

# Women Remember World War II

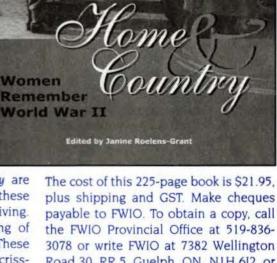
Following the tremendous success of From This Place: Recollections of the Lives of Women in the 20th Century, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) have just published a second book of the same genre - Fighting for Home & Country: Women Remember World War II. This new book edited by Janine Roelens-Grant documents Women's Institute members' wartime experiences. The aim of Fighting for Home & Country is to reconstruct a sense of time and place experienced by Women's Institute (WI) members as young girls and women during the years of World War II from 1939 to 1945.

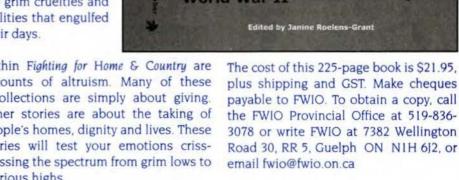
In Fighting for Home & Country WI members from across Ontario have shared their wartime stories. Many lived in another province or country at the time of the war. Some stories are told from the perspective of a child; others encompass growing-up years from a "just turned teen" to a married woman. Others experienced these years as war brides, factory workers, Land Army girls or farmerettes, mechanics, refugees and prisoners of war. Many served in various capacities - as nurses, cooks, truck drivers, wireless operators, mechanics, etc. - in the army, navy or air force.

Depending on where they lived, the degree that these young girls and

women were touched by war varied. Almost all of them wrote about blackouts, the rationing of food, clothing and gas, air raid shelters and gas masks. These things became matter of fact: many even became blasé about these war measures. Others recorded living in constant fear of the devastation caused by V-1s or buzz bombs. rockets and other weapons and vehicles of warfare. chronicled Many the real horrors of war - death and destruction, suffering and starvation and the grim cruelties and realities that engulfed their days.

Within Fighting for Home & Country are accounts of altruism. Many of these recollections are simply about giving. Other stories are about the taking of people's homes, dignity and lives. These stories will test your emotions crisscrossing the spectrum from grim lows to glorious highs.





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# Cross Country Happenings

#### Balsam Hill WI, Renfrew South, Eastern Area



Karen and Ray Pender were selected Citizens of the Year for the Township of Admaston-Bromley in 2004. The couple has been involved in the Renfrew County agricultural community for years. Karen, a member of the Balsam Hill Women's Institute Branch, has held all offices at the Branch level and is the Past President of Renfrew South District.

Submitted by Cheryl Barber.

#### Glen Gowrie WI, Perth South, London Area



Gwen Christie, a Charter Lifetime Member of the Glen Gowrie Women's Institute, is shown displaying some of the dolls and doll clothes she made for the London Children's Hospital.

Submitted by Bonnie Harmer, Secretary.

Minesing WI, Simcoe Centre, Simcoe Area



This group recently recognized many of their accomplishments over the years, as well as many of their dedicated members. Members were responsible for initiating a circulating library in their community in 1908 and establishing the Vespra Township Library in 1943. They have contributed financially to a number of causes, including the Minesing Library, Community Centre, pavilion, rink and cemetery, as well as the Royal Victoria Hospital and the Simcoe County Museum. The group has contributed to numerous village improvements and has provided leadership for 4-H Clubs for many years.

Numerous members were presented with 25 Year Pins. Shown from left to right are Heather Smeding. Helen Maynard, Phyllis Schaefer, Catherine Kennedy, Mary Downey, Joann Hubbert, Isabel Downey, Jean Adams, Linda Van Rassel, Grace Adams, Blanche Thew, Gladys Noble, Christa VanderVelden, Connie Adams, Heather Dickson and Betty Lettelier.

Submitted by Phyllis Schaefer.

#### Allanburg WI, Niagara, Hamilton Area

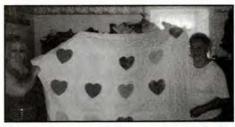
Three members from the Allanburg Women's Institute received their 50 Year Pins. Congratulations to Jean Egerter, June Egerter and Caroline Yungblut for their years of dedication to the WI.

#### River Road WI, Elgin County, London Area



This Branch recently honoured two long-time members, Velma Campbell (left) and Lillian Ross (center). Branch President Cathy Cook (right) presented the women with 60 Year Pins, Velma was instrumental in helping to set an Auxiliary for the Elgin County Long Term Care Facility. Each year, Velma hosted a Summer Tea attended by both WI members and the community. Lillian was recognized for her involvement with the Elgin County Pioneer Museum. Her interest in history and her expertise at documenting has enabled her to write articles for presentations at special events and for publication locally. Both Velma and Lillian actively participated in the restoration of a local family cemetery three decades ago, which is still maintained by the River Road WI. Submitted by Geraldine Munro.

#### Tincap WI, Leeds, Kingston Area



This quilt created by members of the Tincap Women's Institute was the result of the group's efforts at learning appliqué. Once everyone had finished their individual squares, they were assembled into a quilt, which was then donated to a local nursing home. The group has since decided to make more quilts to give to other nursing homes. Holding the quilt are the Branch President Grace Leclaire (right) and the Secretary Francine Cottrell (left).

Submitted by Francine Cottrell, Secretary.



#### VOICE OF THE FARMER, November 25, 2003



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London Area Women's Institute 2003-2004 executive includes: (back row, left to right) Ruth Skillings, PRO; Fran Hyatt, Lobbing Convenor; Janet Gibson, Assistant Tweedsmuir Curator; Bessie Thompson, Tweedsmuir Curator; Mary Veenstra, ROSE coordinator; Sheila Greason, Assistant Secretary; Laurine McIntosh, Assistant PRO. (front row) Grace Campbell, Treasurer; Mary Nicklas, Secretary; Eleanor Williams, President; Glenna Ladell, 1st Vice President; Anne Innes, 2nd Vice President.

#### DID YOU KNOW:

The author and origin of the Institute Ode are unknown. It is reported that it was used by the "Sons of Temperance" Lodge in Stroud, Simcoe County in the late 1870s.

MARY STEWART, author of the Collect, was born in 1876, in the State of Ohio, and moved with her parents to Georgetown, Colorado when quite young. She wrote the collect as a prayer for the day, and later in 1904 she offered it for publication. It was first printed in the "Delineator" a women's magazine nationally popular at the time. Miss Stewart called it a "Collect for Club Women" because she felt that women working together with wide interests for large ends was a new thing. While visiting in England, she spent some time with Mrs. Alfred Watt, president of the Associated Country Women of the World. In the studio of Robin Watt, the artist son of Mrs. Watt, Miss Stewart personally supervised his work of copying out the prayer.



### Mary Stewart Collect

Keep as O Lord From pettiness; let us be large in thought in word and dead.

Let us be done with fault finding and leave off poll-speking.

May we put away all pretence and meet each other fron to lace, without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.

Let us take time for all things; make us grow color, serene, gentle.

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Grant that we may realize that it is the MNe Village that oresite differences; that in the big Misge of the we are one.

And may we strive to teach and know the great human heart semmon to us all, and O Lord God ist us not lenget to be kind.

## Indebted to the Past; Committed to the Future

Our objectives are still solid and relevant as we go into our second century of "personal growth and community action." They are

- to assist and encourage women to become more knowledgeable and responsible citizens
- to promote and develop good family life skills
- to discover, stimulate and develop leadership
- to identify and resolve needs in the community.

For one hundred years Women's Institute members have been quietly and actively working together for family, home, community and country.

Be part of an international network of women with a non-governmental organization voice at the United Nations.



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An organization for personal growth and community action

The tapestry background of this brochure is made up of inter-connecting figures of women encircling symbols of some of the FWIO's many program areas and interests.

New members help the pattern grow and enhance the tapestry by adding new interests and ideas.

# Here's what we're all about . . .

# Women's Institutes . . .

- introduce fun and friendship at monthly meetings: enjoy crafts, physical activities, tours, speakers
- initiate programs to strengthen the family: promote good family life skills through programs on Family and Consumer Affairs; support projects such as recycling and improving parenting skills; encourage responsible citizenship
- interpret and record local history: compile community history in Tweedsmuir History books; work with museums, libraries and schools
- influence through resolutions, briefs and letters: present sessions on Citizenship and Legislation; discuss laws that affect the lives of members and their families

- improve health, nutrition and safety in the home: partner with environmental, safety and health organizations; work towards healthy physical and mental environments
- instruct through leadership workshops and craft and food demonstrations: provide personal growth opportunities
- identify and act on local, national and global issues: participate in projects on agriculture, industry and education; revitalize community spirit; lobby for safer, healthier communities; study international affairs, customs and issues



#### WI Fact File

- Women's Institute was formed in 1897 in Stoney Creek, Ontario. Adelaide Hoodless and Janet and Erland Lee were instrumental in organizing the first branch.
- Wi's initial purpose was to improve the conditions of life for rural women through the promotion of domestic science education. Their mandate was soon expanded to include self-improvement, government lobbying, and community betterment.
- The official badge and colours (blue and gold) were all selected by 1904.
- . The WI motto is For Home and Country.
- The root of the Women's Institute movement is still the local branch where members work to improve family and community life.
- in 1919 the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) was organized to give women a stronger voice by working together as a united group. In the same year, the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) was organized to coordinate the work of the provincial organizations.
- The newsletter Home & Country has been published since 1933. Before that, members received information in the WI News Bulletin.
- In 1933 in Stockholm, Women's Institutes across the world joined with other rural women's organizations to form the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). The ACWW presently has members in over 60 countries.
- 1947 marked the official launch of the Tweedsmuir history books as a 50th anniversary project of WI, although Institutes had started compiling local history 20 years earlier.
- The Erland Lee (Museum) Home in Stoney Creek was acquired by FWIO in 1972.
- The Recycling Council of Ontario awarded FWIO the "Outstanding Organization Award" in 1991 for initiating over 350 environmental projects.
- In 1996, Nelda Morrison created and designed the FWIO tartan. Its colours are blue, gold, black, white, green and red.
- For Home and Country: The Centennial History of the Women's Institutes in Ontario, by Dr. Linda Ambrose, was published in 1996.



#### CONVENTION '97

#### SALES and DISPLAYS

Thank you for your interest and decision to have a display table to advertise your sales items at Convention '97.

You will be responsible for your sales table and money at your table.

You may have non registered people volunteer at your table, but they cannot attend the rest of The convention unless they have registered for the day they are volunteering.

If tables are shared, we ask that no more than three people be behind the table at one time.

No food and beverages in the Wentworth room (Convention Centre policy).

There are many food outlets near by, where you may purchase your meals (Jackson Square is across the street). Jackson Square has a food circle, restrants and fast food outlets.

There will be a volunteer room near the Wentworth room where you may take a break and relax. There will be water in this room and I have asked for coffee to be supplied for volunteers.

I am not sure if there is a washroom off this room, but they are near by.

#### OPEN HOURS IN THE WENTWORTH ROOM

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We must be out of this room Saturday evening as another convention will be coming in at 2:pm Sunday. The convention centre need to clean before the other groups come in.

There is a loading dock at the back of the convention centre.

The Convention centre is at 1 Summer lane.

Parking is expensive at the centre car pooling is advised. I have been told parking is less expensive a few blocks away, but I am not sure if you can park over nite in these lots.

There is a coordinator for the Wentworth room she will have your space marked out and will direct you to your space, your table will be in place the evening of June 16-1997.

I am looking foreword to meeting in June, please find enclosed your receipt.



#### FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES of CANADA

#### CONVENTION '97 Registration for Sales and Display tables

June 17 - 22, 1997 marks the occasion of a Women's Institute Centennial Celebration and F.W.I.C. Convention '97 at Hamilton Convention Centre, Hamilton, Ontario.

This is a national convention of an educational organization for personal growth and community action. Besides representation from more than 4,000 members across Canada, there will be international guests.

It is also a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the first Women's Institute branch at Stoney Creek, Ontario, in 1897.

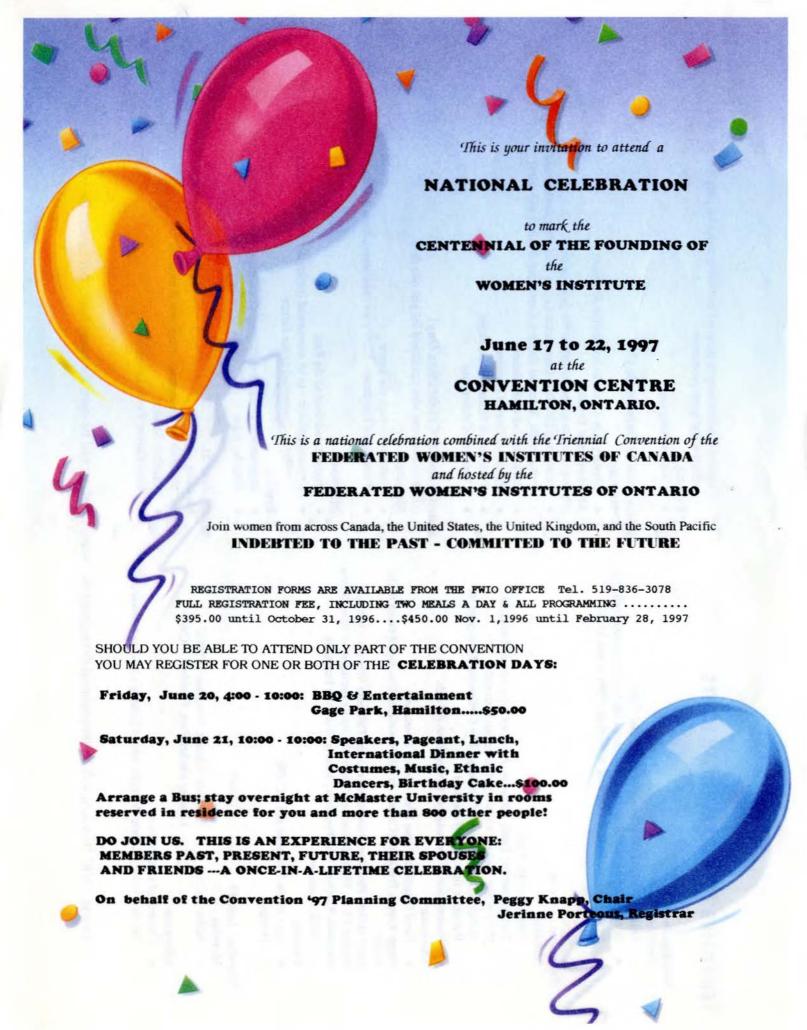
This is an excellent opportunity for you to promote your organization. Several Branches, Districts or a subdivision might share a space.

Space will be available at a cost of \$80.00 + G.S.T. for a 10' X 10' area. This includes a draped table and two chairs.

Please reserve your table by March 31,1997. Please make cheques payable to Convention '97 % Ruth Halbert.

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#### TENTATIVE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

#### Tuesday, June 17

#### Evening

- · Official Opening with Parade of Provincial Flags
- · Special Guests, including sister organizations and government officials
- . Greetings from National Council of Women, YWCA and VON
- Reception

#### Wednesday, June 18

#### Morning

- Indebted to the Past
   Theme Speaker: Linda Ambrose, Assistant Professor of Canadian
   History and Women's History, Laurentian University
  - Author of For Home and Country: The Centennial History of the Women's Institutes of Ontario
- · Presentation of Tweedsmuir Competition Awards

#### Afternoon

• Panel Discussion: One Tree - Many Branches:

Peggy Knapp, President (Canada Area), Associated Country Women of the World

Deris Hallett, President, Newfoundland and Labrador Women's Institute Pauline Meek, FWIC Executive Officer, Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia Elizabeth Rushton, Past-President, Alberta Women's Institutes

FWIC Elections

#### Evening

- · Tour of the Provinces and ACWW
- Displays

#### Thursday, June 19

#### Morning

Addresses by:

Charlotte Johnson, President of FWIC Lyndsay Hacket-Pain, President, ACWW

#### Afternoon

Committed to the Future
 Theme speaker: Rosalie Wysocki, one of Canada's leading motivational

speakers, specializing in personal leadership coaching people to be more effective and more productive

#### Evening

Gala entertainment

#### Friday, June 20 Ontario Day!

#### Morning

· Mystery Bus Tours for convention delegates

#### Afternoon and Evening

(Open to everyone who can attend for just one day)

- Displays at Hamilton Convention Centre (including modern and antique quilts, crafts, historical displays, Centennial displays and sales)
- Barbecue and entertainment
- Parade of District Banners
- Tweedsmuir History Book Show
- Centennial Celebrations

#### Saturday June 21 Celebration Day!

(Open to everyone who can attend for just one day)

#### Morning

- Fashions through the Years
- Twinning of Provinces Meet your twin branch from Alberta!

#### Afternoon

- Pageant: Indebted to the Past
- Keynote Speaker to be announced (nationally known Canadian)
   Topic: Committed to the Future

#### **Evening**

- International Dinner and Program (Costumes, Music, Dance)
- Birthday draw

#### **Sunday June 22**

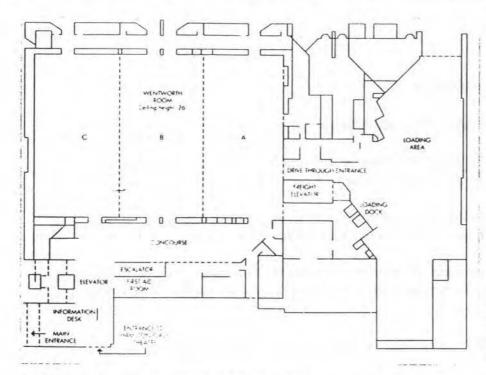
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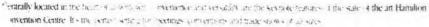
- · My Wish for the Future Provincial Presidents
- Interfaith Service
- Roof Garden Picnic Luncheon

Ruth HALBERT 519-925-570

Draws and FWIC Business will be interspersed throughout the week. Displays will be open for many hours throughout the week.

# HAMILTON CONVENTION CENTRE GROUND FLOOR-WENTWORTH ROOM

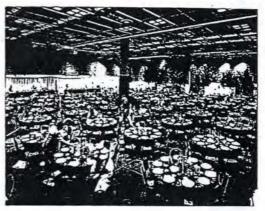


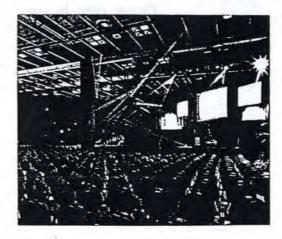


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<sup>\*</sup> Room capacities may wan, depending on type of setup and nature of the event

#### VOLUNTEER POLICY GUIDELINES

- Volunteers will be identified by a name badge and a ribbon.
- 2. Volunteers who are non-registrants will be restricted to those areas in which they are volunteering, as well as the volunteer room Room 203, Second Floor
- Volunteers should be prepared to answer questions about their designated areas and be generally familiar with the Convention Centre layout.
- Volunteers should be aware of emergency procedures. There is a First-Aid Room on the lower level. Should emergency assistance be required, please call the Security Office at extension 3044.
- 5. Please keep in mind there is no food or drink allowed in the Convention Centre.
- 6. Please keep your purse with you; do not leave it in the Volunteer Room.
- Please keep in mind that volunteers will not be remunerated for meals, mileage or parking fees. Car pooling is suggested if possible. However, all volunteers can park at the Convention Centre parking lot number 37 (see map) for a reduced fee of \$5.95 per day. Ask at the registration desk of the Convention Centre for your parking voucher and note that there are no in and out privileges.

Volunteer Policy Guidelines as passed at a Convention '97 General Meeting, January 20, 1997.

#### PROMOTING THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

As a Women's Institute member at a display, exhibit or sales area, please be aware that you are projecting an image of the organization. The people in charge of these areas are just as important as the display itself. Please keep in mind the following when volunteering:

DO		DO	NOT
	be happy and enthusiastic		sit down when visitors are present
	be well-rested		drink or eat at the booth
	be confident		smoke
	use positive body language		chew gum
	dress appropriately		ignore people
	be safety wise		chat with other staff while visitors are in
	be responsible		attendance
	smile - be friendly		knit
	greet people		leave early or disappear
	read any notes left for you		let friends and family loiter
	concerning the display area		hang around when your shift ends
	be prepared: know your message		interfere with normal traffic patterns
	take down a person's name, address and phone number if you cannot answer a question		leisure read
	be prompt		
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	be considerate of other exhibits		
	project a positive image		
	have fun and enjoy yourself!		

Adapted from a fact sheet prepared by Mary Janes, FWIO PRO.

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Ruth Halbert ATTENTION: GAIL FLANAGAN RR#2

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Fax-519-925-5509

SUBJECT: Volunteer Policy and guidelines

Please find enclosed the following information:

\* Volunteer policy and guidelines

\* Fact sheet for volunteers on promoting the Women's Institute

\* Map of Hamilton City Centre

\* Map of Hamilton Convention Centre

\* Municipal Parking Lots

\* Floor plan of the Hamilton Convention Centre

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For those involved with setting up display or sales areas in the Wentworth room, please be reminded that everything must come through the loading docks. See floor plan.

The Wentworth room will be set up on Monday June-16-1997. The convention centre dictates that we must have a loading dock supervisor and that everything going into the Wentworth room must come through the loading docks. We have scheduled this person to be available from 11:00am to 4:00 p.m.on Monday, June 16 during the set up time. They are also scheduled for a tear down time on Saturday, June 21, from 1:00 to 5:pm The commercial exhibits will come in from 11:00am.to 1:00pm. And the rest of the sales & exhibits from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Please relay this information to your volunteers who are setting up and tearing down. It is important that we adhere to this schedule.

We must be out of this room Saturday evening as another convention will be coming in at 2:pm of Sunday.

To get to the Convention centre you turn off Hwy.403 at Main St.E. and travel approximately seven traffic lights East on Main St. to 1 Summer Lane CONVENTION CENTRE. For the loading docks come 1 street farther East to McNabb St. turn left and you will find the loading docks. Please note the LOADING DOCK times. If you are sending your supplies by courier you must be on hand to accept your supplies. Please make your volunteers aware of the Convention Centre policy that no one is allowed to bring food or a beverage into the Convention Centre. Given this fact, consider booking your volunteers for only three or four hour periods. I believe the volunteer room is on the second floor, it will have a sign on it to identify it. There will be water and coffee in this room.

The loading dock at the back of the convention centre on McNabb St.

The Convention centre is at 1 Summer

If you are not coming until June 17th, you must still bring supplies through the loading dock.
You will be responsable for name tags for your volunteers.

\* Face sheet for volunteers on promoting the Women's Institute

Sincerely Ruth Halbert.

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\* Floor plan of the Hamilton Convention Centre

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