

*Enjoy the friendship.....*

*Of fellow members and making new friends, the fun of socializing and the warmth that comes from serving with others.*

*The Women's institute offers stimulation for the mind, action for the hands and food for thought.*

*Interested? There is a branch near you*

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Branch Name

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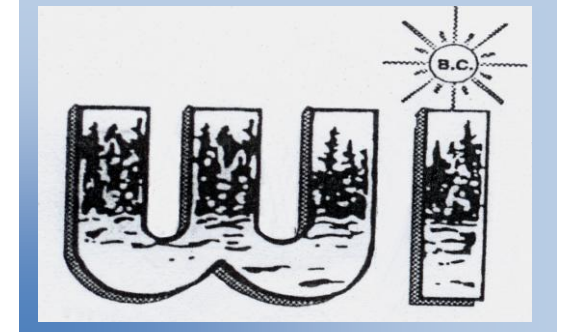
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Interesting Info

## **WOMEN . . .**

- **Interested**
- **Informed**
- **Involved**

**. . . In building a better tomorrow for Family and Community**

British Columbia Women's Institute  
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**BRITISH  
COLUMBIA  
WOMEN'S  
INSTITUTE**

AS VITAL TODAY AS WHEN IT BEGAN IN 1909

*Dedicated to 100 years of educating women to make a difference in their life style, their community and the world.*



***The Women's Institute*** is active across Canada, originating in Ontario in 1897 and coming to BC in 1909. There are branches located in communities throughout the province.

A member in BC is part of the National and International organizations.

Connect with the world from your kitchen table.

## **The British Columbia Women's Institute**

offers opportunities.....

- \* For interested women to become informed on a variety of family and community issues
- \* For community action and involvement
- \* For personal development
- \* For networking with other women

### ***We offer the opportunity to learn from***

- \*speakers      \*workshops
- \*seminars      \*each other

### ***To gain***

- \*awareness of current social issues
- \*opportunities for self improvement
- \*leadership skills
- \*self confidence
- \*new friends

## **Achievements of the BCWI**

- \* Founders of Queen Alexandra Center for children(Victoria)
- \* Founders of BC Children's Hospital
- \* Home Economics in Canadian Schools
- \* Scholarships
- \* 4-H sponsors
- \* Establishment of public health units province wide
- \* Started the first Buy BC campaign in the 1930's
- \* Successfully lobbied for changes to Dower Act, rewritten in 1947 so husband needed his wife's consent to sell the family home
- \* Instrumental in naming the Pacific Dogwood as the provincial flower
- \* Lobbied BC Tel for a special number for quick response to traumas and accidents, 911 was adopted in BC
- \* 'Agriculture in the Classroom' developed by a WI member and introduced in BC schools
- \* Produced a set of Centennial History books  
... and much, much more!