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CFUW – Owen Sound & Area, celebrating 30 + years... 1990 – 2021

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CFUW is a non-partisan, voluntary, self-funded organization with over 100 CFUW Clubs, located in every Province across Canada. Since its founding in 1919, CFUW has been working to improve the status of women, and to promote human rights, public education, social justice and peace. It holds special consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC) and belongs to the Education Committee of the Canadian Commission to UNESCO.

Note: It is the policy of CFUW Owen Sound that *unless a member, e.g., an interest group coordinator, specifically gives permission*, a member's personal information will not appear in the newsletter. For this information members should go to their copy of the Members List. Website: <https://www.cfuwowensound.com>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

This past month has been quite the month for CFUW Owen Sound and Area. As you will see in the executive highlights by Vivian McCaffrey our executive committee is hard at work on a variety of issues. We are working hard to raise our Club profile and help our members be recognized for the work they do. This month we've started a new volunteer spotlight for our newsletter and Facebook page. Shawna Macivor has written a lovely piece for this.



A few of our Club's members, wearing orange and supporting Truth & Reconciliation at Kelso, Sept 30

In addition, our Club was amazingly well represented at the National Truth and Reconciliation Day commemoration at Kelso, September 30. We had over 20 members there! As you will see from the many wonderful reports from our interest group leaders, we are a very active club!

The month of October will continue to focus on ways to raise our profile and encourage advocacy and outreach within the Club. We want to represent our members in these two areas. While the executive committee is dedicated to taking steps to let the community know just how wonderful we are we want our community engagements to represent YOU! Therefore, we are asking you to join us. We have two committees that are forming right now: Advocacy and Outreach. Please consider joining one of them or BOTH! We need all the experience and enthusiasm that only you can provide!

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend and that you will all stay safe and continue to be wonderful as you are!

Sincerely,
Trisha

~ Trisha Hendrie, President, CFUW Owen Sound and Area

EXECUTIVE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Members of our CFUW Executive meet via ZOOM on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. If you wish to make a presentation to the Executive, please contact President Trisha Hendrie.

Highlights for the October 5, 2021 Executive Meeting

The fall is not just a busy time for squirrels and other creatures consumed with preparing for winter. It's also a critical time for the Club to resume the important work of the preceding year and to plan new initiatives and directions. This month, the Executive received reports and discussed the work of a number of its committees. Under the stewardship of Janet Glasspool, the Club's constitution, by-laws and policies are being updated and expanded. Vice-President Anne Seymour is leading the work of a new Outreach Committee, Past-President Ann Magner is taking the helm of a newly constituted Advocacy/Issues Committee, and President Trisha Hendrie is spearheading a Strategic Planning Committee established last year. You'll hear more about the important work of these committees and the opportunities for members to be directly involved in the days and weeks ahead.

Members will recall that our Club, along with other CFUW clubs, was successful last year in its bid to opt out of paying Graduate Women International fees as part of its annual CFUW National dues payment. That success means, within a number of weeks, the Club will receive a refund of its GWI fees paid in advance for this year. The funds must be used for Club advocacy. The Executive made an important decision at this month's meeting to use the GWI fee rebate to expand its support for Scientists in School, following a motion brought forward by Kerina Elliott, the Club's coordinator of the Scientists in School project.

One of the casualties of the past year and a half of living with a pandemic is that the Club didn't hold its new member tea, an important social event to introduce new members to the organization. Last year, the Club signed up a handful of new members and has decided to hold a social sometime next spring to belatedly officially welcome these members into the fold. This gives us all more time to think of someone we can tap as a new member.

An important part of the Executive's current focus is to increase the profile and recognition of the Club as a valuable part of the local community and to expand our membership. Beyond the recent article in *The Owen Sounder*, the Club is looking for other local publications that could be accessed to promote the Club. The Executive is also discussing ways the Club can be more visibly recognized when it attends and supports local events, such as the recent National Truth and Reconciliation Day commemoration at Kelso Park last week that saw a strong turnout by Club members.

~ Vivian McCaffrey, Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES' REPORTS

ARCHIVES

From the Desk of the Archivist...

For the past 30 years, our Club historians and archivists have collected Newsletters, Program Brochures, Annual Reports and files of Special Events. The Club's history has been well documented and shared with you before, particularly at our 10th and 20th Anniversaries. Our thanks go to Donna Phillips, Judy Thomson and Jan Middleton for keeping our history alive. It now seems appropriate to share with you, especially newer members, some of the highlights of this treasure trove of information as we celebrate our 30th year.

Here is a glimpse into what our Club members have accomplished, and the dedicated women who have helped us grow and evolve... 30 years later.

I hope that you're enjoying this as much as I am... going through old records and files is actually fun for me, and I particularly love reminiscing about these great years and remembering some many wonderful members and activities that we all enjoyed. It's amazing to see how the Club has evolved and clearly has become involved in helping Community agencies, and proactive in Advocacy issues. The work and dedication of our members was and is still inspiring.

This month we will remember the year and a half ... September 2000 to June 2001: the 10th Anniversary of our Club.

Sylvie Cioran was President; Secretary, Judy Thomson; Treasurer Jane Hendrie, and Program Coordinator was Donna Phillips. Our first meeting in September was held at the Tom Thomson Gallery, where David Huff gave a tour of the gallery and talked about the Fall activities and upcoming Exhibitions. 25 Members attended out of a total of 38 members. The October meeting involved a panel on the subject *Making our Water Safe*. This was a timely event, considering earlier this year, the Walkerton Water Crisis occurred. Speakers at this event included representatives from the Ministry of Environment, the City of Owen Sound Water Dept., the Owen Sound PUC, and Bruce Grey Owen Sound Public Health Unit. This meeting resulted from Advocacy work done over the past year by our Issues Group. In November, the Club held a dinner meeting at the Exodus Hall (now Brian Woods Funeral Home!). President Cioran gave a talk on *Historic Events and Inventions: Their Effect on Today's Antiques*. The Christmas Social at the Butchart Estate was unfortunately cancelled due to a huge snowstorm. In January of 2001, the meeting was held at Division St. Church parlor. Our Club made a \$100 donation to the Food Bank, and a \$100 donation to 3 school libraries in Walkerton for the purchase of books. The topic for the evening was *Bill 74 and Its Effect on Local Education* with Speaker, Cynthia Lemon. February's topic was *Innovative and Unconventional Farming Practices*. March was a dinner meeting at the Exodus Hall with speaker Andrew Armitage, Chief Librarian at the Owen Sound Public Library, who conducted a quiz on Canadian Literature, and spoke of his life as a 'benign' book Editor for *The Sun Times*. Five Resolutions were the topic of the April meeting. The hot topics included: Canadian Water; Depleted Uranium; Proportional Representation (which was opposed!); Genetically Modified Organisms; and Trafficking in Human Beings. The discussions were intense and lively! Again, the Issues Group worked hard to present their studies of the Resolutions to the membership. May was the AGM held at Stone Tree Banquet Room with local author, Dr. Cornelius Baines as guest speaker. She spoke about her book, *Under Sydenham Skies*.

At the end of this term, there were 41 paid members. Two \$300 Scholarships were awarded, one to an OSCVI graduate and the other to a second year Computer Studies woman at Georgian College. The Issues Group was especially busy tackling heavy topics, meeting once a month for lunch and discussions. They wrote letters: to Artemisia Township Council with congratulations on refusing water taking permission to an area company; and letters to MPPs seeking clarification on a proposal for a voucher system for school choice in Ontario. They spent a great deal of time reviewing the National Resolutions and streamlined the process of delivering those Resolutions to the members. Great work ladies! (Donna Phillips, Judy Thomson, Sylvie Cioran, Mim Cady and others!) The Garden group had fun this year in their activities: A Slide show of British Gardens; Potluck dinner and sharing ideas of Christmas décor; floral arrangement Challenge; Garden Structures; and the "Unweeded Garden", to name a few. The Book Club had 14 active members this year and had lively discussions on books such as *A Good House* by Bonnie Burnard; *Breaking News* by Robert McNeil; *Anil's Ghost* by Michael Ondaatje and a choice of favourite poetry.

All told, it was another busy year for members of our Club. President Cioran kept the members well informed about the role of CFUW in consultation with, and lobbying the Federal Government. The Community Involvement committee kept the members informed about community activities. The Club was well publicized thanks to member Vicki Findlay who obtained considerable publicity for us with the Sun Times, Rogers Cable TV and Bayshore Broadcasting. Internet services (community-focus.com and Mosaic.com) were fairly new but certainly gave the club a new option of reaching out to the Community.

The members were asked to fill out a survey for Proposed Future Direction of our Club. It concluded that we needed a strong new member drive, to encourage more women (and younger women) to join. They felt the best way to do this is to develop a brochure describing who we are and what we do. They felt we must have more general public meetings and special projects in order to develop a better-known profile. Among many suggestions, they proposed that more dinner or lunch meetings be organized, and that each member bring a guest to at least one meeting. (I heartily agree with those ideas!)

It's interesting that we still, 20 or so years later, continue to look at similar strategies to offer more to our members, to raise our profile and to connect with our community. As well, we acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of the Club members in their Advocacy work.

~ *Meran Farmer, Archivist*

MEMBERSHIP

I am pleased to report that we now have 48 members signed up. I will be finalizing the first membership directory shortly after October 15, 2021, so for those who have not yet signed up, please do so as soon as possible. The email distributions for club activities including the newsletter, interest group members and other club notices will be updated at that time as well. The next directory update will be sent out in late January 2022.

Women are welcome to join at any time throughout the year. If you know of someone who is interested in joining the club, they can download the [new members registration form](#) from our website, or please have them contact me directly if they have any questions.

~ *Roberta Cuthbertson, Membership Coordinator*

PROGRAM

*General Meetings are held **usually** on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.*

Our September 22nd general meeting was held, in person, at Legacy Ridge where we welcomed back members and enjoyed listening to our guest speaker, local author, Lee Johnston who spoke about her book, *Damnation Corners*.



Lee Johnston

We also welcomed our Regional Director, Lori Ker, who made encouraging remarks about our Club's ongoing outreach and advocacy. Handsome brochures (thanks, Trisha!), "Program Schedule 2021-2022" and promotional rack cards were distributed to those present. Special thanks to the staff at Legacy Ridge for the lovely tea and treats, and for making us feel safe as we gathered indoors for the first time in many months.

Our **Tuesday, October 12th general meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon via Zoom**. President Trisha Hendrie has invited two executive members from our National Club: Charlotte Akin, National Advocacy Coordinator, and Jeanette Mergens, National V.P. of Advocacy. They will be speaking about Advocacy, what it means, and what kinds of projects we can take on locally. Please join us. *As always, the zoom invitation will be sent out to all members the day before.*

The Program Committee reminds you to mark the **next general meeting, November 9th** on your calendar for a very interesting evening at the **REACH Centre, 7 to 9 p.m.** Thank you to Jan Chamberlain for organizing this event for us.

~ **Brenda Bergen & Meran Farmer, Program Committee Co-Coordinator**s

SCIENTISTS IN SCHOOL (SiS)

The Executive is pleased to announce that our Club will be supporting the Scientists in School Program for this academic year! Workshops are expected to commence within the next few weeks.

Based solely on our financial support of \$2,700 this year, Alexandra Community School will be able to host either in-class or virtual workshops - 10 in total - for all class/grade levels. Indeed, our commitment to this program continues to grow as we acknowledge the strength and impact of the program on young minds. Furthermore, this decision continues to support, for another year, a very “needy” school. The principal and teachers within the school welcome this exciting news and are anxious to begin their planning.

We are also of the opinion that this news and positive messaging is information that should be spread beyond the school and our club. With this in mind, we will focus on communicating our participation to the Community at large. We will be working with the Scientists in School organization to broadcast this news and follow-up messaging as the students experience their workshops. We will keep you abreast of these details as they become available.

~ **Kerina Elliott, Coordinator**

SOCIAL MEDIA

We would like to welcome Donna Phillips as our newest member to the Social Media Committee, and thank Kerina Elliott for her hard work and valuable input last year. We would also like to thank Kathy Needham for continuing as a member with us (Trisha Hendrie, Lynda Chiotti and Roberta Cuthbertson) this year.

The main focus of our committee this year is to post more content to our Facebook page and private group to let others know who we are and what we do. We had a meeting on Monday September 20 with Meran F and Judy Beth A joining us to brainstorm ideas for content. Lynda is going to start us off in October and we will be posting *Tuesday Tips* and *Flashback Fridays* weekly.

How can you help?

- If you have any photos of club events, interest groups, etc., please email them to Ruth Henderson: ruthhenderson500@gmail.com and she will forward them to our committee.
- Send your special tips to Lynda for posting as *Tuesday Tips*, and photos or reminiscences for *Flashback Fridays*.
- Join our Private Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oscfuwprivategroup> which will be posting much more information this coming year, including club events. For those who are currently in the private group, please feel free to share and post more content.
- If any member has content for postings that would be suitable for the public page, please email the information to any one of the Social Media Committee below and we will review and post as long as the guidelines set out in the Social Media Policy are met. To read a copy of our Social Media Policy, please use this link: <https://www.cfuwovensound.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/CFUW-Owen-Sound-Social->

[Media-Policy.pdf](#) For those members who are not yet a part of the private Facebook group, please email content to any one of the members listed below.

Roberta: roberta.cuthbertson18@gmail.com

Trisha: solafyre@yahoo.com

Lynda: lynda@chiotti.com

Donna Phillips: donnagord@icloud.com

Our Club's next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 12; the Social Media Committee we will be assisting the Program Committee by facilitating zoom.

~ Roberta Cuthbertson, Social Media Committee Coordinator

NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter is posted on the website: www.cfuwowensound.com and emailed directly to members.

Please send contributions for the Newsletter to the editor/coordinator: **Judy Beth Armstrong**

armstrong.judybeth@gmail.com before the end of each month, for distribution to members within 2-3 days following an Executive Meeting.

Please note that it is CFUW policy that items in the newsletter should be related to CFUW information and events. Occasionally community events and information may be included if these relate to the CFUW mandate and interest groups.

INTEREST GROUPS

*Please note, from our **CFUW By-Laws, 2.3: Membership in interest groups shall be open only to members in good standing. Guests are welcome to attend either two (2) general Club meetings or two (2) interest group meetings per year.***

ART EXPLORERS GROUP

Autumn is a favourite time of the year to drive or walk in the country and see the Fall colours. We will do this on **Thursday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m.** at [Keppel Croft](#) Gardens in Big Bay, weather permitting.

Bill Loney has created unique art installations and sculptures from mostly found objects for their gardens. He will give a talk to inspire and inform you on how to make and enhance your own garden. The Healthy Lifestyles group will join us for this event and a short country road walk after the talk is planned for those who are interested.

Please let me know if you plan to attend and whether you are interested in carpooling or if you prefer to drive independently.

~ Cynthia Porter, Coordinator

BOOK CLUB - 4th Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Book Club met September 27th, *in person* for the first time, at Meran Farmer's house. It was a joyous occasion for those who were able to attend. We chose our books for the year.

BOOK CLUB, continued

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, October 25th** at Lynne Cox's house. The book chosen for October is *Braiding Sweetgrass*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Trisha Hendrie will be leading the discussion.

All CFUW members are welcome to join the book club; please contact either Trisha Hendrie or Lynne Cox.

~ Lynne Cox, Coordinator

GAMES GROUP - 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Games group meets twice a month, during the day, to play a variety of card and board games. We are currently attempting to have small in-person games days. We know our members have been double vaxxed and since there is little chance we'll play Twister, we are able to follow the same rules that restaurants are currently following. Our only request is that you do not bring a guest unless you are absolutely positive that they have been double vaxxed.

If you would like to join the Games interest group to receive invites and updates, please contact Trisha Hendrie [solafyre@yahoo.com 519-778-2052]. Our next Games Day will be on **Friday, Oct. 15th at 1:30 p.m.**, followed by **Friday, Nov. 5th at 1:30 p.m.**

~ Trisha Hendrie, Coordinator

GARDENERS GROUP

Join the Art Explorers and Healthy Lifestyles groups on **Thursday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m.** at [Keppel Croft](#) Gardens in Big Bay. See details in Art Explorers, above, and contact Cynthia Porter if you plan to attend.

~ Judy Beth Armstrong, Coordinator

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Our group enjoyed meeting a few times for walking in September, particularly, along the rail trail in the Shallow Lake area. For the first walk in October, on Thursday, the 6th, we scheduled another rail trail walk, this time along the picturesque north side of the Shallow Lake. (Thanks, Roberta!) We had more than a dozen members out walking, followed by coffee at Amici's.



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, continued...

Thursday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m. will be a special day as we've been invited to join Art Explorers at [Keppel Croft Gardens](#) in Big Bay, weather permitting, for a walk and a presentation on Garden Art Installations by Bill Loney. We are all looking forward to a lovely colourful day at Big Bay. Please read details, in Art Explorers (above) and contact Art Explorers Coordinator Cynthia Porter if you plan to attend.

Wednesday, October 20, 11:30 a.m. we plan to meeting at Judy Beth Armstrong's home where we will carpool to begin a little trip to Durham. Shannon Weitendorf has kindly invited us to her family farm where will enjoy walking, exploring trails and a picnic. Bring your own lunch and beverage, and dress for the weather. Contact Meran if you plan to attend.

While the colours last, we're hoping to a few more walks/ hikes in our area. Who has an outing they would like to lead/coordinate?

We welcome any member who is interested in joining us. Please email me: meranjoan@gmail.com

~ Meran Farmer, Coordinator

WOMEN WHO WONDER (WWW) – 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.

Women Who Wonder or WWW for short provides a path for intellectual exploration and discussion in a relaxed and fun environment. The group uses educational videos for discussion in the same way that a book club reads a book and then discusses it with the book club. WWW specifically focuses on providing opportunities to touch on multiple topics. This is an exploratory group rather than a deep dive or advocacy group.

If you would like to join the WWW group to receive invites and updates, please contact Trisha Hendrie [solafyre@yahoo.com 519-778-2052]. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, October 13th at 7 p.m.** We'll explore body image and ideals.

~ Trisha Hendrie, Coordinator

YARN CLUB (Knitwits) 2nd Wednesday of the month

Our Knitwits group will meet online on **Wednesday October 13th at 1:30 pm.**

All yarn crafters (not just knitters) are welcome. If you would like to join, or have any questions, please e-mail Shawna at: Shawna.macivor@gmail.com.

~ Shawna Macivor, Coordinator

SPOTLIGHT ON A COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

In this issue we introduce a new feature, spotlighting a community volunteer among our members.

Please give a warm standing ovation to Shawna Macivor! Members are invited to nominate the next “community volunteer” for our spotlight.

The Making of a Volunteer

I wasn't always a volunteer. My excuse was working a busy full-time job, raising a family and making various international moves with an academic husband. But occasionally I would get a flash of guilt and recall my much-loved Aunt Marg talking to my cousins and me about what the word 'citizenship' means and what we owe to our communities. Aunt Marg - Margaret Mitchell MacKinnon - was one of the first female city councillors elected in Guelph. She was instrumental in getting that city's River Run (arts) Centre built, amongst many other things. She also mentored many young women interested in public service and politics. One of them, Karen Farbridge, eventually became that city's Mayor for years.

Aunt Marg's daughter, my cousin and close friend Martha, died of breast cancer in 2015, the year I planned to retire. She had done a lot more volunteering than I had and, as we talked during her last few months, I promised her that I would work for the two of us – doing what I could for the 'public good'.

Later that year, I moved from Toronto back to my home town of Owen Sound. I quickly joined various groups including [CFUW](#), the [Bluewater Association for Lifelong Learning](#), and the [SweetWater Music Festival](#). I also volunteered as a tutor for new immigrants (former refugees) at the Arden Language Centre. I ended up taking on quite a bit of responsibility at both BALL and SweetWater.

But in the Spring of 2020, the Pandemic and my 70th birthday arrived about the same time. I suddenly realized my volunteering time was finite. So, I asked myself what it was that I could do that most needed to be done. Wild nature has always been my joy. It was horrifying to see the predictions from the climate scientists about global warming and looming disaster being borne out everywhere.

Obviously, I couldn't stop the world-wide release of methane and burning of fossil fuels but I know, as every school child does, that trees are one of the main tools we have for drawing down carbon. Can you remember your grade five teacher saying, “trees breathe in carbon dioxide and breath out oxygen”?

So, I decided that getting more trees and native shrubs in the ground would be both practical and helpful – and would allow me to tell my adored granddaughter, when the time comes for goodbye, “I'm sorry to leave you a world in such a mess. I knew all about global warming and its human causes. I couldn't stop it but I did what I could.”

I resigned from other volunteer efforts and started to work with the two leaders at [NeighbourWoods North](#), Lloyd Lewis and Gord Edwards. By then they had already put together a plan, and attracted volunteers to build a 'healing forest' at the hospital grounds.



Shawna Macivor & Lloyd Lewis

Working up there planting trees, I came to see Lloyd and Gord as heroes: smart, collaborative, hardworking, totally committed – and not at all ego-driven. I nagged them about what else we three could do to get more trees planted locally. Long story short, we managed to persuade the Owen Sound City Council to apply for 'Tree City of the World' status (application will go in by year end) and also to persuade the executive at Grey County to re-wild some of the mown lawn in front of their Headquarters building on 9th Avenue East. They have agreed. These are 'works in progress', but they fill us with hope.

I can see Aunt Marg and Martha, leaning over their clouds, marking the progress, and giving a thumbs up. And also urging me on. They say miles of asphalt mall parking lots, all unshaded, must be fixed. 😊

~ **Shawna Macivor, October 2021**

RAISING OUR PROFILE...

The following article was written by Vivian McCaffrey and published in *The Owen Sounder* (Fall, 2021), page 7. Read the article below - or in your own copy of [The Owen Sounder](#), online or hard copy.

Expand Your Interests and Social Connections Consider Joining Local Women's Organization

What do scholarships for young women graduating from local secondary schools or community college, *Scientists in School* at Alexandra Community School, Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* at the Roxy, public lectures by Ted Barris, and fundraising for local non-profit organizations have in common? They are all initiatives supported by the CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) Owen Sound and Area.

CFUW is a national, non-partisan, voluntary, self-funded organization with a mission "to improve the status of women and to promote human rights, public education, and peace." The local Owen Sound and Area chapter has recently celebrated its 30-year anniversary. Despite the name, our local organization is open to any woman who supports our goals and values.



Vivian McCaffrey

In addition to our community involvement initiatives, CFUW Owen Sound and Area offers a wide array of activities and interest groups designed to expand members' horizons and foster social connections. As a new member to the community, I was particularly attracted by the organization's art explorers, a group led by a local artist. Other interest groups include a healthy lifestyles group that organizes local walks and hikes, a knitting and crafts group, a book club, and a new one (Women Who Wonder) that draws members together to discuss emergent issues.

During the period of COVID-19, we have worked diligently to keep members actively engaged through online programs and social meet-ups through Zoom. The Program Committee organizes monthly speakers from September through June. Topics this year have included long-term care, an Earth Day panel, and presentations from local organizations that serve to expand our knowledge of what's going on in our community. We look forward to when we can provide in-person programs again while continuing to serve the members with a variety of online activities.

For more information, check our website: <https://www.cfuwowensound.com/>
You can access the membership forms provided through the "Membership" tab.

We hope to meet you soon.

~ **Vivian McCaffrey**

The graphic features a blue and green header with the CFUW logo and the text "OWEN SOUND & AREA THE POWER OF WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER". Below this, it lists "COMMUNITY ~ ADVOCACY ~ FELLOWSHIP JOIN US!" and provides the website "www.cfuwowensound.com" and email "info@cfuwowensound.com".

Our Club's ad in *The Owen Sounder*, Fall 2021

IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR MEMBERS:

And speaking of advocacy... here are two of our Club's greatest champions: Judy Gay and Ruth Henderson. Judy, a long-time member of our Club who held many offices on our executive and championed a number of "advocacy" issues, moved to Kingston where she is now active in that CFUW Club. Recently, Ruth visited Judy and they sailed on the Island Queen along Kingston's waterfront.



Judy Gay & Ruth Henderson, Sept 17, 2021

IN-PERSON MEETINGS: CFUW POLICY

While COVID-19 continues to be a public health concern, Owen Sound and Area CFUW will follow the health and safety protocols established by the provincial and local health authorities. As the Club begins to hold in-person meetings, it sets out the following requirements:

- Members who are feeling ill, have a family member or contact who is ill, or are awaiting the results of a COVID test, must not attend any in-person meeting or event.
- Face coverings and six-foot social distancing are mandatory for members who are not fully vaccinated as they place themselves and others at risk in any in-person gathering.
- Members who have chosen not to be fully vaccinated must notify the meeting or interest group leader ahead of time for any indoor gathering. This will allow the leader, in consultation with the executive committee, to make informed decisions about the level of risk and necessary safety precautions. Consistency of practice is essential when dealing with a potential liability issue for the Club. Safety precautions may include, but are not limited to, wearing of masks, social distancing, completion of a provincial screening questionnaire, change of venue, or holding a virtual meeting instead.

CFUW – OWEN SOUND
CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
print this page to keep by your calendar

OCTOBER 2021

- 1 - Games Group, 1:30 p.m. In-person meeting. Location TBD. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 5 - Executive Meeting**, 10 a.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom
- 5 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 7 - Deadline for submissions to October Newsletter. Email to Judy Beth Armstrong.
- 12 – GENERAL MEETING – 10 a.m. to 12 noon**, on the topic of Advocacy. Virtual meeting by Zoom, with the Zoom invitation sent out to all members the day before.
- 12 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 13 – Knit Wits, 1:30 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Shawna Macivor
- 13 - Women Who Wonder, 7 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie
- 14 – Art Explorers/Gardeners/Healthy Lifestyles at Keppel Croft Gardens, Big Bay, 2 p.m. Contact Cynthia Porter.
- 15 - Games Group, 1:30 p.m. In-person meeting. Location TBD. Contact Trisha Hendrie
- 19 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 20 – Healthy Lifestyles, 11:30 a.m. to carpool to Shannon’s family farm. Contact Meran Farmer.
- 25 - Book Club, 1:30 p.m. In person at Lynne’s. Contact Lynne Cox.
- 26 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 27 - Women Who Wonder, 7 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie

NOVEMBER, 2021

- 2 - Executive Meeting**, 10 a.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom
- 2 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 4 - Deadline for submissions to November Newsletter. Email to Judy Beth Armstrong.
- 5 - Games Group, 1:30 p.m. In-person meeting. Location TBD. Contact Trisha Hendrie
- 9 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 9 – GENERAL MEETING at the REACH Centre, 7 to 9 p.m. Details to follow.**
- 16 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 23 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 30 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.

Watch for more activities and events in the NEXT Newsletter