



NEWS & NOTES

February
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Monthly Email Newsletter from our President - Diane Dammann

UPDATE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Resolutions Deadline: There is still time to get a resolution submitted. The deadline is March 31 which is a correction to the Home and Country information. Creative Writing is also due on March 31.

There are three of us going to ACWW Conference in May. Any WI member can enter the contest to make a shoe bag or a tea tray cloth. We would be happy to take them for you. They will be judged and then sold as a fundraiser. If you can't go to Malaysia yourself you can at least send some of your handiwork.

Contest rules are on ACWW registration site. [ACWW 30th Triennial World Conference](#). Scroll to the very bottom of the page to download the entry form link.

District 1 Update: We have a new District 1 Director. Joyce Hatton will be taking up the duties as soon as the curling finals finish. Her daughter is competing in Wetaskiwin.

Call for Silent Auction Items:

We have a new online silent auction on Facebook coming up to support the travel fund. Send a picture of the item, the value and the location information to the AWI office by Feb 20.

Please put "Silent Auction Items" in the subject line.

The sale/auction will run from March 1 to 20. There was some discussion about shipping. The location of the item will be listed, and it is up to the buyer and seller to negotiate the transportation. Perhaps an item could be purchased online (photo submitted) and then the shipping address of the buyer entered, and it would be delivered. My parents in BC used to order from Eaton's catalogue and have it sent to me in Ontario with Eaton's paying the shipping.



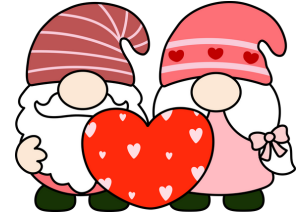
To participate in the online silent auction, go to Facebook. AWI Facebook You have to have an email account to set up Facebook. To set up an email account, select a name you want to use, and a password, Passwords should be easy for you to remember.

UPDATE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT CONT'D

There are 21 Resolutions to be voted on at ACWW. Many are about structural changes to ACWW then the vote for Canada Area President, Pennies for Friendship is now Rural Women in Action, membership dues increase to 130 pounds for us, a category 1 Society, food waste, Rural Gender Impact Analysis, and a Rural Women Employment Action Plan.

AWARD REMINDERS

Erland Lee was a great help in getting WI started. There is an appreciation award for a man who exemplifies the qualities of Erland Lee. The nomination can come from a Branch, Constituency, District or Provincial Council. Nominations must be submitted to Provincial Office by Jan 31 each year and then they are forwarded to FWIC before March 31.

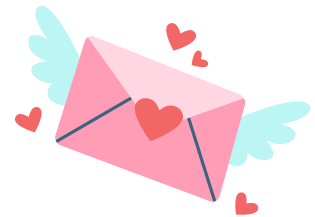


Other awards are the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Canadian Woman of the Year Award. Sophie A Miles Award, Golden Book Award, Cornelia Wood Scholarship, Award of Excellence. Your District Director has information on all of these.

Final Thoughts: All Council members have a Big White Binder. This has history, forms, guidelines, Women's Institute Act, Constitution, policy manual, financial statements, minutes, handicraft list, competitions, awards, and more. It is the duty of the Executive and Directors to keep this binder up to date. Ask if you want or need any information.

Also, we are currently accepting applications for Handicraft Coordinator and Editor for our Home & Country Newsletter, please submit names/information to the Provincial Office.

Welcome to all new members.
And Happy Valentines Day
Love Diane
President AWI



Send Nominations to:

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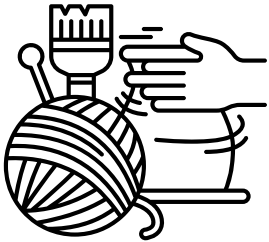
Nominations Wanted!

We are still looking for names for president-elect, and a new bookkeeper/financial officer. If you have these skills, please share them.

UPDATE FROM HANDICRAFT COORDINATOR



In addition to the Handicraft entry items are two special categories.



One is the Edna May Ridley Quilting Award. This is a hand quilted patchwork quilt. The top of the quilt may be machine pieced but the quilt must be hand quilted. Minimum size is 40x60 inches. The First class winner in Class D-1 automatically wins this award. The winner will receive a small individual plaque and her name will be placed on the large plaque held by Alberta Women's Institutes.



The second is the Myrtle (Olsen Roberts) Heyer Doily Award. The article in this category may be either of the three: tatted doily 10" - 14", crochet doily 14" - 30", knitted doily 14" - 30". The material used must be Crochet cotton.



In this category each member from every branch or associate member can enter. Do not mount doilies. The first place winner will receive a small individual plaque and have her name engraved on the large plaque held by Alberta Women's Institutes. There will be no points awarded for this class and therefore no points towards branch standings.

A new Handicraft List 2023 will be out soon. There have been many changes - additions, deletions, and changes in wording to some Classes.

Please check the list carefully so that all your entries are entered into the appropriate class. Please note Page 2 #13: There will be no articles accepted for display only. This and all disqualified articles will be placed into respective branch tubs and not displayed.

