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Notes & News

WI: Women Inspired



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President's Report

Here it is, October! The days are getting shorter, and the evenings longer. The harvest is in and the pantries are stocked with jams and pickles. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Workshops, and at our first ever cooking school! Details on these events can be found below.

Please don't forget the new reporting forms (sent to Branches in early September) must be filled out and submitted to the office the end of this month.

I hope you have a great year with lots of exciting new projects on the horizon, and encourage everyone to take time to enjoy the harvest and the beautiful autumn sunsets.

—Carol Jenkins, President

AGRICULTURE: PEIWI Cooking School—An Island Buffet

PEIWI will be holding its inaugural cooking school titled *An Island Buffet* with Margaret Prouse on Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Farm Centre (420 University Avenue, Charlottetown).

This event will require 100 pre-registered participants to proceed. **Registration deadline is Friday, October 4th.** Please note registrants will **not** be taken after the deadline.

The cost is \$10.00 per person, and must be paid at time of registration by buying tickets online at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) (search: *An Island Buffet* or *WI Cooking School* on Eventbrite), or at the WI office by cash or cheque **before the deadline.**

Payment will not be accepted at the door the night of the event.

CULTURE: Fall Workshops

Fall Workshops are here with *NEW* start times!

Topics include "A Few of My Favourite Dishes" featuring local products; and a session on "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" to make shopping bags.

Tuesday, October 22nd at 10:00 a.m.—Sherbrooke Community Hall in Summerside

Thursday, October 24th at 10:00 a.m.—St. Joachim's Parish Hall in Vernon River

Registration deadline is Friday, October 11th. Contact the WI Office ([902-368-4860](tel:902-368-4860) or wi@gov.pe.ca) to reserve a spot!

CULTURE: Festive Country Christmas

This year's Festive Country Christmas will be held at the Farm Centre (420 University Avenue) in Charlottetown on Tuesday, November 19th, starting at 7:00 pm.

Alan Preston of Hearts and Flowers will be demonstrating how to make various Christmas arrangements!

Registration deadline is Friday, November 8th. Please note registrants will **not** be taken after the deadline.

The cost is \$15.00 per person, and must be paid at time of registration by buying tickets online at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) (search: *Festive Country Christmas* on Eventbrite), or at the WI office by cash or cheque **before the deadline.**

Payment will not be accepted at the door the night of the event.

The WI Office will be closed from 8:00 am until noon on Wednesday, October 2nd for the monthly Board Meeting.

CULTURE: LSNAG Stitching Buffet

The Lady's Slipper Needle Arts Guild (LSNAG) invites you to try out some new needlework skills on Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Winsloe United Church.

Join their members for an evening of fun, freebies and friendship.

There will be small projects to try, prize draws, amazing displays, and yummy nibbles!

For more information, please contact LSNAG President, Joyce Gill at [902-566-4068](tel:902-566-4068).

COMMUNITY: Purple Ribbon Campaign

"Dear WI members,

Thank you for pinning purple ribbons onto bookmarks in support of the PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women's purple ribbon campaign to end violence against women. Your efforts help greatly in distributing more than 17,000 ribbons and cards across the Island.

The Status of Women continues to advocate for women, girls, and people of all genders to live free from violence in their relationships, their families, and their communities. Council members chose this theme to encourage everyone to take responsibility for intervening in situations of violence and abuse.

Each package (shoebox) contains approximately 200 bookmarks, ribbons, and pins. Feel free to take as many packages as you feel able to complete, and leave your contact information with the WI office when you pick up your purple ribbon materials.

We ask you return the pinned bookmarks, along with any remaining items, to the Women's Institute office by

Wednesday, November 6th."

-Michelle Jay, ACSW Program Coordinator

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the Purple Ribbon Campaign, please contact Michelle at [902-368-4510](tel:902-368-4510) or info@peistatusofwomen.ca.

AGRICULTURE: WI Island Product Cooking Contest

"PEIWI is once again hosting the annual Cooking Contest aimed at intermediate and high school students, and is sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and Land.

Highlights include entering in any or all of the four categories: Appetizer, Soup, Main Dish, and Sweets.

Recipes must feature Island products. Final judging will take place during Founder's Month in February 2020.

Visit PEIWI.ca for details, and please find your poster and postcards to share in this month's mailout!"

-Ann MacDonald, Agriculture Convener

BRANCH NEWS: Village Green WI

Village Green WI has issued a challenge this fall to sister WI Branches to place together a Thanksgiving "Dinner in a Box" for a family in need. Village Green uses the contents of their box as their roll call, and purchase a turkey with Branch funds.

This is a PEI-wide service and contact Social Development & Housing at Access PEI Montague at [902-838-0722](tel:902-838-0722) for information on where to bring the boxes.

BRANCH NEWS: Kelvin Grove WI

The Kelvin Grove WI Fall Fashion Show & Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 10th at 12:00 p.m. at the St. Eleanors Lions Club with fashions from Tan Jay/Alia.

There will be door prizes and a 50/50 draw! Tickets are \$30 each, and are available from any Kelvin Grove WI member, or contact Grace at [902-954-1376](tel:902-954-1376), or Wanda at [902-836-3852](tel:902-836-3852). All proceeds will go to the Prince County Hospital and other community projects.

BRANCH NEWS: Greater Charlottetown WI

Again this fall the Greater Charlottetown WI (GCWI) will be selling fresh and festively decorated Christmas wreaths as a fundraiser for the QEH and branch activities.

The cost will remain the same at \$30 and will be available the latter part of November. They will also be delivered. To order, please contact Carla at [902-368-1357](tel:902-368-1357), Cindy at [902-566-4841](tel:902-566-4841) / [902-940-2062](tel:902-940-2062), or Michelle at [902-368-3329](tel:902-368-3329).

Three Months at a Glance!

Upcoming Events

October 16th

- *An Island Buffet* Cooking School - Charlottetown

October 22nd

- Fall Workshop - Summerside

October 24th

- Fall Workshop - Vernon River

November 21st

- Festive Country Christmas - Charlottetown

Newsletters and Other Submission Deadlines

October 5th

- *Notes & News* November Issue

December 10th

- *Institute News* March Issue

Life Memberships

October 23rd

- Deadline for Life Membership applications are due two weeks prior to Board Meetings.

Next meeting: November 6th

Program Kit Order Forms

Send completed order forms to the WI Office at your earliest convenience, or download kits from PEIWI.ca.

***The WI Office will be closed for Thanksgiving
on Monday, October 14th.***