

AWI NEWS & NOTES

November 2019

TITLE CHANGE: In her article for the *Home & Country*, Health Convener Eunice Horte accidentally called this publication "News & Notes". I loved that name so much that as of now that is the name of this newsletter. Thanks so much, Eunice, you are so very, very clever!!

- Deadline reminders:
 - Provincial Dues January 15, 2020
 - **NEW** Cornelia Wood Scholarship **January 31, 2020**
 - **NEW** Award of Excellence nominations **January 31, 2020**
 - **NEW** Golden Book nominations **January 31, 2020**
 - **NEW** Erland Lee Awards nominations **January 31, 2020**
 - **NEW** Resolutions **January 31, 2020**
 - Executive Director applications February 29, 2020
- Upcoming events:
 - AWI Provincial Convention June 2-4, 2020
 - Constituency and District Events: As you finalize the information on when and where your Constituency and District events will be held, please let me know so it can be posted here! Diane will make sure the information gets on to the webpage and Facebook as well.
 - Stony Plain/Lac Ste Anne Constituency Conference: April 4, 2020, hosted by Echo Hill WI
- REMINDER: The Office has moved! But the mailing address, phone number and email address **are still the same** – just the physical location has changed. Also, the Provincial Office no longer has a fax machine, everything must be sent to the Office by email or snail mail.

From your President Elect, Diane Dammann:

Are you in possession of a Branch Life Member pin that you aren't using? We are out of them in the office.

Check out the website for the news from the Branch secretary reports.

Send information on upcoming events in with your secretary reports and I will put it on the web page

Send pictures of WI events. Nicer to look at pictures than listen to me.

- Provincial Convention 2020:
 - Thank you to Argyle WI who has once again volunteered to supply the centre pieces for the Provincial Convention.
 - We are looking for a Branch or member to donate the supplies for our coffee breaks. The list of supplies includes the following: 1 tin of coffee, 1 bag of sugar packets, 2 – 1L containers of cream, 2 speciality creamers, (ex. French Vanilla and Hazelnut), Styrofoam cups, napkins, stir sticks. If you or your Branch would like to supply these for the Provincial Convention please let me know.
 - We are also looking for a Branch or member or two (or more) to come up with some entertainment – any actors/musicians/poetry readers out there looking for a chance to strut your stuff??
 - Do you know how to do origami? Are you willing to teach a workshop? Please let me know!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Alberta Women's Institutes is looking for an outgoing, hardworking, community-minded individual to join our team as Executive Director. This person should be a member of AWI, or be familiar with AWI and in agreement with its aims and objectives.

We are looking for someone with excellent communication, interpersonal, office management, and computer skills who will take direction from the AWI Council. They should have experience working with volunteers and be a team player. Must be willing to attend conventions, workshops, committee and other meetings as required, and take minutes as needed.

Should have a good working knowledge of Microsoft Office particularly Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Experience with website development and upkeep, and social media platforms would be an asset, or must be willing to learn these skills.

Must be willing to supply an office space (some compensation may be available for this), as well as storage for AWI's equipment and materials.

This a permanent part-time position averaging 10 hours/week. Compensation: \$17.00/hour.

Please send resume with cover letter to:

Cathleen Thurston
Box 45
Wabamun, AB T0E 2K0

OR rigby9@canadasurfs.net

For more information contact President Cathleen Thurston at 780-892-2252 or rigby9@canadasurfs.com

Deadline for applications: February 29, 2020

FROM YOUR HANDICRAFT COORDINATOR, MARILYN WATTENBARGER:

The time is fast approaching where our outside activities will probably be lessened. There have been some changes to the handicraft for forthcoming "Handicraft Competition 2020". Mainly in knitting and crocheting. Seems so long away but it will be here soon. I encourage everyone to find at least one competition category that they can enter.

These changes as well as an updated Handicraft List will be emailed to your Branches' email contact person.

Please ensure that all articles coming into the competition have a blue tag showing the category that they should be entered in. Some articles did not have this last year. I will not put tags on any article going forward. Please read the requirements for each class and make sure your entry fits into this description. Also, please ladies, any article presented for judging must be completed since the last competition i.e. June 2019 and be completed by yourself following the guidelines in the Handicraft List.

Each Branch can only enter into one category, not each member. When compiling your information to send to me, please ensure that all entries are listed alphabetically and numerically following the Handicraft list. Example: A-1 thru A-7, B-3 thru B-4, C-1 thru C-10 and so on continuously. Do not place B's items before A's. Do not make a page for each member. This enables a Branch to make sure that there are no duplicate category items. It also makes it much easier for checking items in and out, and to record points for the Branch. There will be no acceptance for commercially produced items.

Happy stitching and the many other ways to do other handicrafts and photography. If you have any questions or comments my information is listed in Handicraft List.

- Would you like to have the *News & Notes* and other information emailed directly to you? If so, please contact Fern Killeen at the Office to get put on the mailing list.
- Did your Branch do something wonderful over the past few months? Do you have a story about being a WI member that you want to share? Please write it up for the *Home & Country* and forward it to me or to the editor, Denise Campbell, by February 1, 2020. Our contact information is on page 2 of the current issue of the *Home & Country*.

Cathleen Thurston
AWI President

The most dangerous phrase in the language is "we've always done it this way".

– Rear Admiral Grace Hopper