

AWI NEWS & NOTES

April 2020

➤ COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

At this time, I am continuing with the planning of the Provincial Convention in June and we will continue to take registrations. If the Provincial Council decides to cancel or postpone the Convention, or if any level of government or the hotel tells us that we need to cancel or postpone the Convention, your registrations will be refunded.

In this ever-changing situation please look after yourselves and your families, look out for your friends and neighbours, and stay safe.

➤ Deadline reminders:

- Early Bird Registration for Provincial Convention May 2, 2020
- Full Registration for Provincial Convention May 12, 2020
- ACWW Canada Area Conference registration May 15, 2020

➤ Upcoming events: If any Constituencies or Districts cancel their upcoming events please let Fern know so she can send it out to all our email contacts.

- Constituency and District Events:
 - **Stony Plain/Lac Ste Anne Constituency Conference:** *cancelled*
 - **District 5:** *postponed*
 - **District 1: Saturday, May 30** in Rycroft. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, contact Kay Saastad at 780-356-3625.
- **Bow Valley Constituency Conference:** *cancelled*
- AWI Provincial Convention June 2-4, 2020
- ACWW Canada Area Conference June 13-15, 2020

➤ Just a reminder – any members signing up after your Branch has sent in its dues still need to be paid for. It is the Branch's responsibility to send in the Provincial dues for ALL its members.

Provincial Convention 2020 News:

- ❖ Handicraft List – Please note that the correct list for this year has 2020 and “revised October 2019” on the front. **DO NOT** use the 2019/2021 Handicraft list.
- ❖ Card making workshop: from the instructor – Hilda Tomaszewski, Camrose, AB: “I became hooked on card making and scrapbooking in the late nineties. From 1998 to 2006 I taught both card-making and scrapbooking classes at the Camrose Stationery store. During that time, I was very privileged to study under designers such as Heidi Swapp, Tim Holtz, Donna Downey, the design teams for 3M, Fiskars, k&Co, SandyLion to name a few. If there was something new coming out, we learned it. We did dry embossing, heat embossing, iris folding, acrylic painting, beading, sewing, wire working, alcohol inks, reverse stamping, paper piecing. We even used dry wall mud to make cards and embellishments. There was so much and all of it fascinating to me. You do not need a lot of tools or expensive stamps to make interesting cards. But you do need paper and a good glue. I hope you will join me for some fun with card making in June.”

❖ Speakers:

- The Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Alberta Minister of Agriculture and Forestry: Minister Dreeshen was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in a by-election on July 12, 2018 as the MLA for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake and was re-elected on April 16, 2019. He is a fifth-generation local farm owner farming near Pine Lake. He was appointed as Alberta's Minister of Agriculture and Forestry on April 30, 2019. He was a policy advisor to Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz from 2008 to 2015, advocating for Canadian agriculture trade, improved rural infrastructure support, and leading the effort to end the Canadian Wheat Board monopoly.
- The Beaverhill Bird Observatory (BBO) is the oldest bird research station in Alberta, second oldest in the country. Located just outside of Tofield Alberta, they have been researching our wild migratory songbirds for the last 36 years. Open to the public, the BBO is a wonderful place to spend some time outdoors, see bird banding up close and personal, and reconnect with nature. Sara Pearce Meijerink, the Head Biologist at the BBO, has been passionate about wildlife and conservation her entire life. Originally from Ontario, she has spent the last 10 years traveling across Canada and overseas working with birds and wildlife conservation efforts. Join Sara and one the BBO's live education owls for a talk about 'Owls of Alberta' on June 3rd at 2pm in the Norsemen Inn, in Camrose.
- Maplewood Acres Market Garden and Greenhouse: Margaret and Doug Lyseng, both born & raised in Camrose and area, settled in the hamlet of Armena, just 15 minutes from Camrose on Hwy 21. There they established their business, first an organically grown market garden and then a few years later the greenhouses. Some 35 years later they are still at it. Their goal to continue to offer customers top quality product and unique product not found elsewhere.
- Camrose Boys & Girls Club: Kody Hynek has been with Camrose Boys and Girls Club since 2013. He joined us as a youth in our Keystone teen leadership program. He was an avid volunteer and leader. Kody has a great passion for the club and the children/youth we serve. From driving our bus, to running mentor training programs, to cooking for our teens - Kody embodies the Boys and Girls Club culture and is working hard to pass that culture along to our children/youth.

➤ Cash raffle tickets: Ticket sales seem to be going well. Please send the stubs and money for sold books of AWI Cash Raffle Tickets back to Yvonne or the Office as soon as you have sold them. And if you need or want more tickets to sell, I'm sure Yvonne will be happy to oblige! Her contact information is on page 2 of the last issue of the *Home & Country*.

➤ 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.

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

— Margaret Mead