



1129 Queens Avenue, Brandon, MB, Canada R7A 1L9

**Friday May 8, 2026**



**9:30-10:00** Registration

**10:00 am** Welcome and Announcements  
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### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Chair: Debra Barrett

Mary Stewart Collect  
President's Remarks  
Introduction of Board  
Introduction of AGM 2026 Minute Taker  
Adoption of the Standing Rules of Order  
Adoption of Agenda  
Roll Call  
Acceptance of the AGM 2025 Minutes  
Review of AGM 2026 Mail-in Ballot results  
Question Box/Open Mic  
Celebration of Life  
Invitation to hold the 2027 AGM and MWI Women's Day  
Closing Remarks and Adjournment

**12:00-1:00 LUNCH**

### **MWI Women's Day**

**1:00 pm** Entertainment – Dugald School Youth Jazz Band

**1:30 pm** Speaker – SAFARI (Springfield Area Farmers Aiding Relief Internationally) The speaker will share his overseas experiences with SAFARI & the Food Grains Bank  
Question & Answer

**2:30 pm** Speaker – Michele Gurman will share her families nouvelle agricultural focus as producers of Donkeys and Horses shipped across western Canada  
Question & Answer

**3:00 pm** Laugh and Giggle Time

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**Provincial Board 2024-2025**

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**WI Canada/FWIC Provincial Representative:** Debra Barrett (see above for address)

**Manitoba Gov't Appointed Members:** Michele Gurman

**Acting UofM Home Ec.:** Ann Mandziuk, PHEc



**Mission Statement**

“Manitoba Women’s Institute is an organization that focuses on personal development, family agriculture, rural development and community action... locally and globally.”

**Vision Statement**

Manitoba Women’s Institute strengthens women, families and communities.



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<https://www.fwic.ca/>



## President's Report

Hello everyone,

As I sit and wonder what will I write tonight I realize that I only have a couple more newsletters to write, and I think how did the years go by so quickly. It seems like only yesterday in October 2017 when I first joined the board to observe a meeting to determine if the board and I could complement each other. I was lucky that day to sit across from Peggy Bradshaw, Rose Bodz, and Janice Harrison. By the time the meeting was over I was hooked, the business was not only completed successfully but with fun and laughter.



Put Your Voice & Booty into Action

When the date grows close for our AGM I always think of the women who have been on the board with me for the past 9 years and think how can we add fun not just educational speakers to the day. Please join us this year to see if we have been successful in giving you a big belly laugh.

As stated in the last newsletter, the AGM is being held in Dugald on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> in the Dugald Community Center. The agenda can be found in this newsletter. The registration form will be in the April newsletter; we have worked hard to keep the registration fee at \$25 again this year. The day will include a raffle for some of our members baked treats. Ever had a bite of Gisela's German Torte, if not then be prepared to try win one. There will also be tasty pies, cakes and treats to tantalize your taste buds.

For those of you who follow the Manitoba Women's Institute facebook page I hope you saw the video that our Agriculture Minister Ron Kosytyshen sent to WI. He recognized all the volunteer work Manitoba women have donated to their communities, Manitoba, Canada and globally as well as the resolutions and educational programs the women developed into public presentations to strengthen the lives of families. Our current WI branches continue to strengthen their communities each year by educating members and their communities on issues that need discussion.

In order to keep WI branches able to communicate as a group with strength and determination we must pull together as one. That is where the MWI board comes into play. As a provincial board that represents all members across Manitoba, we have a powerful voice backed by a legislative act. However, as individual WI branches and members, we would lose our ability to speak as one for all women across Manitoba.

Some of our immediate successes when we spoke with one strong voice through our resolutions have been:

- ~ Implementation of a Silver Alert program across Manitoba.
- ~ The provincial government's reopening of the Mature Women's Health Clinic,
- ~ Breast health scans being provide to women under 50 years old who are being diagnosed with breast cancer at an alarming rate,
- ~ Funding new mental health services with a focus on addictions,
- ~ Transportation of horses with care and compassion to countries who import meat horses.

We still have issues that we need to "scream to the roof tops" about but only as a united organization will we have the strength to effectively do so.

Please consider volunteering to sit on board committees or put your hat in the ring to be our next President-elect. I guarantee you that you will never regret the experience as either a committee member or as an executive. I have met an outstanding group of women from across Manitoba and Canada and have had the opportunity to learn incredible skills from these women.

Spring is on the way so enjoy the dreams and plans you all have for the coming warm sunny spring, and I hope to see you on May 8<sup>th</sup> in Dugald.

Take care!  
Debra Barrett

## OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you're staying warm and cozy during these chilly February days! I'm excited for spring as I haven't been venturing outside much during these extremely cold days.

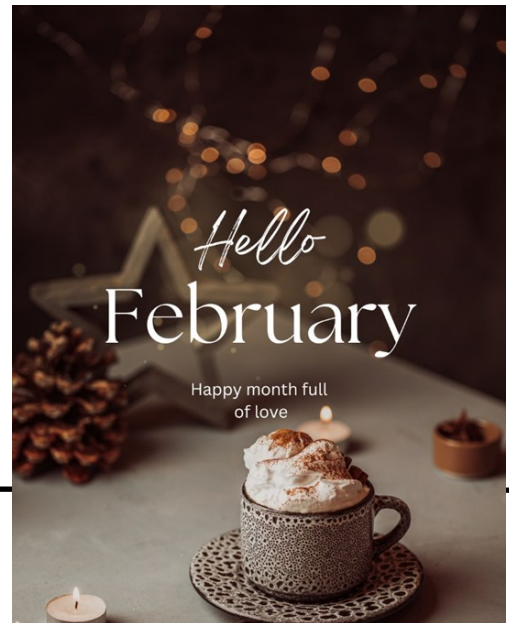
I have started working on the Annual Report for the AGM. I want to thank all the Institutes for submitting your year-end reports. Your contributions play a crucial role in the continued success of our organization, and I want to acknowledge the time and effort you've invested in your communities.

Please keep sending me any newsworthy happenings from your part of the province! Your input is invaluable, and we love hearing from you.

Thank you for being a part of the Manitoba Women's Institute. Your dedication and enthusiasm make our community strong and vibrant. Stay warm and stay safe.

Warm regards,

Mallory Makinson  
Office Administrator



The Board sends condolences to those locals/members who have lost a member over the past couple of months. It has been a difficult time for many families and friends. If you wish to have a member recognized in the newsletter please send a brief notice to the office and it will be kept for the next newsletter.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

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**If you have any students in your life who might qualify for any of these scholarships, please share these possible scholarships with them. Watch in future newsletters for our Manitoba Women's Institute Scholarships.**

## **MAHE Student Awards at the University of Manitoba**

### **Dean Ruth E. Berry - Manitoba Association of Home Economists Scholarship** (Award 24416)

The award honours an undergraduate student in any year enrolled full time in the University of Manitoba's **Faculty of Education**, with a teachable major or minor in Human Ecology, minimum GPA of 3.5, and demonstrated leadership abilities and/or a commitment to community through their volunteer activities. Application deadline is March 31st annually. [View full details here.](#)

### **Manitoba Association of Home Economists Bursary** (Award Number: 27124)

Applicants must be a full time student registered in a **Bachelor of Education** degree program with a declared major in Home Economics who is in good standing and has demonstrated financial need. Application deadline is October 1st annually. [View full details here.](#)

### **Manitoba Association of Home Economists Bursary** (Award Number: 25899)

Applicants must be a full time student registered in a **Bachelor of Health Sciences or Bachelor of Health Studies** degree program who is in good standing and has demonstrated financial need. Application deadline is October 1st annually. [View full details here.](#)

### **Human Ecology Centenary Legacy Fund Scholarship** (Award Number: 25695)

Applicants must be a full-time student with high standing who is enrolled in one of the following: a Bachelor of Education with a declared major in Human Ecology, a Bachelor of Science (Food Science) or Bachelor of Science (Human Nutritional Sciences), a Bachelor of Science in Biosystems Engineering or a Bachelor of Health Sciences or Bachelor of Health Studies). [View full details here.](#)

### **Human Ecology Centenary Legacy Fund Bursary** (Award Number: 25694)

Applicants must be a full-time student with good standing, who has demonstrated financial need, and is enrolled in one of the following: Bachelor of Education with a declared major in Human Ecology, Bachelor of Science (Food Science) or Bachelor of Science (Human Nutritional Sciences), Bachelor of Science in Biosystems Engineering or Bachelor of Health Sciences or Bachelor of Health Studies. Application deadline October 1st annually. [View full details here.](#)

### **Human Ecology Centennial Scholarship** (Award Number: 27787)

Applicants must be full-time undergraduate students with a minimum DGPA of 3.5 in one of the following degree programs: Bachelor of Education with a declared major in Human Ecology in the Faculty of Education; Bachelor of Science (Food Science) or Bachelor of Science (Human Nutritional Sciences) in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences; Bachelor of Health Sciences or Bachelor of Health Studies in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences. Preference will be given to a student who has graduated from a rural\* Manitoba high school. \*For the purposes of this award, rural Manitoba is defined as outside of the census metropolitan areas of the province (as defined by Statistics Canada). [View full details here.](#)

## **Additional Human Ecology Awards offered at the University of Manitoba**

### **Laurel Austman Memorial Bursary in Education** (Award Number: 25253)

Description: for a single parent registered full-time in the two-year After Degree Bachelor of Education program or the Integrated Education programs in Human Ecology or Music with good academic standing and demonstrated financial need. Application deadline is October 1st annually. [View full details here.](#)

### **Marion Bachman Memorial Scholarship** (Award Number: 27297)

Description: To reward the academic achievement of undergraduate students in the Faculty of Education who intend to teach Human Ecology. No application required. [View full details here.](#)

### **Mildred Simmons Memorial Scholarship** (Award Number: 23016)

Description: for a full-time student registered in a Bachelor of Education degree program, with a declared major in Home Economics. No application required. [View full details here.](#)

**MWI Resolutions 2025 – 2026**

**Manitoba Women’s Institute MWI Resolution Number: 2026-1**

**Sponsor:** Fisher Branch Women’s Institute

**Signatories:** Sheena Letexier, Tannis Chudy, Lori Smith, Janet Danish, Annette Holowka

**Topic:** Expansion of Social Services in Minimally Served Communities in the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority

**Be it resolved that:** Manitoba Women’s Institute (MWI) urges the Manitoba Minister of Health to address the significant lack of social services in smaller rural communities.

**Background:** The IERHA encompasses 61,000 sq km. A review of The Interlake-Eastern Regional Resource Guide reveals that the majority of services within this region are located in Selkirk and Stonewall, fewer in Gimli, Beausejour, Arborg and fewer again in Ashern, Lundar and Eriksdale. First Nation communities host a significant number. The RM of Fisher is home to approximately 2000 residents. The resource guide lists one service – the local RCMP. Counselling services for youth and adults are offered every Monday, depending on space availability. There is also a Primary Care Centre that provides part time services from a Public Health Nurse, an addiction counselor, if space is available and a Family First program. Other services may only be accessed on-line. In May 2024 and October 2025 the Fisher Branch Women’s Institute (FBWI) hosted Drug Awareness and Human Trafficking workshops, attended by youth and adults. Many concerns were raised regarding addictions, but the main concern was the lack of community based support. In less than a year, there have been three drug related deaths in the community. These untimely deaths demonstrate the need for action. A statement from the IERHA Regional Risks and Statistics states there is a: “significant and growing demand for mental health and addiction services due to crystal methamphetamine.” The FBWI deems the provision of community based counselling locations with clearly defined and accessible on-site services be provided immediately.

**Supporting documentation:**

1. Interlake-Eastern Manitoba Regional Resource Guide  
<http://www.ierha.ca>
2. IERHA Key Health Risks and Statistics  
<http://www.ierha.ca>
3. Manitoba Health Annual Statistics  
<http://www.gov.mb.ca>
4. The Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, University of Manitoba  
<https://umanitoba.ca>

Resolutions previously submitted to the province and not enacted on from 2025 will be resubmitted to government after our AGM 2026.

**MWI Resolutions 2025 – 2026**

**Manitoba Women’s Institute MWI Resolution Number: 2026-2**

**Sponsor:** Fisher Branch Women’s Institute (FBWI)

**Signatories:** Sheena Letexier, Lori Smith, Elenor Nowosad, Annette Holowka, Rosie Barrett

**Topic:** Funding of School Based Awareness Programming on Human Trafficking

**Be it resolved that:** Manitoba Women’s Institute (MWI) requests the Manitoba Minister of Health fund the Joy Smith Foundation to provide biennial awareness programs on Human Trafficking in all schools.

**Background:** Human Trafficking is defined as the buying and selling of another human being for sexual purposes. Human Trafficking is now the fastest growing criminal enterprise, only second to drug and gun trafficking. Research has demonstrated that:

~ Human trafficking is likely impacting someone within 1 KM of their location at any time, with some youth being trafficked while living with their families and attending school.

~ Youth being forced into unwanted sexual behaviours are often controlled by criminals using blackmail, violence/beatings, threats of violence, or threats to harm the loved ones of the young person.

~ Youth aged 13/14 up to age 20 are the most often targeted by traffickers

~ Most targeted are vulnerable youth who are new to a community and are looking for new friends, youth who desire to please the people around them, those who have suffered complex traumas, and young females. Boys are becoming more frequent victims than in previous years, especially in sextortion cases.

~ Youth are usually victimized by a new friend or romantic interest who is trusted by the victim, or someone the victim met online and then is invited to meet in person

~ Online connections are becoming common due to the variety of social media platforms and gaming rooms, especially for boys.

The Fisher Branch WI requests funding of Human Trafficking awareness programming provided by the Joy Smith Foundation in all schools for grades 6 to 12 on a biennial basis effective September 2026.

**Supporting documentation:**

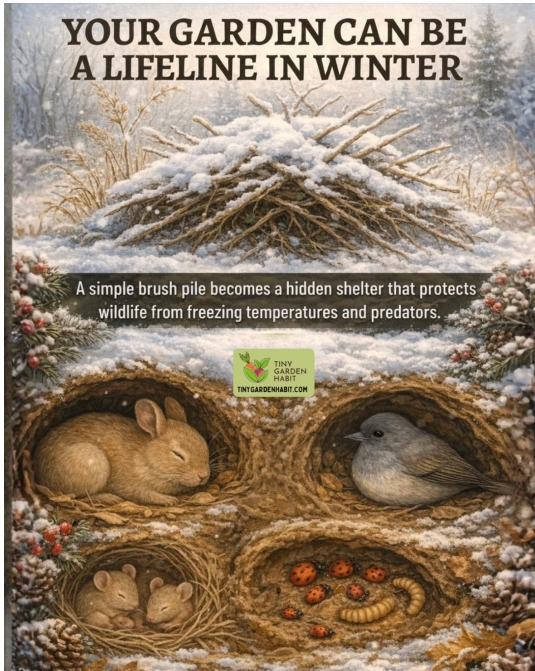
1. The Joy Smith Foundation  
<http://joysmithfoundation.com>


2. Government of Canada – Human Trafficking  
<http://www.canada.ca>

3. Province of Manitoba – Manitoba’s Sexual Exploitation Strategy  
<https://gov.mb.ca>



Your Garden Can Save Lives This Winter ❄️  
What looks like a messy pile of sticks can be a lifeline in winter. Brush piles create hidden shelter from freezing temperatures, wind, and predators for birds, rabbits, insects, and small mammals. They trap warmth, provide nesting spaces, and even protect overwintering pollinators. Leaving one corner of your garden wild doesn't hurt your yard — it helps an entire ecosystem survive. Sometimes the kindest thing we can do is simply leave things alone. ❤️



**Real Questions about Canada posted on an International Tourism Website and Answered by** 

**Q:** Will I be able to see Polar Bears in the street? (USA)  
**A:** Depends on how much you've been drinking. 🇺🇸

**Q:** I want to walk from Vancouver to Toronto - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden) 🇸🇪  
**A:** Sure, it's only four thousand miles, take lots of water. 🇸🇪

**Q:** Is it safe to run around in the bushes in Canada? (Sweden) 🇸🇪  
**A:** So it's true what they say about Swedes. 🇸🇪

**Q:** It's imperative that I find the names and addresses of places to contact for a stuffed Beaver. (Italy) 🇮🇹  
**A:** Let's not touch this one.

**Q:** Are there any ATMs (cash machines) in Canada? Can you send me a list of them in Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton and Halifax? 🇬🇧  
**A:** What did your last slave die of? 🇬🇧

**Q:** Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Canada? (USA)  
**A:** Af-ri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe. Ca-na-da is that big country to your north. Oh forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Calgary. Come naked. 🇨🇦

**Q:** Can I bring cutlery into Canada? (UK) 🇬🇧  
**A:** Why? Just use your fingers like we do. 🇬🇧

🍁 OhCanada 🍁 MeanwhileInCanada 🍁 SorryNotSorry



**'HOW TO KEEP ITEMS OUT OF THE LANDFILL?'**



Last year I made a draft stop quilt for a door on the farm. When I moved this past summer I said to myself be sure to put this where you can find it for your new home. Well, the spot where it is has yet to become evident to me so I improvised. I visited a thrift store in Brandon *Nearly New Shop* (bonus is they raise funds to purchase equipment for the Regional Health Centre in Brandon) and found these 2 pieces of fabric with a lining and backing. The print is wild as shown in the second photo but the backing is lovely and plain—so I sewed rings on the top and purchased magnets to attach the makeshift quilt to my one outside door. Amazing what a bit of fabric can do to make it seem warmer on this north facing door. Paul's favourite store in Brandon was Princess Auto so I'm sure he was smiling when I was there purchasing the magnets. The person who donated the items to the thrift store was keeping them out of the landfill and so am I!

Ann Mandziuk





Grosse Isle W.I. members made Valentine cards to send to seniors in the community



Welcome to several new members in branches around Manitoba.

Michele  
Domain WI

Rhonda  
Grosse Isle WI

Calin  
Narcisse WI

Fern  
Narcisse WI

Crystal  
Narcisse WI

Violet  
Narcisse WI

Jo-Ann  
Domain WI

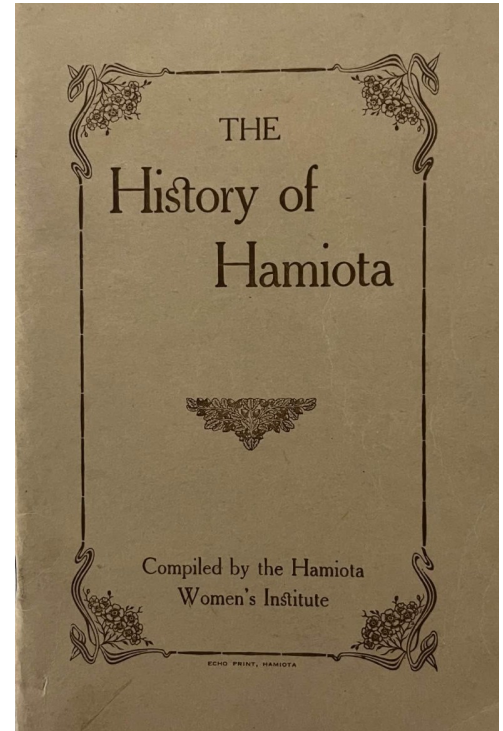
Valerie  
Narcisse WI





This book showed up on my Facebook page advertised for sale—I wonder how many other community history books were written by now disbanded Women's Institute groups. The post said it was a 36 page book but it doesn't give the year of publication. If your community compiled a book in the past or if you know of other WI groups, please let Mallory know—we can compile a list of the books that have been completed over our 115 year history. *Our MWI history books list a Hamiota Girls group granted a charter in 1921 but no year of dissolution.*

Ann Mandziuk



## Growing Manitoba Ag

Inform. Influence. Inspire.

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/online-resources/signup-for-growing-manitoba-ag.html>

If you would like this newsletter, please go to the link to receive an email sent directly to your inbox.



Happy Birthday to members celebrating in April and May.



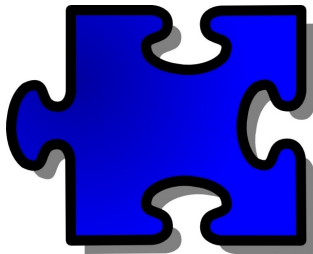
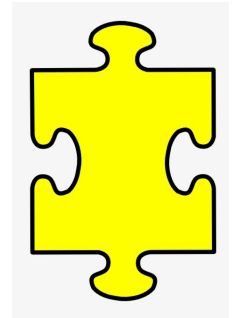
Don't forget to share the activities of your local/branch with the MWI office so we can let others in the province know what is happening across the province either in our newsletter or in our social media posts.

# Bits and Pieces



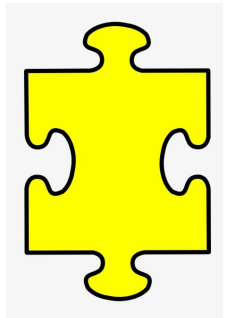
Don't forget to check out the MWI scholarships on the Red River Ex Foundation website. The deadline for these scholarships is the second Friday in May.

<https://www.redriverex.com/scholarships-and-bursaries/>



A new post at [HomeFamily.net](https://www.homefamily.net)! [Understanding Canada's Food Guide](#) by Kate Wilson, RD, PHEc. You can sign up online to get notified anytime we publish a new post, too. MAHE News Digest

The United Nations has declared 2026 the International Volunteer Year (IVY 2026) to recognize volunteerism as a key driver of sustainable development. IVY 2026 is a call to governments, organizations, and communities worldwide to champion volunteerism in all its forms—formal and informal, local and global—while fostering inclusive policies and ensuring volunteer contributions are recognized and measured. **Volunteer Canada** has resources to help promote this event and celebrate volunteers in Canada at <https://ivy26.ca/> MAHE News Digest



## 2026: You Are What You Eat - Feeding the Future



*Feeding*  
**The FUTURE**

You Are What You Eat

**World Home Economics Day 2026**

**Saturday, March 21, 2026**  
**Global Action Day**  
Shaping Tomorrow's Health

<https://www.ifhe.org/events/world-home-economics-day>


The food choices we make today shape the health and well-being of generations to come. Nutrition in the earliest years of life provides the foundation for growth, learning, and resilience, while food habits across the life course determine how communities age, how families thrive, and how societies meet the challenges of tomorrow.

The 2026 theme highlights the critical importance of infant and child nutrition as the cornerstone of a healthy future. At the same time, “feeding the future” speaks to the needs of societies with aging populations, where nutrition is essential to sustaining quality of life, independence, and dignity in later years. Across every region, food security, cultural traditions, and sustainable practices in food production and preparation link individual well-being to the collective health of communities.

Home Economics professionals are uniquely positioned to address these challenges. Whether through research, education, or practical action in households and communities, our field connects the science of nutrition with everyday practice. By promoting healthy diets, supporting families in making informed food choices, and advancing sustainable food systems, Home Economists help ensure that the future we are feeding is one of equity, vitality, and care for both people and the planet.

What is your community/region doing in this area? In my area in Manitoba we have several Food Banks, Food Rescue groups in some communities and many community service clubs help in the schools, with seniors and others. I often see posts on Facebook talking about what our local Bear Clan groups are doing with the homeless, other groups making muffins 12 dozen at a time for school breakfasts for students and others offering snacks when students are writing exams.



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I love Women's Institutes. Thank you, [Manitoba Women's Institute!](#)



**Manitoba Women's Institute**

Posted by Mallory Makinson  
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Happy Saturday! This week's book recommendation "Finding Flora" is a historical novel set in turn-of-the-century Alberta about a young woman on the run from her abusive husband who uses a legal loophole to claim a homestead in the Wild West. 🍷

[#bookreview](#) [#booktok](#) [#read](#) [#findingflora](#)



If you are a follower of our Facebook page you might have seen this post from Mallory. Interesting that the author saw it posted and shared it herself to her social media sites.

*The views contained in the book reviews provided to our newsletter are the thoughts/opinions of the writer and not Manitoba Women's Institute.*

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## Highlights from the FWIC/WI Canada Board Meeting – January 26, 2026

**Theme: Together We Rise!**

VISION STATEMENT	PURPOSE STATEMENT	OBJECTIVES
Fostering a future where every woman thrives and makes a meaningful impact	A national united voice of women promoting family, community, and personal development through learning and friendship	1. To provide a united national voice for all Women's Institutes of Canada 2. To initiate national programs and provide resource material. 3. To provide a medium of intercommunication among the units of the Federation

**EXCITING NEWS!** FWIC is pleased to share that PEIWI has issued an invitation to host the FWIC Convention in 2027, and it was unanimously accepted by the board. Watch for more information in the coming months.

**WI Day, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>**, will celebrate 129 years of WI with the "Stories that Shape Us". Register at [registrations@fwic.ca](mailto:registrations@fwic.ca) to get the Zoom link in your inbox. Please join us at this celebration.

**International Women's Day:** This year, the theme is Give to Gain, focusing on fostering gender equality through abundant giving, collaboration, mentorship, and reciprocity, emphasizing that when women thrive, everyone rises. If provinces have pictures of branches that have made donations, could you send them to Angela ([president-elect@fwic.ca](mailto:president-elect@fwic.ca))? We will post them on the FWIC Facebook page. We would also encourage you to post on your provincial Fb page.

**Fundraisers:** Thank you to the members who supported the Pampered Chef fundraiser. \$1057.00 was raised for FWIC. In April, FWIC will host a fundraiser featuring Aloette products. More information will be in the *WI Connections* and on the Fb page.

**Resolutions:** The board reviewed a draft resolution on gambling advertising. After a productive discussion, the board sent it back to the Resolutions Committee for some changes. It will be discussed again at the March board meeting.

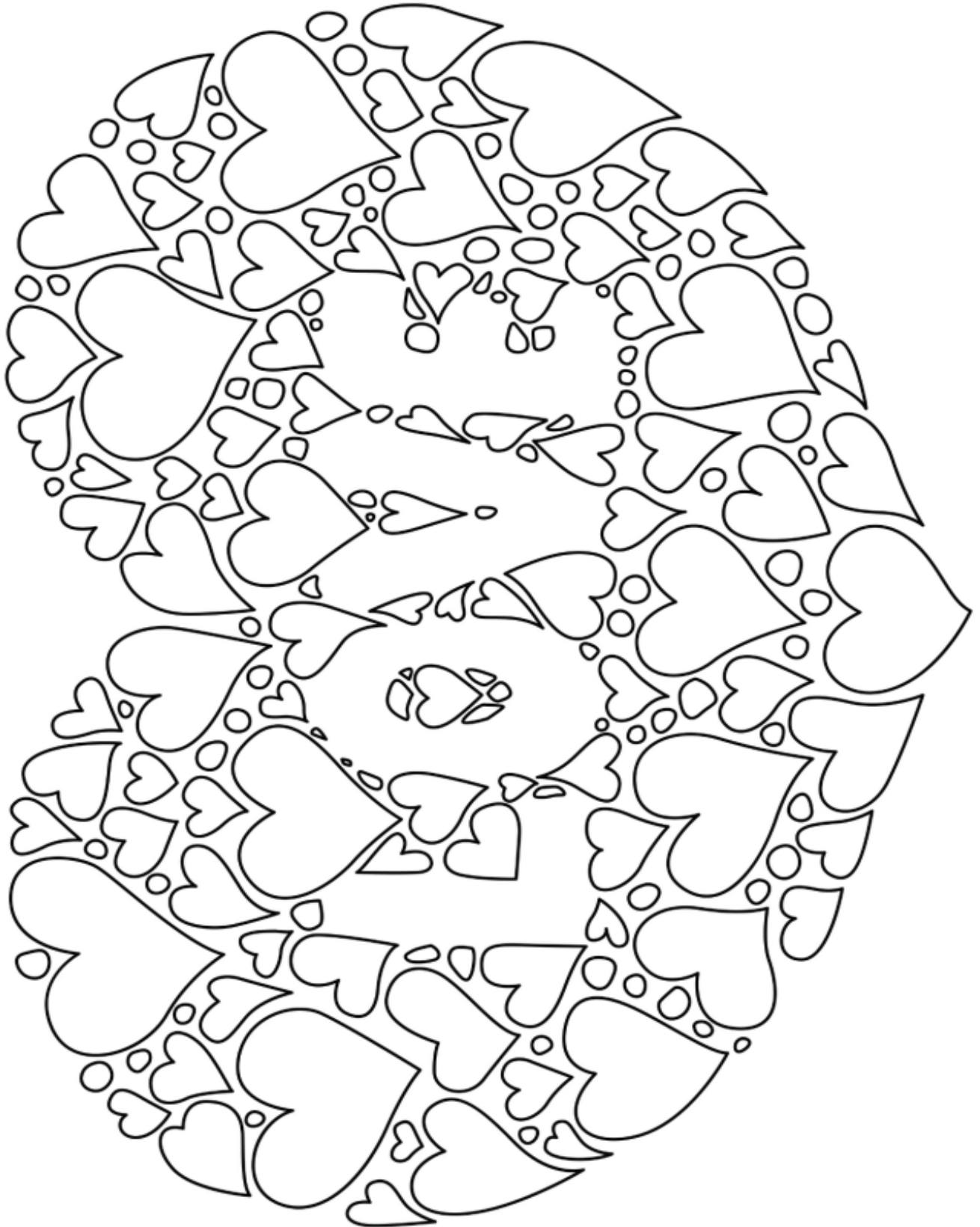
**ACWW:** This is the Year of the Woman Farmer. ACWW is looking for stories about women farmers. Check with your ACWW coordinator for more details. FWIC was informed that Dr. Elizabeth Kelly has withdrawn her nomination for the Advocacy position. This is the result of NFWI's decision that only women born as women can be members of their WI. This does not impact membership in Canada.

**Nominations for the Canadian Woman of the Year and the Erland Lee Awards close on March 31, 2026.**

**Provincial Fee Form:** The form was sent to the WI Offices earlier this month. It is attached again for your convenience.

**Next Meeting of the Board of Directors: Monday, March 23, 2026, at 6 pm ET.**

**LET'S HAVE SOME  
COLOURING FUN!**



# UPCOMING Events

## FEBRUARY

- 19—Women’s Institute Day
- 23—Canada’s Agriculture Day
- 27—Adelaide Hunter Hoodless’s Birthday

## MARCH

- Canadian Agricultural Literacy Month
- 1—World Complement Day
- 8—International Women’s Day
- 21—International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

## APRIL

- 3—Good Friday
- 21—Earth Day
- 26—May I ACWW Triennium, Ottawa
- 30—Deadline for newsletter articles/submissions

## MAY

1. Easter always falls between which 2 dates?
2. Is more candy sold for Easter, Christmas, Valentines Day or Halloween?
3. About how many chocolate bunnies are produced at Easter each year?
4. The first Easter eggs were dyed what colour?
5. Dyeing Easter eggs is a tradition that began in what country?
6. Who wrote the song Easter Parade?
7. When were Cadbury crème eggs introduced?
8. What garment was popularized by the song Easter Parade?
9. What baked good is a Good Friday tradition in England?
10. Where is the largest Easter Egg in Canada located?
11. Easter Island is part of what country?
12. The Sunday before Easter is called what?



## FUN ANIMAL FACTS

Everyone should know

 <p>Sharks are only able to move forward, and they can die if they swim backward.</p>	 <p>Unicorn is the official national animal of Scotland.</p>	 <p>Saltwater crocodiles have the most powerful bite in the world.</p>
 <p>A single ant can carry 50 times its own body weight.</p>	 <p>Horses are capable of seeing nearly 360 degrees at one time.</p>	 <p>One species of jellyfish is immortal. It's name is Turrilopsis dohrnii</p>
 <p>Pandas love to be alone.</p>	 <p>Scientists believe that penguins have evolved from flying birds.</p>	 <p>Dogs can detect cancer in their owner's body.</p>
 <p>Platypus is the only animal that has no stomach.</p>	 <p>Male bees are unable to feed without assistance from female bees.</p>	 <p>Monkeys always eat bananas after peeling.</p>

1. March 22 and April 25
2. Halloween
3. 90 million
4. Red
5. Ukraine
6. Irving Berlin
7. 1963
8. Easter Bonnet
9. Hot Cross Buns
10. Vegerville Alberta
11. Chile
12. Palm Sunday

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