



# NEWS & NOTES

July 2021

Monthly Email Newsletter from our President - Diane Dammann

## FWIC TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

There are 7 of us from Alberta attending the FWIC Triennial Convention via Zoom. Colleen Bianchi, Gloria Coates, Grace Reister, Linda Toews, Linda Mason, Elizabeth Rushton, and me. There were 110 in the meeting on Monday July 5,

I will be attending the Madge Watt meeting as well as the ACWW Canada Area Conference also virtually. Congratulations to Carol Brown, Associate Member on winning the competition for a collage of a FWIC event and also for an essay on a FWIC event.



## REMINDERS

- Fund raisers are ongoing. If you can save the money from your recycled cans and bottles and send it in to WI it would help. We are still collecting clothes and such for a bulk sale to Value Village. This clothing collection has to go in all at one time so it will have to be coordinated. Fundraising committee members are Linda Mason and Colleen Bianchi.
- Check out the items for sale at the office. There is an online store through our web site [www.awialberta.com](http://www.awialberta.com)
- In your mailbox were red envelopes with some cash raffle tickets. This is an important fund raiser for us. I think it would be great if you sell them to people who are not in AWI because it gives you a chance to tell them about us. It also gives them a chance to win \$600 or \$400 and the odds are pretty good, much better than the other lotteries. Also new this year, we can sell cash raffle tickets electronically, and we can accept e-transfers! Contact the Provincial Office for details.



# COULD YOU HELP US REACH ALBERTA FAMILY CAREGIVERS?

In 2020 UofA conducted a survey of the Impacts of COVID-19 on Alberta Family Caregivers. <https://bit.ly/3gRmAcU>. The report has been useful to advocate for recognition of the family caregiver role. The Ministers of Health and Seniors and Housing both received the report. Elise Stolte used the report in her Edmonton Journal Series Cracks to Chasms: The shaky foundations of unpaid care that Canada's health care system is built on <https://bit.ly/3elrfkC>

We also are pleased that family caregiver's role is recognized in the new MNP report done for the Alberta Ministry of Health, "Improving Quality of Life for Residents in Facility-Based Continuing Care Alberta Facility-Based Continuing Care Report" <https://bit.ly/2S2ax2F>. Below is the information poster with survey link.

We are asking that our WI members take a moment to complete this survey.

## Survey Title: COVID-19 Affected Alberta Family Caregivers. What is happening in 2021?



Are you caring for a child or adult who is ill, disabled, frail, or elderly?

Family caregivers provide 75-90% of the care to children and adults living in community homes with serious illness, disability or frailty.

Family caregivers of Albertans living in lodges, assisted or supportive living, or long-term care assist with 10 to 30% of resident's care.



*Dr. Jasneet Parmar and team are inviting you to participate in a survey to understand how COVID-19 has affected family caregivers in ALBERTA and what supports family caregivers need now. It will take about 20 minutes of your time.*

Click on the link to complete the survey:

<https://redcap.link/caregiver2021>

Questions? Contact Sharon Anderson, Research coordinator :  
(Tel) 780-953-5541 (E) [sanders@ualberta.ca](mailto:sanders@ualberta.ca)

# UPDATE FROM HANDICRAFT COORDINATOR

It looks like we may have an inhouse convention this fall. I'm getting excited to see all the WI ladies in person and all their handicraft accomplishments during the last two years.

Remember, that each branch can submit two items for each category – different members not the same person. Some other pertinent information regarding the submission of your articles on the lists submitted to me.

Firstly, all lists must be to me by August 27. When submitting these lists PLEASE list classes by chronological order.



By this, I mean, that you start with your first entry in the "A" class. Complete all entries in the "A" class. Example: A1, A4, A20. Then complete Class "B" in the same way. Complete your Entry list until all your items are listed.

Make sure that you are using the new Handicraft List as there have been changes. Remember the new Felting category and the new Special competition. The Handicraft List & Forms are all available on the AWI website by visiting the [Awards & Competitions page](#).

Our weather is too hot during the day so gives us lots of time to complete our projects. Happy crafting!

Looking forward to seeing you all in September.

*Marilyn Wattenbarger,  
Handicraft Coordinator*

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Plans are underway for our in person convention in Camrose September 26-28 at the Norseman Inn . Be sure to mark your calendars and **SAVE the DATE!** Won't it be nice to be together!

Until next time,  
*Diane Dammann  
President AWI*

