Greetings from your President,

I am happy to be addressing you, the members, for the first time. Hopefully, you have had a lovely summer exploring some of our treasured spots on the Island as well as some of the more rustic or isolated places which have their own beauty. Even more, I trust that you made the most of special times with family and friends. We certainly had a great time with interesting WI members from across the country who thoroughly enjoyed our Island speakers, workshop leaders and entertainers at our National Conference. Conventions are always such wonderful times, and this one was a special celebration not only because it was here but because it was the 90th Anniversary of FWIC! I was so proud of all our Planning Committee, Speakers, and Volunteers for the wonderful job they did! And the banners lining each side of the Sports Centre created a much more homey and attractive atmosphere. To culminate the week, it was wonderful to see an Islander installed as President-Elect right here on PEI—Congratulations, Marie Kenny!

Garden Tours are so much fun, but to be able to see 18 different gardens in one summer was truly amazing! I hope you were able to take in at least one of the afternoons. The Committee is to be commended on a great idea and all the effort they put into this endeavour.

As usual our Provincial Arts and Handcrafts Exhibition was a huge success. All the work of both participants and volunteers is greatly appreciated.

I extend a heartfelt thanks to all those who took part in or contributed to the success of any or all of these three events!

Now that fall is here, Women’s Institute branches will again be planning their year’s activities. Please send your ideas or event reports in to the Office so we can share your accomplishments with you and with others. Everyone loves a new source of inspiration.

In all our dealings with those around us, “Let us not forget to be kind!”

Carol MacLellan, President of PEIWI

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**NEW ROLES WITH WOMEN’S INSTITUTE**

**President-Elect**

Federated Women’s Institutes of Canada

I would like to express my thanks to the delegates of the FWIC Convention for electing me as FWIC President-Elect.

It is both my privilege and honor to serve in this area, I look forward to working with Ruth, Barb and all the Board Members. Again, thank you for your encouragement and support.

Marie Kenny, FWIC President-Elect

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Myrna Murray lives in Cape Traverse with her husband, Gerald. She is the mother of five sons and three daughters and grandmother of sixteen. She spent most of her years on a farm. In 1975 she received her B.A. and B. Ed degrees from UPEI. She recently retired as an instructor in adult education. She serves in a number of capacities in her church and is a life member of the Augustine Cove Women’s Institute where she presently serves as president. Myrna enjoys playing bridge, reading, traveling, knitting, doing crossword puzzles and volunteering at the Prince County Hospital.

Myrna Murray, Secretary

Jacquie was born and raised in Toronto, Ont. In 1990 while on vacation she met her husband Howard Laird. Together they have a farm in New Glasgow. Although not blessed with any children the family cat provides them with much enjoyment. Jacquie is very active in her church and in the community. When time allows she enjoys traveling, reading, cross stitching and swimming. Socializing with friends is also a blessing for her. Having a vegetable garden in the summer is work but very rewarding.

Jacquie Laird, Convener of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture

Carol Connick brings a wide range of experiences. After almost 20 years working in the private sector at increasing degrees of responsibility, she attended UPEI full time from 1979-1981 to complete her BBA. Upon graduation Carol was employed at Holland College as a learning manager in the Accounting Technology Program. In 1988 she received her CGA designation. In August of 1996 she was appointed Program Unit Coordinator of Business/Office Systems Administration. She continued in the role of Program Unit Coordinator of the Business Unit until 2000 when she returned to full time learning manager position. After her retirement in May of 2004, Carol resided in Springvale where she cared for her mother until her death in July of 2007. While residing in Springvale she joined the Springvale WI. When Carol married Keith MacKinnon in July of 2006, they formed a family with five grown children, fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In July of 2008 they moved to the Riverdale Road and Carol became a member of the Riverdale/Churchill Branch of the WI. Carol sings with the Oak Tree Singers, bowls with a senior’s league, and together Carol and Keith hook mats and most Saturday night’s will find them out dancing.

Carol Connick, Convener of Canadian Industries and Safety

I grew up in Freeland, daughter of James and Wanda Hardy. During my Elementary and High School years I worked with Phillips General Store in Freeland. Graduated from O’Leary Regional High School and became an employee of Island Telephone. I married Myron Younker and we have a daughter Lynn and a son Jamie and 3 precious grandchildren, Danielle, Laura and Bradley. Myron and I opened our own business, Muffler Centre, in 1965. At present we are semi-retired. Myron and I like to travel, camp, fish, bike, skate and our latest hobby is riding our scooters. I also like cross country skiing, swimming and bird watching.

I have been a member of the Brackley Women’s Institute for 38 years. In December of 1991 I was presented with my Life Membership and also the Canada Volunteer Award of Merit as I like to Volunteer for different organizations. I am looking forward to this new experience as your convener for Citizenship and Legislation.

Glenn Younker, Convener of Citizenship and Legislation

Darcie Lanthier, Islander by Choice.
In 1983 on a sunny day in May, Darcie came to Prince Edward Island for the afternoon. It has been a very long afternoon. Darcie lives in Mermaid with her husband Peter and their three sons, Ian, Phillip and David in the home that she and Peter started building in 1986 and hope to have completed by 2020. It was Life Member and neighbour, Mary McIsaac who invited Darcie to her first Women’s Institute meeting in 1986 and Darcie has been a member ever since. Her interests in the Environment, Home Economics, Nutrition and Health have kept Darcie involved with Women’s Institute over the years. Apart from 23 years in the Mermaid Women's Institute Darcie has been working with Home & School for 14 years and for various Provincial Sport Organizations. She is currently Events Chair for Wrestling PEI, Vice President of the Aliant Tackle Football League, a Canada Games Team Manager and Sport Director for Canada Games. Cultural Affairs Convener is an exciting opportunity and Darcie looks forward to serving on the Provincial Board of Women's Institute in this role.

Darcie Lanthier, Convener of Cultural Activities
Emily Bryant grew up on the Colwill farm in Northam. She graduated from Prince County Hospital Nursing School in 1966 and later upgraded her nursing education at UNB. She is married to Vans. They have three adult children, Greg, Gary and Susan, and five grandchildren.

Emily and Vans live on the Baltic Road in Clyde River where Emily is a member of the Clyde River Women’s Institute. They have been very involved in the creation of Murchison Place park in Clyde River.

Emily worked in nursing for 35 plus years. Most of her career centered around mental health in various capacities. For ten years she was the Provincial Mental Health Consultant. When Emily retired from that position in 2002, the Mental Health system established an award in her honour. The annual Emily A. Bryant Award recognizes excellence in mental health nursing.

Emily has been a long time volunteer with the PEI Division of the Canadian Mental Health Association. This Association honoured Emily’s leadership with 2 awards - The National President’s Award and the Marjorie Hiscott Keyes Award.

Emily is a member of the Cornwall United Church of Canada where she sings in the church choir. She also sings with Jericho Road - a well known Bluegrass Gospel group.

Emily is one who needs to see results from the time and energy she puts into projects. As convener of Home Economics and Health, she is looking forward to updating the information packages on these subjects.

Emily Bryant, Convener of Home Economics and Health

Roma Birt was born in Hunter River and educated at Central Queens High School and Prince of Wales College. She feels privileged to be a third generation WI member, both her mother and grandmother were charter members of their branches.

In December 1968 Roma joined the Covehead Road WI when she accompanied her mother-in-law to their Christmas meeting. The next year she was appointed secretary-treasurer, a position she held for nine years. Over the next 40 years she has held all positions and several convenerships at both the local and district levels. She currently serves as President of both her branch and Convention Area 10 B.

An interesting highlight as a WI member was attending her first FWIC Convention in Red Deer, Alberta in 2006. Being a part of the PEI group extending the invitation for the FWIC 2009 Convention and then attending in Charlottetown were exciting experiences.

Roma is active in her community and church where she is presently an elder and vice-president of the UCW, a former Sunday School teacher and Girl Guide leader. She also volunteers at the QEH Royal Pantry and with the Volunteer Income Tax program. Roma likes reading, baking, gardening and cycling and has participated in the Bike for Bibles several times. With her husband, Lorne, retired carpenter, they live in Covehead Road and when they are not selling strawberries or Christmas trees often you will find them camping or riding their motorcycle or snowmobile. They have two sons and one daughter and five grandchildren ages 2-18.

Roma is looking forward to her new role on the WI Provincial Board of Directors and the various opportunities she will have to learn and share experiences together.

Roma Birt, Convener of International Affairs

I was born in Toronto in 1933 and after public school took a 4 year Commercial and started work at Bell Canada and took night school in bookkeeping for 4 years. We moved to Port Carling Muskoka in 1957 where I worked at the Bank of Nova Scotia doing books for two small companies. My husband was a Building Contractor with a staff of four. I joined WI in 1984. I was Secretary, Treasurer. Vice President and President at Branch level and Vice and President at District. My husband and I retired in 1997 and moved to Prince Edward Island. I joined WI the first month I was here.

Pauline McAusland, Exhibition Co-chair

LOOKING TOWARD ACWW 2010
Date: April 21 - 28, 2010
Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas, USA
Theme: Women Worldwide-The Voice of Today

ACWW is a highly respected organization and it is one of the ways Women's Institute members make their voices heard in the world. Individually we can do little, but together we can do a lot.

Imagine the sense of unity of purpose meeting and working with others from all corners of the world.

Early registration fees of 380 sterling or $725 US are to arrive at London office no later than Nov. 18, 2009. After that date the fee will rise to 430 sterling or $825 US.

Registration forms are available in Countrywoman magazine or the WI office. Fully paid individual members may attend the full conference. Day visitors who attend only a portion of the proceedings do not have to pay membership dues.

In late April, Marshfield Women's Institute was recognized by the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Foundation in reaching the Patron Level ($25,000 - $49,999) on the donor wall in the front lobby of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. This year marked the 13th annual variety concert for the Marshfield Women’s Institute at Le Carrefour Theatre with an additional contribution of $2,550.00 going to the QEH Equipment Fund. Accepting the certificate of appreciation on behalf of Marshfield WI were Velma Carmody MacDonald and Doris Wood. Reaching the $25,000 milestone is a major accomplishment for such a small institute. These annual variety concerts have also provided a wonderful opportunity to bring neighbours and friends of the Marshfield and surrounding area together for a great cause.
PEI Women’s Institute President, Carol MacLellan, presented two Scholarships this year to Charlottetown Rural Students. Santana was the recipient of the PEI WI Education Scholarship and Katherine was the recipient of the Louise MacMillan Memorial Scholarship. For information on these and other scholarships and awards, please contact the WI Office.

Santana

Katherine

Scholarships Received

Highfield WI
L-R Back Row: Annita Smith, Roma Francis, Rosalie Hoteling, Wilma Dixon, Olga Woolner
Front L-R: Pat MacKinnon, Vivian Frizzell, Daisy Thomson

L-R: Rose Doherty, Sheila MacDonald, Linda MacLeod, Alice Furness, Ruth Taylor, Elva MacPherson, Valerie MacLeod, Rose McKenna, Janice MacDonald, Ann MacLeod, Margaret MacLeod

Orwell Women’s Institute held an Award’s Night and a celebration of their 80 years, on June 8, 2009. Five new Life Members were honoured. Guest Speaker was Cynthia Mitchell, Provincial Board Member, she presented President, Ann MacDonald with an 80 year Certificate.

A history of Orwell Women’s Institute was read and a social time followed.

5 New Life Memberships:

L-R: Ruth Taylor, Linda MacLeod, Elva MacPherson, Ann MacDonald, Margaret MacLeod

Women’s Institute Members from New Brunswick joined us at our ACWW Awareness Day Tea.

L-R: Rose MacLellan, Glenna Geer, President NB WI, Marie Kenny, Heather Dixon, JoAnn Allen, and Maxine Burhoe

ACWW Awareness Day Tea

L-R: Marie Kenny, Kaye Larkin, Doreen Cole
Marie provided a Power point presentation. She updated everyone on the restoration of the Dalit Children’s Orphanage and she had pictures of the newly renovated kitchen shelters at the International Peace Gardens

L-R: Rose Doherty, Sheila MacDonald, Linda MacLeod, Alice Furness, Ruth Taylor, Elva MacPherson, Valerie MacLeod, Rose McKenna, Janice MacDonald, Ann MacLeod, Margaret MacLeod

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Orwell WI
Ann MacDonald
Linda MacLeod
Margaret MacLeod
Elva MacPherson
Ruth Taylor

Freeland WI
Kathleen Loschiuk
Priscilla Domingue
Jean Balsom
On May 29th, Darcie Lanthier was delighted to present the PEI Women's Institute Award to Ben Moran of Queen's County as the winner of the Intermediate Voice Competition at the PEI Music Festival. Women's Institute has been supporting the Music Festival since its inception in 1946.

Top: In March the Wilmot Valley Women's Institute hosted the annual District 5A convention. President Dianne Huestis, congratulating Dorothy MacQuarrie. Dorothy was presented with a gift basket for being an Institute member for the longest period of time. She has belonged to the Wilmot Silver Birch Institute for 60 years.

Bottom: Executive of the organizing committee, guest speaker for the event and the president of last years organizing committee.

L-R: Barb MacEachern, Norma McColeman, Dianne Huestis, Earith Ramsay, Barb Illsley, Belle Ramsay  Submitted by: Barb MacEachern secretary Wilmot Valley WI

Women's Institute Members Honored
At a recent meeting of the New London Women’s Institute 3 members were honored. L-R: Betty Wigmore and Ruth Burgoyne received a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing their 50 years and over of service in Women’s Institute, and Ella Adams received a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing her 60 years and over of service in Women’s Institute. Doreen Cole, Vice President of the Federated Women’s Institute of PEI made the presentation.
Congratulations ladies from all your sister members.
The certificate for our deceased member Neva MacEwen, who had 50 years and over will be presented to her husband William MacEwen.

The New Annan Women’s Institute recently purchased a Buy PEI Basket from the office of the Federated Women’s Institute of PEI. Members sold tickets for $2 each or 3 for $5 and raised the neat sum of $586 for their local branch.
Shown above is Kay Wall (left) President of New Annan WI presenting the lucky winner, Alma Nunn of Wilmot Valley with the prize basket.

L-R: Lois MacLeod, Mary Cousins, Fran Harding
At the Annual meeting of 6-B District Convention held at the St. Thomas Anglican Church Hall March 25, 2009, President of District Convention 6B, Lois MacLeod welcomed the disbanded 6A District Convention Districts into the 6B District Convention but now will be known as District 6.
Mary Cousins represented the district of Spring Valley Women’s Institute, and Fran Harding represented the district of Malpeque. These 2 districts were the only 2 remaining in the 6A Convention.
Heather Toombs was the winner of the Senator Cairine Wilson Award at the Provincial Level.

**Convention Committee**
L-R: Mary Laughlin, Barb Currie; Chairperson, Marie Kenny; President, Heather Best, Adele Cairns, and Cynthia Mitchell.

**Founder’s Day Contest**
1st Place: Malpeque WI
2nd Place: North Milton WI
Not in attendance
3rd Place: Spring Valley WI

Margie Stewart, Past President and Chair of Awards made Presentations for Founder’s Day.

Cynthia Mitchell made presentations to Virgene Cole, right, 1st place, and Mae Mellish, above, 2nd place, for their entries for the Tweedsmuir Competition at the Provincial Level.

Marie Kenny poses for a picture with Hon. Marion Reid. Mrs. Reid was our Parliamentarian at the Provincial Convention.

James Steele, President, Royal Canadian Legion, Summerside and Mayor Basil Stewart, Summerside were both in attendance at our opening ceremonies.

Rodney Savidant, singer, song writer and guitarist, provided us with some lovely entertainment in the mid-afternoon.

Heather Toombs was the winner of the Senator Cairine Wilson Award at the Provincial Level.
Carol MacLellan, newly installed President for 2009-2011, enjoys a moment with her daughter, Tanya MacDonald, member of Hampton WI at the Provincial Convention. In her acceptance speech, Carol said, "...four generations of my family have enjoyed the benefits of this great organization."

Marie Kenny, Provincial President, accepts a cheque on behalf of the PEI WI, from Hon. George Webster, Minister of Agriculture.

Marie Kenny, presented Helen Chapman, Development Officer, QEH Foundation, with a cheque from the “Spring Is in the Air” gala dinner. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this such a wonderful success!!

Cst. Pardy spoke at the Convention. Mary presented him with a Buy PEI Basket as a token of thanks.

Autumn Tremere hand-worked and presented Heather Dixon with the crest of Nunavut. The complete set of crests representing the Provinces and Territories of Canada are on display at the Confederation Centre of the Arts.

Reta MacDonald, left, presented Mary Kaye Collette with the Adelaide Hoodless Award of Honor.

Heather Dixon, right, poses with guest speaker, Betty Howatt, for the Provincial Convention.

Incoming President, Carol MacLellan received the President’s Pin from outgoing President, Marie Kenny.

Incoming Honorary President, Joan Dawson, left, poses with outgoing Honorary President, Roma Campbell.

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If any branch members have a bright idea that they would like to share with the rest of the membership, please let the WI office know and we may include it in our next Institute News. All branches can benefit from other’s bright ideas!!!

Deadline for articles for the December issue of Institute News is October 1, 2009