

*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 stimu-
lation for the mind, action for the
hands and food for thought.*

*Interested? There is a branch near
you*

Branch Name

Contact Name

Phone & Email

Interesting Info

WOMEN.....

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

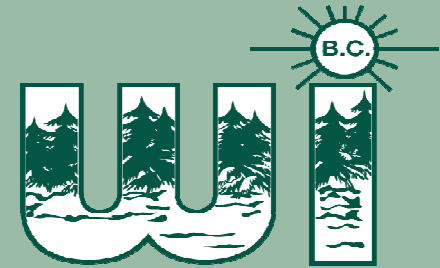
**.....In building
a better tomorrow
for Family and
Community**

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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 Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island (formerly—Queen Alexandra Center for children (Victoria)
 - * Founders of BC Children's Hospital (Vancouver)
 - * 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!