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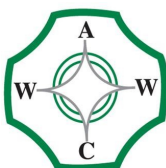
# NETWORK NEWS



BCWI 38th  
Triennial  
Convention



June 11th—13th, 2020



ACWW Convention  
June 13th—15th,  
2020

Shoal Center  
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It's January, the Christmas things have been put away and the new seed catalogues are out. It's the slide into spring, I do mean slide as I think everyone is experienc-

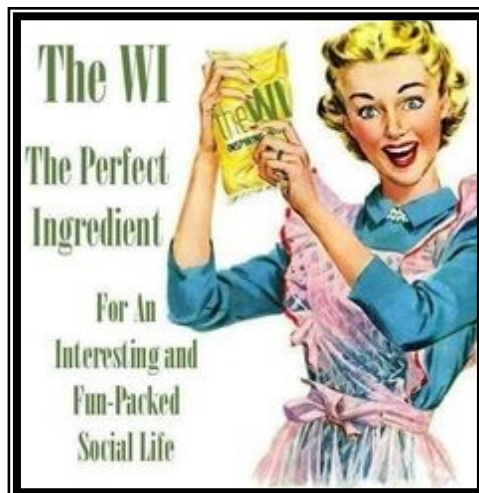
ing cold temperatures and extra snow. We are getting closer to the BCWI 38th Triennial Convention. Magdie de Kock our ACWW World President and Linda Hoy our ACWW Canada Area President will be attending. This is a great opportunity to meet and talk with them.

I hope that you are reading your Network News and MailChimps to better understand the Resolutions so you can ask questions ahead of voting time ...

I spoke before about our new Handbook and having it finished. However in speaking to other members and branches, I have found that branch Handbooks don't exist or they haven't been updated in a long time. Take a look at yours, does it need updating or do you need a new one?

Also take a look for both BCWI Registration and Tour packages along with ACWW Registration information. We are getting closer! Be sure and register before the Early Bird deadline of February 15, 2020 and final deadline for registration of May 15, 2020.

Thanks and "remember to be kind"  
Colleen Hooper—President



## **OFFICE**



Hi Ladies,

Welcome to 2020 I am looking forward to another great year!!

As you can see on page 5 we have gained 21 new members, way to go ladies!! To date we have 8 Districts and 36 Branches for an approximate total membership of 450.

We are gearing up for an exciting BCWI Triennial Convention which will be combined with the ACWW Convention. Both Conventions will be held at the Shoal Center in Sidney, BC June 11—15th, 2020.

Don't forget to register for the BCWI Triennial Convention and Group Tours through the BCWI Office, for the ACWW Convention register through Ruth Fenner. If you need more information on either of these, please do not hesitate to contact me at [bcwi@bcwi.ca](mailto:bcwi@bcwi.ca) or Ruth Fenner at [landrfenner@shaw.ca](mailto:landrfenner@shaw.ca)

As usual I look forward to seeing everyone in June!!



## **IN HOUSE RAFFLE**



**Cheryl Peters—Northside WI**

Winner of a

\$50.00 Canadian Tire Gift Card

This Raffle raised \$208.00

Next draw to be held—March 15, 2020



## Vice President

### INSTAGRAM

BCWI is setting up an Instagram account and we invite all WI members to use it.

### WHAT IS INSTAGRAM AND HOW EASY IS IT TO USE?

Instagram is a photo and video sharing online social networking service mostly by posting photos and a small description of the photo. By posting photos of what our WI Branches are doing or descriptions of a branch we would hope to attract or at least get the word out about WI to more people. 90% of Instagram users are younger than 35, making this an excellent way to attract younger people to seeing what we are all about.

### IS IT EASY TO USE?

You can create an account to see what others are doing on Instagram or not. Either way just send photos with a description to Betty Bartlett and she can post them on Instagram.

Like Facebook you have to create an account, with a username and password. You can then start searching for people or organizations that are using Instagram that you would like to follow. Once you follow for instance BCWI, you can just click on them and see the most recent posts.

We thought we should give this a try and hopefully it will be easy to do.

Brenda Devauld—Vice President

## Reflections and what they reveal

Recently, Ruth Fenner asked the Board to review the members of the Board from 1990 to the present.

It was so easy to find the information when the Board changed every 3 years and then in 2005 the rotating Board began. What a challenge 2005 – 2008 must have been. I commend Wanda Richter and Board members Ruth Kachur, Susan Grant, Janet Atkins, Pat Twomey, Linda Malm and Susan Hoszouski for being there as this was more than just getting used to a rotating Board. The Office Administrator changed three times, the elected President stepped down, a member of the Board moved away and a member passed away. We can be so thankful that we have such dedicated members to keep our organization running through those difficult years. Just goes to show the integrity and dedication members have towards WI.

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## Nominee Bio's



### **President—Brenda Devauld, Northside WI—Central Interior District**

I live in Vanderhoof, a small rural community in the Central Interior of BC and have been involved in the Women's Institute here for over 12 years. I owned and operated a home based Nursery business for many years and I still love all aspects of plants and gardens.

This is the ninth year that I have been on the BCWI Board, 6 spent as a Director, 3 as Vice President and I am excited to be able to move into the President position of BCWI following our 2020 Convention. I have had some very good mentors and examples from my time on the Board, with all of us working together to get the best results. We learn from each other. and what one is not confident doing another is. I am looking forward to working with Betty Bartlett and the ladies who will make up the BCWI Board for the next 3 years, coming together with commitment and friendship.



### **Vice President—Shelly Simrose. Sinkut WI—Central Interior District**

My name is Shelly Simrose and I've been a member of Sinkut WI starting 37 years ago. After taking a few years off raising our 2 daughters and 1 son, I rejoined approximately 20 years ago. I have held the position of Branch President for the past 15 years. As well I served as President for 5 years for the Central Interior District, and as Vice President. I was elected to the BC Provincial Board in 2018. In this time I have been the Chair for Victoria Salliss Creative Arts Legacy. I have enjoyed all the new friendships and the learning of so many things. If I am voted in as Vice President I will do my best to help the President in any way possible to make her job easier, as well as the rest of the BCWI Board!



### **Director—Fay Van Horn, Glenwood WI—Bulkeley Tweedsmuir District**

As a young mom, I joined Quick WI and was lucky enough to have the mentorship of the likes of Barbara Jeffery, Elvira Harding and Ivy Middleton. After a few years, I went back to work and joined Glenwood WI as they had evening meetings. With Glenwood I have held the positions of Director, Secretary and President, currently President/Secretary.

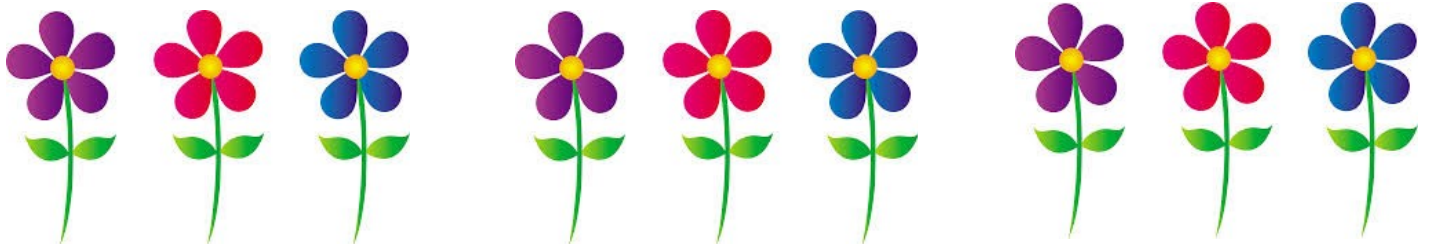
Glenwood belongs to Bulkeley Tweedsmuir District, and I have held positions of Director and President of the District. Most currently I have been a Provincial Director for two terms, and worked on Resolutions for all of you. I have the time to devote to Women's Institute even though I spend three months of the year out of the country with Internet magic, I don't miss anything.

I have been married for over 50 years to Jim, have three adult children, six grandchildren and one adorable great grandson who is almost one year old. We do lots of camping in the summer, mostly with family, and Jim devotes lots of time to gardening in an attempt to grow as much of our own food as possible.



### **Director—Kim Coy, Colwood WI—South Vancouver Island District**

Hello My name is Kim Coy. I am 46 years old, I am married with 2 sons ages 10 and 11 years old. I own and operate Sunshine Early Childhood Centre located at our Colwood Community Hall where our Colwood WI Branch is located. I have been working in Childcare since 1993 and I am a certified Early Childhood Educator. I am also a baseball coach in our local youth baseball club. I have been a member of the Women's Institute for the past 3 years and currently host our Colwood WI evening group.





## DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ... SO DO WE!!

Help us grow the WI! Help us make a connection between your branch and the BCWI by answering these 5 questions. When your branch meets in the fall, please answer the questions and send your answers to [Royaloakwihall@gmail.com](mailto:Royaloakwihall@gmail.com) by **March 31, 2020**. The BCWI will present the results at the 2020 Convention.

- 1a How is your branch relevant in your community?
- 1b How is the BCWI relevant in your community?
- 2 How do you think your branch connects to the BCWI?
- 3a What can the BCWI do for you as a member?
- 3b What can the BCWI do for you as a branch?
- 4 What is your branch vision for the BCWI moving forward?
- 5a How is your branch dealing with the challenges that women face in today's society?
- 5b How is the BCWI dealing with the challenges that women face in today's society?

### WELCOME *New Members*



Cheryl Jackson—Horsefly WI  
Kirsten Saunders—Horsefly WI  
Kathy Kleine—Horsefly WI  
Roxanne Wilkins—Horsefly WI  
Cheryl Irvine—Northside WI  
Anita Wear—Atchelitz WI  
Raj Bining—Ryder Lake WI  
Freda Lawrence—Ryder Lake WI  
Rosemarie Marshall—Bridesville WI  
Karin Thompson—Bridesville WI  
Alice Zinowki—Bridesville WI  
Shelley Douglas—Rock Creek WI  
Helen MacDonald—Sunshine Valley WI



### WELCOME *New Members*



Jean Johnson—Triangle WI  
Rose McCulley—Cedar WI  
Rosalind Chapman—Cobble Hill WI  
Joanne Phelps—Cobble Hill WI  
Ann Bartlett—Colwood WI  
Janine Cox—Colwood WI  
Janet Miller—Colwood WI  
Paige Zboyousky-Hartwig—Colwood WI



## **BCWI 38TH TRIENNIAL COMPETITIONS**

### **HERB GARDEN**



**PLANTS**—only Herbs can be used in your Herb Garden. They may be for indoor or outdoor use. Other materials may be used to enhance your Herb Garden, such as small figurines, small rocks, etc.

**CONTAINERS**—Small easily transported pots. Herb pots come in a variety of shapes and sizes. They can come in different types of containers as well. They can be plastic, fibreglass, resin pots, cement, stone pots, clay or terracotta pots, glass or metal.

**DESIGN**—Have fun being creative!!

**ALL HERB CONTAINERS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE 2020 TRIENNIAL TO BE JUDGED—VIEWERS CHOICE**

### **CHRISTMAS QUILT BLOCK**

**DESIGN**—An original or traditional design, appliqued acceptable

**SIZE**—Each block to be 12.5 x 12.5 inches with raw edges, no borders and unquilted

**MATERIAL**—100% cotton, pre-washed

**COLOUR**—Colours should be red, green, gold or white, traditional Christmas colours. Any colour or pattern combination can be used

Any member can enter one quilt block. Mail entries before **MARCH 31, 2020** to:

**Brenda Devauld**  
**Box 2275**  
**Vanderhoof, BC V0J 3A0**

The quilt blocks will be judged by the Vanderhoof Quilters Guild prior to the BCWI Triennial 2020, where they will be displayed. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be donated by the Vanderhoof Department Store. The blocks will be made into a quilt to raffle, with the funds raised going to the Provincial Office.

### **PHOTO ESSAY**

**DESIGN**—A photo collage or sequence of photos telling a story. The story expresses the intent of the BCWI Campaign to Reduce, Reuse or Recycle OR may include all three “R’s” and is specific to single use plastics.

#### **CRITERIA**

- ◆ Photos tell a clear story
- ◆ Plastic choice or subject is clearly stated in photos
- ◆ Presentation is artistic and is limited to a single poster size, but need not be that large
- ◆ A written explanation of the story is to be attached uncovered to the back of the submitted project. Competitor information is to be enclosed in an envelope and also attached to the back of the project

**SEND PHOTO ESSAY'S TO BC WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OFFICE BY APRIL 30, 2020**

**Box 36**  
**Barriere, BC V0E 1E0**

## RESOLUTIONS

### **RESOLUTION 2020-1 Make Water Cremation/Alkaline Hydrolysis an Option for British Columbians Taking Action on Carbon Emissions**

**Be it resolved that the South Vancouver Island Women's Institute petition the Solicitor General of the Government of British Columbia to amend the Cemetery, Interment and Funeral Services Act and all regulations to include a definition of cremation and in that definition include the provision for Alkaline Hydrolysis to be an approved method within the Province of British Columbia.**

**Further, we urge all British Columbia Women's Institute members to join us in this petitioning action.**

#### **Reasons for this request:**

South Vancouver Island Women's Institute recognizes that even in death we can reduce our environmental footprint by reducing carbon emissions in the air by embracing new technologies to replace the practise of flame based cremation of the deceased human body in particular by the process of Alkaline Hydrolysis.

#### **Background Information**

- Linda Steele on BC CTV News air date Feb 20 2013 "Green Burial Trend"
- Terry Regnier, Mayo Clinic, YouTube video uploaded by Motherboard June 8 2017 "Leaving the Earth the Greenest Way Possible, Water Cremation"
- Mike Farnsworth Letter April 3 2019 re government position on Alkaline Hydrolysis: Water Cremation

### **RESOLUTION 2020-2 Ban the Sale of Non Compostable Plastic Single Use Dog Waste Bags**

**Be it resolved that: Central Interior District Women's Institute urge the British Columbia Government to enact legislation to ban the sale of single use non compostable plastic dog waste bags and instead encourage products and methods that are proven environmentally safe and will degrade into natural substances.**

#### **Reasons for this request:**

- BC has no legislation to prevent or discourage the ongoing use of non compostable plastic bags for disposing of dog waste.
- Plastic bags made from traditional petroleum/natural gas products take up to 1000 years to break down (oceancrusaders.org)
- Non compostable plastic bags eventually do break down into micro plastics infiltrating watersheds and soils.
- These micro plastics are entering the food chain and will have long term implications for animals and mankind.
- There are 8.2 million dogs in Canada. (Canada Animal Health Institute Jan. 2019) and the average dog produces 152 pounds of solid waste per year; and
- In the Westshore area of Victoria 640,000 dog bags are used each year. (Victoria News, Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 2018)
- There are many environmentally safe, methods and products, commercially available for the disposal of dog waste.

## RESOLUTIONS

### **RESOLUTION 2020-3 We Demand our Right to a Fully Funded, Effective Public Education within Secure, Safe Schools**

Members of British Columbia Women's Institute are mandated, in part, to ensure our children receive a good education in fully funded, safe schools, within the Public Education System.

**British Columbia Women's Institute hereby resolves to strongly urge the Minister of Education to consider and implement the following.**

**The Minister of Education shall:**

- 1. put an emphasis on and have accountability measures in place to ensure our students are being taught a strong foundation in printing, spelling, reading, and mathematics during the primary years.**
- 2. provide adequate funding for required "duty staff," Educational Assistants, and other support staff to operate a quality, inclusive, educational program at each public school.**
- 3. return the letter grade system to commence in the Grade 4 academic year and make it easily accessible to parents and students.**
- 4. limit split classes to grades 1/2, 2/3, 4/5, 5/6 and where possible, kindergarten should not be in a split class.**
- 5. limit the on duty adult to child ratio to 1:50 during recess and outdoor free playtimes.**
- 6. limit the number of portables on one school property to 5 units. At such a time as population exceeds this then proper facilities are to be constructed in a timely manner.**

1. With no pass or fail and no grading system in place in the elementary school years, our children can easily be pushed through the grades and be illiterate and unable to print legibly or complete basic academic skills and graduate. I personally know many children that have been pushed through and are lacking the basic skills academically. The parents (myself being one of them) were unaware as they misinterpreted the positive wording in the report cards and thought their children were doing well in school, during the primary years. Then when the child gets to grade 4 and the academic work is way over their child's head and they cannot keep up in class, do they realize their child is super behind academically. Then they have to play catch-up before middle school starts. We need accountability measures put in place to ensure our children are being taught adequately. Teachers need support because under the new academic system they are trying to teach extremely large split classes of children that are at all different levels of learning. How can they possibly accomplish this? Tim can't read, Tommy can't spell, Evan is bored and beyond his peers and needs more challenge, Maria is missing her Educational Assistant today and needs one to one support to learn ...
2. In Canada we pay taxes that go towards our school system. Educating our young should be our number one priority. Government needs to allocate more funding to our public school system. It is our basic rights as Canadians to receive a solid academic foundation during our childhood. Our children need to be adequately supervised during recess and lunch breaks for safety. We need our children to be housed in proper facilities. We need improved communication between the teachers and parents for academic success. We need librarians and counsellors returned to our schools. We rely on our PAC's to fund our libraries, build our playgrounds, and supply our teachers with money for classroom supplies and field trips. This is a disgrace.
3. Report cards have changed over the years. The language contained in the report cards are now worded so positively that parents can't decipher them and are having difficulty ascertaining how their child is actually doing in school. Children and parents both want to know academically how they are doing and the letter grade system is a very accurate, simple way to obtain this information. Letter grades also give the children



something to strive for in their studies. It also allows children to experience set backs in life while they are young and learn how to work through those trials positively. We are seeing a huge number of teens and young adults being diagnosed with stress and anxiety. A contributing factor is that they don't get the opportunity in their younger years to experience situations that are less than optimal. We adults tend to pave the way through life removing negativity and obstacles for them. (Participation ribbons for everyone). Receiving letter grades for the first time in grade 9 is too late as this can affect the drop out rate and their possible academic futures when applying to college and university. Children need the time to work toward improving their grades at a younger age before they are so far behind they can't catch up!

4. Kindergarten is a special year as it is the first introduction to school. It is mostly play based and is a time children learn to be in a classroom and be part of a group. Grade one is the beginning of academics. It is not fair to the children in grade one to be placed in a split class with kindergarteners. They are essentially repeating kindergarten and then are required to enter grade 2 the following year, therefore setting them behind their peers.
5. For example at one school; Currently we have 4 duties and 2 teachers working as duties during the lunch hour for a population of 415 students. This means our children are currently at 1:70. Currently the childcare regulations dictate a 1:12 adult to child ratio for the same age group in out of school care programs.
6. We currently have 14 portables on the playing field at Dunsmuir Middle School (population over 850 students grades 6-8). We currently have 5 portables at Wishart Elementary. Every single school in our District (Sooke 62) has at least 1-5 portables on their property. We are in an earthquake zone. Where will we house these students in an emergency situation? Are the gyms now over fire capacity during assemblies? Do we have enough toilets present to meet the student population? Where are the kids playing during the break times if their playing fields are covered in portables? What about parking availability for the staff and parents, are we becoming neighbourhood nuisances due to the lack of parking available? Our children deserve to be in properly constructed school facilities that our taxes in good faith go towards.



### WI Canada Report



Why are women's institutes struggling to stay alive and active? (BC has 36 branches)  
It all comes down to how your branch is doing. Members are the heart of the WI.  
There is so much depending on how we are doing at the grass roots. Learning and

development have always been an integral to WI. Our competitions provide ways to demonstrate the skills we have learned such as creative writing, crafting, and cooking. BCWI and FWIC/WI Canada have a history for over a hundred years for campaigning on issues of importance to women and families. As I look back over the years, the reasons for joining WI have not changed: to give back to our community, to learn something productive or new skills, to make lifelong friends, to socialize and we are interested and involved in making a difference.

What do we need to change to encourage younger members to join our fantastic organization? Do we need to be more active on how the world is changing? I looked at the United Kingdom web site and they have a revitalization happening with more younger working women wanting to join. Are we ready to delve into the issues they are addressing? Visit their website at <https://www.thewi.org.uk/>. Yes, they are addressing the problem with plastics, violence against women and women's issues. We are doing the same but are not making the same impact. I look forward to any comments or suggestions for women's institutes across Canada to have a revival and create a greater voice on issues that concern us all to make this a better place to live.

I would like to thank those who have donated to the renovations for "Addies Kitchen". The "buy a brick" campaign is still ongoing. Through donations, stage one is almost complete and the Homestead now has an approved kitchen and room to have a meeting. This beautiful heritage homesite with gorgeous grounds is now a perfect place for a wedding or anniversary party and it should help generate some income.

Jill Copes—BCWI Representative for FWIC/WI Canada

With great sadness Landry WI members share the news of the passing of long time member and life member of our WI, Olga Hunter born June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1925 passed away on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Olga first came to Landry District in the late 1940's as a young teacher in the school. She joined the Landry WI then and became a life member in 1961/62 and was active at every branch level. Olga was an inspiration to new members and a skilled convener, she was BCWI Cultural Convenor, a 4-H leader, and always active in her community. Olga will be missed by family and friends, as a mother, homemaker, community builder, friend to many and an inspiration to WI.



**Mary (Mollie) L. Ronayne**  
 Nov. 20 1920 (England)- Oct. 24 2019 (Pemberton)

MEMORIAL SERVICE SAT. NOV. 9 1:30PM

PEMBERTON COMMUNITY CHURCH (ON THE HILL) TEA TO FOLLOW



Planning to come to the **BCWI 38th Triennial Convention & ACWW Convention**  
in 2020?

Of course you are!!

Well, did you know that 75% of the Sidney rooms for June 2019 were booked by January 2019!

**Yikes!** That means we have to book early for 2020.

Planning ahead is the key to success, and there are so many options.

**Book for these dates: June 11<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

## Hotels & Motels - Sidney

*The prices are per night, before taxes and valid for June 2019*

1. Sidney Waterfront Inn & Suites (10 min drive/14 min walk) \$144.00 (2)/\$164.00 (4)
2. Sidney Pier Hotel & Spa (10 min drive/13 min walk) \$245.00 (2)/\$295.00 (4)
3. The Cedarwood Inn (5 min drive/21 min walk) \$140.00 (2)/\$160.00 (4)/\$171.00 (6)
4. Victoria Airport Travelodge (8 min drive/11 min walk) \$205.00 (2)/\$235.00 (4)/\$325.00 (6)
5. The Beacon Inn at Sidney (4 min drive/14 min walk) \$189.00 (2)
6. Best Western Plus Emerald Isle Hotel (7 min walk) \$209.00 (2)/\$219.00 (3)/\$229.00 (4)  
**1-800-780-7234 Group ID: D73IR1T0**
7. Super 8 Saanichton (10 min drive) \$ 90.00 (2)/\$144.00 (4)
8. Quality Inn Waddling Dog (10 min drive) \$180.00 (2)/\$218.00 (4)
9. Western 66 Motor Inn (10 min drive) \$144.00 (2)/\$170.00 (4)

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1. By the Sea (7 min drive) \$209.00
2. Future Friends (9 min drive) \$175.00
3. Beacon Inn (9 rooms) (4 min drive/14 min walk) \$189.00
4. Inlet Beach (sleeps 5/10 min drive) \$173.00
5. Swartz Bay Farm (by the ferry terminal) \$125.00
6. The Latch Inn & Restaurant (4 min drive/21 min walk) \$218.00
7. 3 Eagles B & B (9 min drive)

Plus check AIRBNB for more downtown Sidney B & B's [www.airbnb.ca](http://www.airbnb.ca)

## RV Parks

1. Oceanside RV Park & Cottages (11 min drive) \$50.00 per night
2. Island View Beach Regional Park Campground (14 min drive)
3. Popeye's Campground (11 min drive)



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### ACWW Canada Area Convention

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## Book of Memory



Mollie Ronayne—Pemberton WI  
Olga Hunter—Landry WI  
Dola Acres—Colwood WI  
Helen Williams—Dragon Lake WI  
Christine Rottacker—Star Lake WI





BCWI 38<sup>th</sup> Triennial and ACWW 2020 Conventions  
Shoal Center  
10030 Resthaven Drive  
Sidney BC  
June 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

BCWI is hosting two conventions and each will have their own registration form. BCWI Triennial is from June 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> and you will be registering with the BCWI Office, c/o Betty Bartlett P.O. Box 36, Barriere, BC V0E 1E0.

ACWW is from June 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> and you will be registering with Ruth Fenner, c/o P.O. Box 638, Crofton, BC V0R 1R0

Registration for each convention is \$110.00 until February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 then \$120.00 with the final registration deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

After May 15<sup>th</sup> you find you are not able to attend the convention you are required to provide a doctor's note, or if there is a family emergency that arises you may apply for a refund of \$50.00.

You only pay **ONCE** for the banquet \$40.00, and it doesn't matter which registration form you use.

Cheques for **All tours** are payable to and mailed to the BCWI office with **no refunds**. There will be different companion tours each day. All you need to do is choose the day for your companion tour and we'll arrange what you'll see!!

If you want all the reports which include board reports, financial statement, budget, branch and district reports, convener reports printed for you, you need to include \$5.00 on each registration form, otherwise they will be emailed to you one week prior to the convention.

If you need an ACWW registration form email Ruth Fenner at [landrfenner@shaw.ca](mailto:landrfenner@shaw.ca)

If you need a BCWI Triennial registration form email the BCWI office at [bcwi@bcwi.ca](mailto:bcwi@bcwi.ca) , or check the BCWI website at [www.bcwi.ca](http://www.bcwi.ca)

**ALL** Receipts will be emailed to you.

**We have some exciting Group Tours lined up for Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Which are as follows:**

**MINIMUM – 12 people per day – NO REFUNDS**

**Please bring a non plastic refillable water bottle**

All tours start and finish at the Shoal Center, 10030 Resthaven Drive. Thursday and Monday tours start at 9:00 am until 3:00 pm, Friday and Sunday tours will be from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Please arrive 15 minutes early so we get away on time. All four days will include: transportation, admission to all museums, and lunch. Cost \$200.00 for all four days or \$60.00 per day. Not included tips for the driver, any alcohol, or souvenirs etc. you may want to purchase.

**Tugwell Creek Honey Farm and Meadery**

British Columbia's first Meadery. Discover the fascinating history of mead (honey wine), the world's first fermented beverage.

[www.tugwellcreekfarm.com](http://www.tugwellcreekfarm.com)

**Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Sites**

Artillery Fortress active from 1895 to 1956 and the oldest lighthouse on Canada's west coast

[www.fortroddhill.com](http://www.fortroddhill.com)

**Philbrook's Boat Works**

Premier full service boatyard, offering on site facilities for custom design and construction and complete haul repairs. 90 - 120 minute tour

[www.philbrooks.com](http://www.philbrooks.com)

**Viking Air Ltd.**

Canadian based, leader in utility aircraft services and manufacturer of the Series 400 Twin Otter aircraft.

[www.vikingair.com](http://www.vikingair.com)

**Aviation Museum**

On the grounds of the Victoria International Airport at 1910 Norseman Road on the east side of the airport. The Museum consists of a display area spread over two hangars, a classroom, a restoration workshop and a gift shop.

[www.bcam.net](http://www.bcam.net)

**Church and States wines**

One of the best wineries in Canada. They have produced Canada's Best Red Wine seven times since 2009 as well as receiving countless Gold medals, Best in Class awards and National trophies for both red and white wine. Their focus has been their unique growing environment of the South Okanagan Valley and Vancouver Island vineyards bringing to you cutting-edge and uniquely Canadian viticulture and winemaking.

[www.churchandstatewines.com](http://www.churchandstatewines.com)

**Maritime Museum**

Learn about Captain Voss who thought a small dugout whaling canoe could be sailed around the world or take a look at the exhibits featuring marine artists. Not for you then perhaps the Empresses and BC's coast steamships and shipwreck survivors are to your liking. There is also an opportunity to learn about plastic in our oceans, marine debris and why it continues to grow.

[www.mmbc.bc.ca](http://www.mmbc.bc.ca)

**Saxe Point Park**

An Esquimalt park with stunning views, picnic areas, trails and grass. A viewing platform near the rocky shore gives excellent views of the Olympic Mountains and the Salish Sea.

**C.F.B. Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum**

The history of Canada's Navy and Military on the west coast. Enjoy historic buildings and engaging exhibits.

**\*\*If you would like to sign up for all 4 tours – Thursday, Friday, Sunday & Monday your cost is only – \$200.00\*\***

**Thursday June 11, 2020**

**Round trip transportation from Shoal Center to Butchart Gardens cost \$5.00 – no refunds. Limited to 22 passengers 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Not included – tips for the driver, entry to the Gardens (\$33.80 in 2019)**

**Saturday June 13, 2020**

**Tours start and end at the Shoal Center include transportation, the costs of admissions and lunch. Cost \$35.00 – no refunds. Please bring a non-plastic refillable water bottle. Not included tips for the driver, any alcohol, or souvenirs etc. you may want to purchase.**

**Tour #1 Metchosin – limited to 22 passengers 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Please arrive 15 minutes early so we can start the tours on time.**

**Metchosin Aquaponics tour - an Aquaponics greenhouse using green energy to produce fresh, local, high quality herbs, greens and Tilapia fish year round.**

**Dr. Watt orchard—Margaret Robertson Watt—Person of National Historic Significances plaque**

**Lunch at Metchosin Community House 11:30—12:30**

**Soap Works tour** - handcrafted olive oil soap and soap products created on Vancouver Island

**Bright Green Hydroponics tour** - grows fresh, local leafy greens and culinary herbs year round in Victoria.

**Tour #2 Heritage Acres and Government House - limited to 48 passengers 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Please arrive 15 minutes early so we can start the tours on time.**

**Self – tour Heritage Acres - family friendly attraction with heritage farm buildings, old tractors and a seasonal mini train ride.**

**Lunch at Island View Regional Park** – beach for hiking, picnicking and bird-watching

**Scenic drive along the waterfront from Cordova Bay to Cloverpoint**

**Self tour of the Gardens at Government House - Government House is the office and official residence of the Lieutenant Governor and the ceremonial home of all British Columbians. Cary Castle Mews is a cluster of 19<sup>th</sup> century wooden service buildings located on the Government House estate. There's also a Costume Museum located in the Carriage House and showcases a large variety of period pieces. Also on the grounds is Rudi Tea Room located in the Butterworth Cottage.**



**BC Women's Institute – Registration Form  
Shoal Centre  
10030 Resthaven Drive, Sidney, BC  
June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**REGISTRATION:** \$110.00 – until February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 then \$120.00 Canadian with final deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This cost includes – Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> lunch and Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> lunch, dinner and entertainment. Coffee, tea and snacks.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOCIETY** \_\_\_\_\_

**ARRIVAL (flight #, time and carrier)** \_\_\_\_\_

**DIET INFORMATION:**

Gluten \_\_\_\_\_; Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_; Lactose \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> **BANQUET:** \$40.00

**COMPANION NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> **COMPANION:** dinner \$35.00

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> **BANQUET:** \$40.00

**DIET INFORMATION:**

Gluten \_\_\_\_\_; Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_; Lactose \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPANION TOURS:**

Thursday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	<b>\$60.00</b>
	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	<b>\$ 5.00</b> (transportation only to/from Butchart Gardens)
Friday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	<b>\$60.00</b>
Saturday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> <b>Tour #1</b>	9:30 am – 3:30 pm	<b>\$35.00</b> – Metchosin
<b>Tour #2</b>	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	<b>\$35.00</b> – Heritage Acres & Government House
Sunday, June 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	<b>\$60.00</b>
Monday, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	<b>\$60.00</b>

**Cheque payable to BCWI  
PO Box 36, Barriere, BC V0E 1E0**

Checklist:

- Registration \_\_\_\_\_
- Banquet \_\_\_\_\_
- Companion Fri. dinner and or banquet \_\_\_\_\_
- Printing cost for reports \_\_\_\_\_
- Day Tours \_\_\_ Thurs., \_\_\_ Fri., \_\_\_ Sun. and/or \_\_\_ Mon. \_\_\_\_\_
- Thurs. evening \_\_\_ and /or Saturday Tour #1 \_\_\_ OR #2 \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cheque #** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*If you would like to sign up for all 4 tours  
Thursday, Friday, Sunday & Monday your cost is only\*\*  
\$200.00**

**“INSTITUTE” VOTING DELEGATE CREDENTIAL/PROXY FORM**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA WOMEN’S INSTITUTE**

**38<sup>TH</sup> TRIENNIAL CONVENTION – SIDNEY, BC**

**JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Member Name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Is a member in good standing of the \_\_\_\_\_

And will be this **INSTITUTE’S OFFICIAL VOTING DELEGATE/PROXY AT THE TRIENNIAL 2020**

Voting Delegate for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Institute/District)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Branch/District President)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Branch/District Secretary)

Name and address of alternate, if any \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL Voting Delegates Credential/Proxy Forms**

**MUST be completed and mailed to:**

**BCWI**

**Box 36**

**Barriere, BC V0E 1E0**

**By MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**



# BRANCH NEWS



## KOOTENAY DISTRICT TRIANGLE WI



Welcome to 2020!!



In November we had our Annual Snowflake Luncheon and Bazaar. This event included a bake sale, tables of local small businesses and a Salad Bar Lunch. We had a large turnout from our community and surrounding area.

In December we catered a couple of events and hosted our annual Seniors Christmas Dinner. All seniors in the area along with volunteers from the community were invited to a sit-down Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. This social was enjoyed by all as we celebrated the Christmas season and shared a few laughs.

The TWI meeting in December was a party for members and their partners. A few snacks were served and then we played the **“Dice Gift Exchange Game”**.

Everyone brought a small wrapped gift to the party. The game began with everyone picking a gift and sitting with the gift in a circle. The gift is not to be opened.

Starting with the oldest, they roll a dice and follow the rules, for more information on these rules contact Betty Bartlett at the Provincial Office.

The game continues with passing the dice around clockwise until all of the gifts have been opened. Our game took about an hour to play.

There is always that one gift that everyone wants to steal or wants to give to someone else. This year we had a Chippendale Calendar that the men loved giving away to someone else and food items that were popular. One large gift bag was not opened until the very end of the game, it was a popular item to steal, no one knew what was inside. Once opened it revealed a very large top hat “snowman



size” and a few food items. Our member Joanne put the hat on and it went right over her head covering her face. Everyone laughed, this game was lots of fun and I highly recommend it.

This rainbow picture was taken from the parking lot of our community hall.

Our Community Hall is now the new location for our Post Office.

Our final event for December was participating in the 4-H Christmas Con-



cert. This year we all dressed up as old ladies. With house coats, curlers, walkers, canes etc. and did a skit/dance to the song “Grandma Got Runover By a Reindeer”. We had fun and looked very silly.

We are very proud to support the local 4-H club. They use our hall on a regular bases for meetings and events. They had a cookie baking day before Christmas, then visited Seniors homes in the community singing Christmas Carols and giving them cookies.

I have been a member of the TWI for just over a year now and am looking forward to all the activities and events that 2020 will bring. This group of ladies are an amazing team which I am proud to be a member.

Cheers, Cathy Betteridge

## PEACE RIVER DISTRICT BALDONNEL WI

The Baldonnel WI were fairly busy this fall starting with this past July, six of our members took a Food Safe course and we all received our certificates and past with very high marks. We have eleven members who joined this fall and some interest from our local ladies in the community my may join in the future.

We sponsored the Junior Section of Open Class Canning for Jams, Jellies and Pickles at the North Peace Fall Fair.

October we had a very nice meal at our local Chinese Restaurant for our AGM lunch.

October 11th, we laid a Wreath at the Taylor Cenotaph in honor of all our Vets.

A couple of us attended the Fall rally in Dawson Creek and loved it. A couple of the competitions 1: a good used purse filled with things that a lady may need and use, and 2: a lap blanket or shawl, once judged were then divided between the North and the South Peace WI's and donated to the Women's Resource Centre



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(purses) (Fort St John-North) (Dawson Creek-South) and to the care homes the blankets, Rotary Manor (Dawson Creek-South) and Peace Villa (Fort St John-North).

our Annual Christmas sale, photos with Santa (which our local Fire Department from Taylor supplies with a great Santa every year, a great brunch to work with). We served 4 different soups with a bun and a fruit crisp for lunch, we had our own bake table plus we had many vendors. The day went very well. We donated back to the three schools in our communities, the Baldonnel, Taylor, and Freedom Thinkers for their lunch programs or if there is a family in their community that is need.



Each year we make donations to the these schools from our proceeds from the Christmas sale.



The Ladies all met for the December meeting and Christmas year end windup party at one of our member's homes (Georgina) for a lovely lunch and gift exchange . It was a very nice afternoon.

So until next year, Happy New Years to all our Sisters and Wishing you all the Best for 2020.

Norma Beaudoin, Treasurer, Baldonnel WI

## NOR' PIONEER WI

Nor' Pioneer WI would like to wish everyone a very Happy New year, hope that you all have a wonderful 2020.

We had a busy 2019 with the following event's:

Our annual Fall Fair in August, Harvest Supper in November with proceeds going to our Emergency Fund, and our November meeting was held at the house of Jill Copes

where the ladies had a chance to learn how to do some w h e a t braiding. Christmas Market in December



Sleigh rides, story telling with Mrs. Clause and fundraising for The Women's Resource Center in Fort St John.

We have a pen pal from Queensland, Australia, here's a little bit of her last letter to our group letting us know how there winter is, they haven't been affected by the fire's.



"Thought I would write a quick note to let you know how things are here.

The temperature has dropped to an acceptable level - 25 during the day and -12 -18 at night.

At present we are having a rainy couple of days which is most unusual for us during our winter.

The farmers will not be happy as it means the cane cutting will come to a halt as it will be too wet to get onto the fields.

As for the vegetable growers it will affect some of the crops nearly ready to be picked."

For Home and Country, Dawn Bellamy, President

## S. VANCOUVER ISLAND DISTRICT COLWOOD WI

Both our groups worked on our swag fundraiser event. (Pictured is our evening group). We built and sold a total of 33 swags! We hosted a very successful and fun fall workshop for our region this year. It was great to all gather together and enjoy a day together with other local branches.



We also appreciate our other local branches hosting events on Saturdays so our evening ladies can participate too! Thank you! Our day group continues to meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm, and our evening group will continue meeting on the first Wednesday of each month from October-March at 7pm.



We will be hosting our first family dance event which will be held on February 8th 2020. We

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are trying to bring our local community together with the dance. We are also continuing to grow our membership and working towards being a more visible group in our community. Happy Holidays!

## ROYAL OAK WI

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year from the Royal Oak Women's Institute in Victoria.

In December, Marguerite Gayfer, one of our long-time beloved members passed away peacefully at VGH. She was 93 and will be greatly missed by all of us. The family will have a Celebration of her life in late February or early March.

Royal Oak Women's Institute took on a project last year to provide dresses in 8 sizes for an orphanage in Kenya. We had a couple of sewing bees where members brought their equipment and sewed happily away. A total of 85 dresses and 45 pairs of shorts were sent in September.



This year we are sewing dresses for an orphanage in the Dominican.

From November to April, once a month, the ROWI is providing a hot protein rich dinner, fruit and dessert for the 20 youth staying at The Out of the Rain Youth Night Shelter in Victoria.

OOTR works to reduce the risk faced by homeless youth by providing shelter during the coldest months of the year. In addition to tending to the immediate needs of the youth and lending a friendly ear, these youth workers also aim to empower youth by providing support and referrals to community based programs.

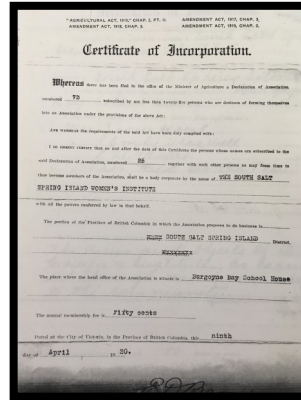
We continue to support our local charities and Margaret Lawrence House, a second stage housing for abused women is our main one. Again this year our volunteers shopped for Easter gifts for moms and children, sent plants and cards for Mother's Day, provided school supplies, backpacks and gift certificates for shoes for the beginning of the school year and shopped for Christmas gifts and food vouchers. The ROWI members got together for a morning of fun in early December wrapping the gifts.



The ROWI is now looking forward to the 2020 Convention.

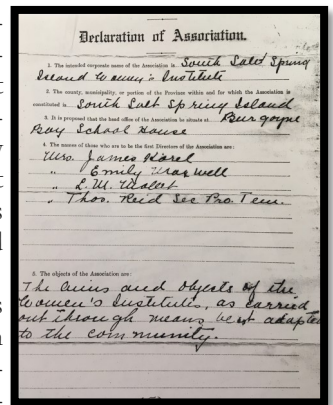
## SALT SPRING ISLAND WI

### 100 Years Salt Spring Island WI



On April 9th, 1920 a group of women met to plan and organize and sign a Certificate of Incorporation to begin the South Salt Spring Women's Institute. An organizational meeting was held on April 28, 1920 for the purpose of forming an institute and to choose provisional directors. A mem-

bership fee of \$0.50 per annum was proposed. The purpose was for the betterment of the district. The head office was the Burgoyne Bay School House (our current member Sharon Hawke lives in the same, renovated house).



The Inaugural meeting was held on May 18th, 1920 with Mrs. S.W. Raven, from Victoria and representing the Department of Agriculture, taking the chair. After going over the aims and objects of the WI the list of members was read, officers were officially elected by motion.

Mrs. Raven spoke on the Institute work and Mr. Raven gave a talk on the Farmer's Institute and on Poultry. Now we are preparing to celebrate 100 continuous years of WI women on Salt Spring Island and the significant impact they have had on the community.

For Home and Country, Margaret A Reid

**RIGHT**-Sherril A., Bev C, Margaret R. presenting baking supplies to Lady Minto Hospital Extended Care.



**LEFT**-Sherril A., Bev C. and Margaret R. with the ornamental tree for the new gardens for Lady Minto Hospital Extended Care.

## Provincial Calendar

- January 15—Branch Convener Reports to District Convener  
February 15—District Convener Reports to Provincial Convener  
March 15—Provincial Convener Reports to BC Provincial Convener Chair—Cathy Inskip  
April/May—District Spring Conferences/AGM  
May 15—District President Report due to Provincial Office for AGM Package  
July/August—Break from WI Activities  
August 31—Branch Financial Year End  
August 31—Erland Lee Award Application Deadline  
September/October/November—Branch Annual Meetings  
December 31—Membership Dues to Provincial Office

## Special UN Days

- February 1—28—Women’s Institute Month  
February 27—Adelaide Hoodless Birthday  
March 8—International Women’s Day  
March 22—World Day for Water  
April 7—World Health Day  
April 29—ACWW Day  
May 15—International Day for Families  
May 21—UNESCO’s World Day for Cultural Development  
May 28—International Day of Action for Women’s Health  
June 1—International Children’s Day  
June 5—World Environment Day  
July 11—World Population Day  
3rd Tuesday in September—International Day of Peace  
September 8—International Literacy Day  
1st Monday in October—World Habitat Day  
1st Monday in October—Universal Children’s Day  
October 11—International Day of the Girl Child  
October 15—World Rural Women’s Day  
October 16—World Food Day  
October 17—World Trauma Day  
October 24—United Nations Day  
October 24—World Development Information Day  
October 24—30—Disarmament Week  
November 25—International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women  
December 1—World AIDS Day  
December 10—Human Rights Day

## BCWI Office—Sales Items

New BCWI Handbook Available	\$10.00
History Book Set	\$30.00
<b>(if mailed add \$20.00 for shipping)</b>	
History Book	\$20.00
100 Women Book	\$15.00
Winning Ways	\$2.00
BCWI Business Cards	20/\$1.00
Mail Network News—4 Issues	\$10.00

## Sundry Items

Tartans	\$3.00
WI Canada (FWIC) Pens	\$2.00

## Pins

ACWW	\$6.00
FWIC	\$10.00
WI Canada	\$10.00
BCWI “collector” Centennial	\$3.00
BCWI Member	\$6.00
BCWI Logo	\$6.00
BCWI Branch Service	\$10.00
BCWI District Service	\$10.00
BCWI Provincial Service	\$10.00
BCWI Bar (plain)	\$5.00

## Stationery

WI Logo Sticker	\$1.50
WI Bumper Sticker (see below)	\$5.00



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