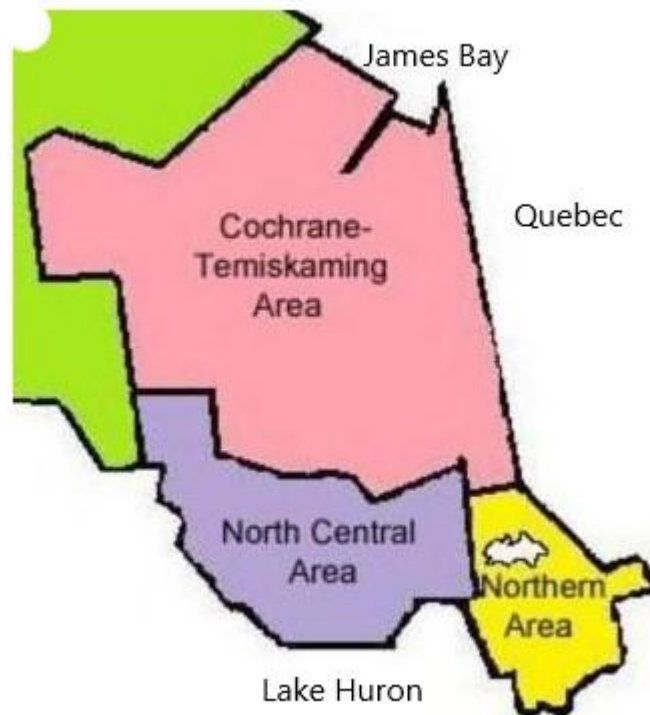
Submitted by Connie Murray, FWIO



Our Northern Region is made up of 3 Areas, 7 Districts and 17 Branches. This region is made up of both rural and urban communities. Going from North Bay in the North to Windermere in the South (South-West of Huntsville). A distance of approximately 165 km along Hwy 11. Our North Central Area is situated from Sudbury west to Sault Ste. Marie, following Hwy 17W for a distance of 295 km.

Cochrane-Temiskaming Area

The most Northern Branch is in the Cochrane-Temiskaming Area. That branch is Hunta, just North-West of Cochrane which is 720 km North of Toronto. There are several small communities between Cochrane and North Bay. Therefore, the distance across the Northern Region from Hunta to Windermere is 537 km.



"Today I refuse to stress myself out over things that I can't control or change".

I am a member of the Hunta Branch. Branches of the Women's Institute have been working in and around Cochrane, since 1913, for "Home and Country". Our Hunta Branch celebrated 50 years in 2019. We have at the present time 7 members. Our members enjoy quilting and have made 50 plus large quilts and lap quilts. It has now become a community event in which ladies in the community and Branch members get together every Tuesday to quilt. Unfortunately, Covid -19 has put a stop to this as we need to stay healthy and social distance. It is a little ironic that at our May 2019 Area Conventions Theme was Mental Health and our Motto was *"Today I refuse to stress myself out over things that I can't control or change"*. It certainly applies to what is happening in the world today.

Our Branch had held information sessions on Breast Cancer, Alzheimers, VCARS, and many other health issues focused mainly for women. Fundraising has helped support the local library, local hospitals and VCARS. We provided warm hats and mitts to the Women's Shelter. We also provided geriatric chairs and lap quilts to the hospitals and Long-Term Care Facilities. And we collected and sent items for Canada Comforts. In past years we supported the Erland Lee Museum and the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead. We still donate to Pennies for Friendship.

The Northern Region wishes everyone to "Be Well and Stay Safe." And remember, "Wash your Hands and Wear your Masks."





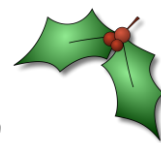
The 2021 Triennial Tweedsmuir Competitions and the Senator Cairine Wilson Competition are open. Submissions should be sent directly to the FWIC/WI Canada Head Office for judging. There will be no limit to the number of entries submitted by Provincial Members, however, only one entry per category per member will be accepted.

Tweedsmuir Community History Books (or Tweedsmuirs as they are commonly known) uniquely capture and preserve local community history. They vary in form from a simple scrapbook to an elaborate series of volumes bound in leather, wood, or a more formal blue-and-gold cover. Tweedsmuirs are comprised of a variety of information and often include a history of the:

- Local Women's Institute Branch
- Earliest settlers in an area
- Agricultural practices and individual farms
- Industries that formed the basis of the local economy
- Social institutions and public buildings, such as churches, schools, and community centers
- Local personalities, such as war veterans
- And much, much more!

Submissions are beginning to come in. Don't forget about the cash prizes available to be won! The deadline for submissions is **January 15, 2021**. Details and submission forms are on the website.

Triennial Tweedsmuir Competitions & Senator Cairine Wilson Competition



Hearth is where the Home is

My year of COVID-19.... Submitted by Elizabeth Milroy, QWI President

This year of COVID-19 has really grounded me, it has taken away everything I was doing, and left me in limbo. I guess it's no different than all of you. I was unable to function, I love hearing about all the projects our very talented members have been doing, such talent! Such beautiful work! I am ashamed, I have nothing to contribute. In the beginning, I thought, great, I can get some spring cleaning done with no interruptions, it didn't work that way, I had no idea of where to start, or what to do.

I would sit and look at it, get up, turn a couple of circles, and sit down again, and no matter how hard I tried, I had the same result, so here it is, nine months later, and I still have nothing done, I'm still turning in circles. I keep pushing things back to the point that I am embarrassed and ashamed.

I know this pandemic has been hard on everyone, thank God I know no one that has lost their life because of it. Stay healthy, stay well, stay safe.

PS: wouldn't it be interesting to know how many of us have had the same experience as Elizabeth? I know I have...

Happy Holidays & Thanks For Your Support!

Congratulations to the winner of our lottery - Laura Green!



Thank you to everyone who attended our virtual Christmas gathering via Zoom on December 12! We also broadcasted live on the FWIC Facebook page, and the video is still available to view: <https://www.facebook.com/WomensInstitutes>. The meeting was organized by President Elect Margaret Byl, and our President, Joan Holthe, read a Christmas story for the children who tuned in for our event. Many WI members from both Canada and the UK shared stories and tips for creating Christmas crafts. There was even a special appearance from Santa Claus!

Around 2pm, Santa drew the winning lottery ticket - number 0543. Congratulations to WI member Laura Green from Oxford District in Embro, Ontario - and thanks to everyone across the province who purchased a lottery ticket in support of our educational programming at the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead!

Christmas Island, Nova Scotia Submitted by Ann Munro

November is quickly passing and with that our minds all turn to our activities to prepare for the season. For me, one of my most important activities is the sending of Christmas cards.



I realize that with the electronic means of sending messages by email, the old-fashioned Christmas card is looked upon as a dinosaur. Yes, someone can send you an e-card but do you print it off to hold it in your hand? The fact that you can hold something that a friend held while they thought of you cannot be matched by an email/e-card.

Some friends like to include a Christmas letter in their card while most like myself just include a few lines. Long or short, it doesn't matter, it's just the idea of reconnecting over the miles. To make my cards even more special, I mail them from where I grew up.... Christmas Island, Cape Breton.

Christmas Cards the old-fashioned way!

The Christmas Island post office mails out 12,000-14,000 Christmas cards each year all hand stamped by the post mistress. These cards arrive from around the world during Christmas time so that they can be sent on their way with the unique Christmas Island postmark. This postmark dates back to 1994 when Margaret Rose Mac Neil, the post mistress at that time, asked Canada Post to create a postmark named Christmas Island. Canada Post agreed and a postmark with a simple design of three conifers was created. It was one of the first pictorial postmarks created by Canada Post.



Last years post mark has come a long way from the first one. This unique post mark has also ensured that this small rural post office remains open. From our home to yours - greetings for a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy 2021.

Nova Scotia Happenings

This fall, the Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia held their AGM virtually for the first time and it went very well. Depending on whether the branch is meeting, some have met in person practicing social distancing and wearing masks, others are taking advantage of technology and are meeting virtually, while others have decided not to meet. Some branches held the Women Walk the World event by following social distancing and sending much needed funds to support ACWW activities. Other branches expanded their knowledge as they enjoyed guest speakers on a variety of topics. Whether the branch met or not, through last winter and spring, the members were not idle as they knitted,

crocheted, or sewed articles for others. Their creations included face masks, toe covers for those with casts, twiddle muffs, finger puppets, bibs for seniors, lap quilts, mittens, hats, to name just a few.

Though COVID-19 still curtails branch activities, it does not curtail the spirit of giving. Each December, branches continue their good works by donating to a variety of groups and individuals including school breakfast programs, items for shelters, donations for the food banks, and goodie baskets for seniors. Though Christmas for the Women's Institutes in Nova Scotia will not be the same as in other years, they offer the following to each of you.

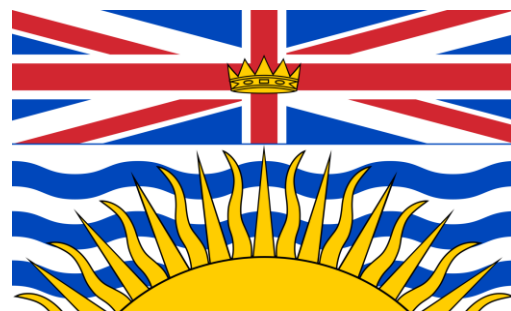
Christmas Fun in Saskatchewan Karen & Jim Gerwing





Christmas wishes from British Columbia

Submitted by Jill Copes



Let us not forget to be kind... BC's campaign and challenge to all members

Kindness — we can easily look up the definition, but the meaning of kindness goes far beyond just that. It is a powerful word and has a powerful impact on the recipient and the giver. With all the new guidelines and restrictions for COVID 19 in place we need to be more aware of people who are being isolated and in need of kindness. These could be our next-door neighbours, friends, family members or people in care facilities. Having a personal connection is often a life line and something to keep them going. How do we make these connections when we are not able to visit and need to keep our safe physical distances? Some positive activities that we can be part of are:

- phoning shut ins
- sending cards or letters to seniors in care facilities
- set up pen pals with other groups or facilities
- speak with managers of care facilities and find out what we can do to help
- check to see which organizations in your community need extra help – could be sewing, knitting etc.

Let's Brainstorm

Most of the WI members already do many of these activities, so do some brain storming and see what else your Branch can come up with to extend kindness in our communities. Let us know what you do and what the outcome is. In the Peace Region of BC, we are donating toiletries, used jewelry, and chocolate as well as writing Christmas card and letters to residents of the Care homes and senior facilities.

My Branch is creating wreaths for sale with the proceeds going to the Women's Resource Centre.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas and all the best in 20 21 and I hope we will meet at the Triennial Convention in Newfoundland.



The Manitoba Women's Institute (MWI) extends to all Women's Institute members a very Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays. May you all be blessed with a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year.

Christmas in our hometowns...



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British Columbia- Jill Copes

From our home in Cecil Lake, my husband Jim and I would like to wish you a safe and Merry Christmas and all the best in 2021 and I hope you will be able to spend Christmas with your family. We are fortunate that our families live close so will be celebrating with them.

In the Peace Region of BC, we are donating toiletries, used jewelry, and chocolate as well as writing Christmas card and letters to residents of the Care homes and senior facilities. My branch, Nor' Pioneer WI is creating wreaths and gnomes for sale with the proceeds going to the Women's Resource Centre.

Alberta- Linda Mason

Christmas this year is going to be very quiet, just me & my pets and some face time with my family. My family and I were fortunate enough to have had a wonderful Pre-Christmas Holiday at the beginning of November in Mexico and have some great memories from our time spent there.

My own Branch has not been meeting much ever since the COVID lock down

but keep in touch via phone calls and internet messaging.



Saskatchewan- Karen Gerwing

I live in Lake Lenore, Saskatchewan with my husband Jim (AKA Santa in the picture).

We will be at home by ourselves, Skype my family in Australia, Group Zoom with Jim's family. If travel is allowed go to Kelowna to be with our daughter Alison, otherwise Facetime with her. Every third year we travel to Australia for Christmas (2011, 2014, 2017) so this should be the year to go downunder. Every year Jim's family comes Christmas Eve until Boxing Day and stays at our house, approx. 20 people most years (even when we are gone to Australia, they still come and stay here and celebrate whether we are here or not)

This fall I did a fall newsletter, Virginia has made another quilt to be raffled off at the AGM, hopefully to be held in Foam Lake on Monday, June 7, 2021

Manitoba- Denise Joss

I live with my husband Russ in Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba.

The town is in the North-Eastern part of the province.

At the moment, our province is in "Code Red" lock-down. Nobody is

allowed in our apartment except the two of us.

If restrictions are lifted, we will go

to our youngest daughter's home about 20 minutes away. We may just buy a piece of turkey breast and will not have the Ukrainian foods and the usual 14 of us around the table. If I make a special Trifle Dessert, it will be tiny this year.

Our clubs are meeting by Zoom. Community food hampers are giving out gift cards from grocery stores



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	this year as no "work-groups" are allowed.
<p>Ontario-Mary Shortt</p> <p>I live on some acreage north of Brighton, Ontario which is situated on the north shore of Lake Ontario about 90 km east of Toronto. We are very fortunate to be surrounded by nature partly because we participated in a 5-year tree planting project a few years ago. We also have a pond which we can view from our balcony and enjoy the ducks, geese, beavers, and lots of turtles make their nests around our home. I share this with my husband of 53 years whom I travelled with while he was a member of the Canadian Armed Forces. During that time, we raised our two children and now have 4 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. Our Christmas this year will be very quiet as our families have their own 'bubbles' and we won't make any effort to compromise them or us. Our membership is spread across Ontario and we hope they will all be safe and care for each other – especially those who are alone. I hope that everyone will stay safe and cherish the memories of previous years while looking forward to better days as the end of this difficult time draws near.</p>	<p>Quebec- Judy Page Jones</p> <p>I live with my husband, Clifford and our three cats on the outskirts of the small village of West Brome, QC. We are not far from a major ski resort of Mont Sutton. Our holiday season will definitely not be a normal one. First of all we are in the red zone and we are not allowed to have any gatherings, only someone who is living alone. This will probably mean only my mother-in-law for one day and my father on another day. As for the rest of my family we are hoping to meet outdoors in the local park and exchange our gifts on the 24th. Christmas's past, we normally do a big celebration on Dec. 26 with all the great-grandparents, grandchildren and their spouses and the great-grandchildren. We usually have pot-luck and play lots of Christmas games. As for the membership, I know some met outdoors when the weather was good. I am not sure if anyone has met  virtually.</p>
<p>New Brunswick- Angela Scott</p> <p>I live on the family farm in a community called Limestone, 20 minutes from Woodstock, NB, on the Maine-New Brunswick Border. I live with my husband Peter, two inherited dogs, Jasper and Lady, and our yellow tom cat, Tuffy.</p> <p>Our holiday this year will be a quiet with probably just my parents, and door yard visits with my brothers and their families. Normally we would try to have large gathering, but due to my Mom's advancing Alzheimer</p>	<p>Nova Scotia- Lynn MacLean</p> <p>I live with my husband, Jim, and our dog, Meg, in a small rural community in northeastern Nova Scotia. If you have traveled to PEI via the Ferry, you would have been close to where we live.</p> <p>We are fortunate as our two daughters also live in Nova Scotia, and the one with the grandchildren is right across the hayfield. The grandchildren, boys, are 7 and 3 ½ and provide great fun for us.</p> <p>One of the Christmas traditions we will not get to enjoy this year in its usual fashion is having a get together</p>

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disease, she says she no longer wants large crowds around, so we will honour her with some modest meals and visits, just one on one mostly.

The main issue our members in NB have been dealing with other than Covid-19 is the future of the WI Home, located in Woodstock, NB. Due to declining numbers of residents, low donations due to Covid-19, and difficulty with staffing we are looking to the community now for options for the future of the Home. Hoping to have ideas in by Jan 1st, 2021.

with my three sisters and their families. Thirty plus people in a home is well beyond the allotted number so rather than not meet, the family plan to gather via zoom, visit, and play their "Yankee Christmas" Game. On Christmas Day, the daughters, son-in-law, two boys and another dog will gather at our home to enjoy a ham dinner, plum pudding, and of course, presents. It will be a lively gathering!

May the Christmas spirit shine like the Christmas lights and warm your hearts this holiday season. Have a blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Prince Edward Island- Miriam Lank

Since my husband died, I have lived alone, and enjoy entertaining often, in spite of the fact that we are currently allowed just 10 people at any gathering in PEI. I will have a couple ladies in for Christmas dinner and catch up with my three children when time permits. My son is in France, one daughter is in Manitoba, and the other daughter is in Pennsylvania and we have 8 grandchildren.

Please note, at publishing time, Elizabeth (NL representative) was not able to submit, but her info will be included next month.



President Elect- Margaret Byl

I live in the beautiful town of Niagara-on-the-lake surrounded on all sides by vineyards. My husband of 48 years, Lane and I are retired grape growers. Our grandson Dylan, age 8, stays with us for 5 days a week for home schooling and my brother, Steve is here with us also.

This year our holiday season will most definitely be different due to the Pandemic and required restrictions. We are extremely fortunate to have our son, his wife and our grandchildren, who live next door, as part of our "bubble". We would normally be gathering together on Christmas Eve with my family and my husband's family on Boxing Day, however, this year we will have to settle with virtual hugs, drive by honking and waving and thank goodness for Zoom and Skype and other means of video communications. With the recent developments and promising results from vaccination studies, this will soon become a thing of the past and we can usher in 2021 as a year of recovery and reflection.

I am a member of 2 branches, Virgil WI and Women Empowered WI. Our membership has had some small meetings in person and others by virtual means. WEWI has welcomed 4 new members this year. We are

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continuing to make plans for 2021 when we can all meet together, in person.

Stay warm and wear a mask when appropriate. The life you save could be a family member or your own.

From my family to yours, we offer you our heartfelt best wishes for a happy, healthy, blessed, and safe Holiday Season.

Pen Pal News



Thanks to WI Canada FWIC from coast to coast, we are responding to a need of Pen Pals for the British WI. With upwards of 60 ladies looking for pen pals we have matched several pal pairs

With a variety of ladies from all over England and Wales really wanting Canadians to connect with and Covid-19 this is the perfect winter for a pen pal. Armchair travel can provide you with a diversion for the coming winter.

We still need a few more so please step forward and send your address, your interests and your preferred method of writing to WI Canada FWIC.

info@fwic.ca or

359 Blue Lake Road, P.O. Box 209
St. George, ON



Merry Christmas!

The Homestead will
be closed from
December 12 until
the end of January
(reopening date TBA).



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HOMESTEAD



WI Canada FWIC Office Report

Submitted by Kathy Dwyer, Office Administ



Nova Scotia Remembers submitted by Eleanor Lilley, President WINS

On 6 December 1917, 2 ships collided in Halifax Harbour, causing a devastating explosion. It killed nearly 2,000 people and left hundreds severely injured and homeless.

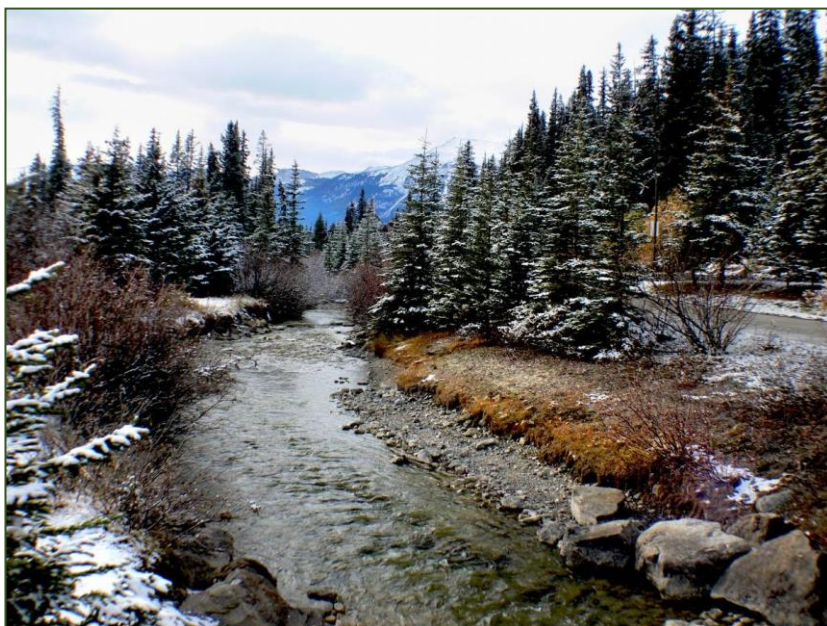
Nova Scotia will never forget the support, kindness, and quick response the people of Boston provided after the explosion. To say thank you, the province will once again give Boston the gift of a beautiful Christmas tree.



Alberta Women's Institute

Remember all the fun, remember all of the friends in Alberta and look forward to being with them again. The members of Alberta Women's

Institutes wish all of you a healthy and happy life from this point forward.



Branches in Alberta have been busy making protective masks, charity quilts, gardening and farming, and groceries and prescriptions pickup for neighbors and family. Some branches have been busy collecting memorabilia of WWI to send to our Provincial Archives and we are all gathering stories, and anecdotes of the experiences we are going through during this pandemic time with one of our members compiling all of these into a manuscript for posterity.

AWI held their AGM via Google Meets on September 23, when our new President, Diane Dammann, President Elect. Linda Toews, District Directors, Colleen Bianchi, Linda Mason, Yvonne Erickson and Wendy Pimm were installed into their new positions.

When our Executive Director, Fern Killeen decided to retire after almost 20 years, AWI decided to divide the work load. We hired a new Office Administrator, Bernadette Logozar who took over the reins at the beginning of June, and I volunteered to become the Bookkeeper in January, and we now have a Conference Co-ordinator, Linda Toews who hopefully in the future will be able to utilize her many abilities in organizing our next in person AGM Conference when COVID is under control.



'Thank you for the opportunity to showcase some of PEIWI's projects, and the Mitt Project is one which warms the hands of little ones on PEI. With warmth in mind, the PEIWI Board and Staff wish you a very Merry Christmas and safe and health New Year.'

MITTS FOR KIDS!



The PEI Women's Institute has teamed up with organizers of *Kits of Kindness*, an Island-wide project aimed at providing kits of food and other essentials for elementary school-aged children (kindergarten through grade 6).

We are asking members to knit, sew, or provide mittens to be placed in children's backpacks. Kits are given out on Fridays to allow food and other needed items to be used over the weekend where they would otherwise be dependent on school programs.

PARTICIPATION DETAILS:

- **Who can participate?** This project is open to all PEIWI members, as well as members of the public!
- **Material:** Use any materials you may have, such as yarn, felt, old sweaters, etc. Mittens can be knit or sewn.
- **Pattern:** You can use any pattern you like, as long as it will produce mittens that will fit a size small to large in youth (children ages 5-12).
If you require a pattern or have any questions, please contact PEIWI Board Member, Alice Chandler at 902-368-8248 or alicembchandler@hotmail.com.
- **Drop off:** Completed mittens can be dropped off at the PEIWI Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. To make an appointment outside of those days and times, please call 902-368-4860, or email wi@gov.pe.ca.

The Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Canadian Woman of the Year Award

"The collective impact of our country's female leaders cannot be understated."

The **Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Canadian Woman of the Year Award** is the premier national award of Women's Institute celebrating the achievements of Canada's most inspirational and influential woman. This award recognizes a woman for demonstrating excellence - from leadership to social change, from local to global reach, across multiple sectors. We are honored to shine a spotlight on her.



Nominations Now Open

We have a wonderful opportunity to recognize some of the top female leaders in Canada through the **Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Canadian Woman of the Year Award**. These women do not have to be members of a Women's Institute (WI). However, WI involvement is a criteria benefit.

This Award seeks to acknowledge **dedicated women** whose contributions make their communities and our world a better place to live. **Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Canadian Woman of the Year Award** recognizes the hard work, dedication, and support that these women have offered and continue to offer as they give leadership, inspire others, and make a difference while exhibiting the qualities of Adelaide Hunter Hoodless, the founder of the Women's Institute movement.

Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Exemplified Women Supporting Women

Adelaide Hoodless dedicated her life to ensuring women had educational opportunities. Adelaide Hoodless was called *"one of the most famous Canadian women...yet one of the most obscure."* She is credited as being co-founder of the Women's Institute, the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), the National Council of Women, the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON), and a major force behind the formation of three faculties of Household Science.

The search for nominees is under way! We are looking for inspiring Canadian females. Tell an extraordinary woman how inspiring she is by nominating her for this year's award. Or go ahead and put yourself forward! To nominate yourself or a friend, please complete our online nomination form. Nominees will be judged based on the leadership they have exhibited and the ways they have given back to community by mentoring or supporting other women. Nominations will close at midnight on February 1, 2021 and the winner will be announced in time for W.I. week, Feb. 15, 2021.

WI CANADA PREMIUM PACKAGE

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