

CFUW Wolfville April 2025

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Important Dates:

April 2 – CFUW Board Meeting at 7 pm at the Wu Centre

April 22 – Earth Day

April 23rd – Spring Luncheon at
the Wolfville Legion, arrival at 11:30 am

April 16 – Budget Committee
Meeting at the home of Pat Alexander at 10:00 am.

May 10th – Atlantic Regional Council AGM on Zoom

General Meeting and AGM,
Wednesday, May 28th at the Wu Welcome Centre, 7 pm



Book Sale Success!

Our 57th Annual Book Sale was a big success! We had a good showing on Vendor Day where sales were brisk, but Friday was hopping – it was our best day in terms of numbers of customers. Saturday was steady. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible – bookies, loaders and unloaders, set-up team, cashiers, and floor people! Marian coordinated set-up day, Winnie coordinated the Football Players, and Anne coordinated the cashiers. Pat A looked after the cash. Cathy was the director of all Book Sale operations.



Thank you also to the Acadia Football players who helped us to load and unload the truck as well as set up tables and help on the floor as well.

March 26th General Meeting

President Anne shared National President Linda Sestock's response to the political situation in the US. Her letter can be read here:

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Treasurer Pat shared our financial report. Cathy thanked all who helped with the Book Sale – our biggest project of the year! Winnie reported that we have 32 members, and we welcomed guest Joanne Toop to our meeting. Winnie also reported on the passing of two former members – Thelma Simms and Doris Ross. Fran shared that we would be welcoming Patricia Bishop of Taproot Farms to speak that evening. In addition, she confirmed that Mary Hanneman of Stage Prophets would be our Guest

Enviro Depot at McConnell's in Greenwich: We have an account there, if you drop off your recyclable bottles/cans – you can designate our club as the recipient of the money you would have received for your recyclables.

National CFUW Website Launched:

www.cfuw.org

April 12 at 1:30 pm – History & Traditions Group at Fran's home.

April 16th at 2:00 pm – Lit Wits Meeting at St John's Anglican Church.

Speaker at our Spring Luncheon on April 23rd at the Wolfville Legion. Helen thanked everyone for continuing to sign up to provide snacks for our General Meetings. She thanked members for remembering to “feed” Charlotte – our coffee fund piggy bank! Patricia continues to collect materials for the Archives. Anne reported that Advocacy had met twice, and they were happy to welcome Ginette who has already crafted a letter to be used to approach local and provincial politicians about the housing crisis. Our Status of Women convenor, Linda, will return later this month.

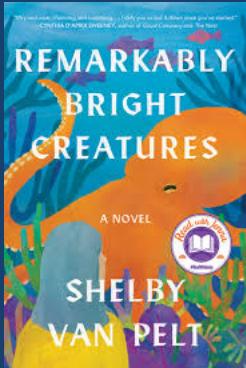
Patricia Bishop of Taproot Farms

Patricia started by thanking our club for the invitation to speak. She remembered attending CFUW meetings with her grandmother when she was a little girl, and she always appreciated what we do! She and her husband, Josh Oulton, have an organic farm and several pieces of property. They employ several people in their operation and contribute greatly to our Valley economy. She shared a most interesting project that her husband is undertaking – an aquaponics greenhouse where they will grow tilapia and filter the waste to fertilize the lettuce they plan to grow there. They have already constructed the greenhouse which can withstand a Category 5 storm. They are working at providing the correct balances required in the tank for the fry that they will grow there. The plan is to harvest the tilapia and sell it in addition to the lettuce. Patricia’s talk generated so many questions! We really enjoyed her presentation and her explanations.



Interest Groups

Lit Wits – They will discuss “Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelby Van Pelt in April – Helen is sending an email. The last meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 13 at 2:00 pm.



Book Exchange is continuing to go well. Anne McG reported that the **Bridge Group** meets on the first Saturday of the month at Wickwire.

Creative Writing – Noella reported that they will meet on the first Friday of the month at the home of Jean S.

Art – Anne reported that they will meet on Friday, April 25th – location to be announced.

Theatre – Here is the link for the Cineplex New Minas Arts and Culture offerings: <https://www.cineplex.com/events/arts-culture>

Atlantic Regional Council AGM – May 10th

You are invited to register for this annual meeting with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/KgMKZwvPQgSjqOfLGJojZQ#/registration>

CFUW Atlantic Regional Council

Virtual Annual Meeting



Pamela Jeffery

Founder of Women's Executive Network (WXN), Canada's Most Powerful Women - Top 100 Awards, and the Prosperity Project.



Mana Mahmoud Zadeh

Mana came from Iran to study Sciences at UNB. She became part of Girls STEM Up whose mission is to promote diversity, inclusivity, and equity in STEM.

Women Breaking New Ground

May 10, 1:30-4:00 PM AT

Please register by May 8

Once you register, you will be sent a link for the meeting. For the AGM Business Meeting, sign in by 1:30 AT. For the presentation, sign in by 2:15 AT.

[Register here](#)

AGM

Bookie Celebration

The Bookies have a tradition of treating themselves to a celebratory dinner at the Blomidon Inn each year. It is a special treat to share a lovely three course meal with the people who have worked hard all fall and winter to sort and categorize books for our big sale.





L-R (front) Debra, Winnie, Pat, Cathy, Blanca

L-R (back) Noella, Anne, Marian, Judy

Winnie prepared a lovely speech about how the people there had given of their time and energy to collect and prepare books. She graciously thanked Cathy, Pat, and Anne for their leadership and efforts throughout this project by presenting each of them with a lovely corsage. She also read us a poem she had written about the whole experience – please see it on the next page. Many thanks to Winnie for her continued generosity and dedication to CFUW Wolfville.





TO OUR BOOKIES

Another booking year is behind us once again.
 We undoubtedly got through it without too much pain.
 Receiving donations started in September although in a new location.
 Once the bookies got used to being in a new place they were set in locomotion.

We were happy to have “old” faces – Cathy, Anne, Judy, Eleanor, Pat, Noella, Winnie, Marian as well as Blanca and Debra who were new
 They worked hard and it wasn’t long before they were a regular part of the crew.
 The boxes piled up along the wall with every sitting and were ready for the Lions’ Hall
 All being sorted into categories ready for the football players’ call.

Cathy brought liquor (no booze) and chicken boxes each time
 We would be lost without her expertise with all her binders and no dimes.
 Anne added her leadership wisdom but no fables.
 She worked hard loading boxes, driving the U-Haul and putting out tables.

Pat has been a steady force,
 She doesn’t even have time to go through the menu and pick courses.
 The rest of the “bookie” crew
 All did their part and couldn’t take time for a few

Without the football players the Annual Book Sale couldn’t happen
 All the bookie would be snug in their beds napping’
 And it wasn’t long before we had more books this year
 Many of our bookies were exclaiming on many occasions “oh dear”

Before we knew it the months rolled by and March is now here.
 We welcomed in Spring with the dealers and then two days without any beer.
 To another successful Book Sale and let us lift our glasses and CHEER!

March 22, 2025

Recycling Reminder!

If you take your empty plastic and glass bottles to the Enviro-Depot next to McConnell’s Sod in Greenwich, our club has an account and your refundables can be designated to Canadian Federation of University Women of Wolfville. The fund grows slowly but it helps when we need little extras like stamps or markers.





Blanca submitted her poem on Friendship to be included in this month's newsletter. She read this poem to the club on "Club Night" in February. Thank you, Blanca, for sharing this!

Friendship's Light

On a tablecloth embroidered in truth
 I would lay out for thee
 a vase of friendly flowers
 with petals of poetry;
 a sugar bowl filled with lumps of laughter,
 a pitcher brimming with milk,
 and one small note from a rhapsody
 etched on a cloud of silk;
 charming china cups with golden edges,
 heart-shaped spoons for stirring,
 and pretty napkins laced with love
 to wipe away life's yearnings;
 tall glasses of water-colored words
 to quench our thirsty ears,
 and to feed our hungry souls
 the bread of yester years.
 And just in case there was room for more
 from Thalia's kitchen I'd deem
 joy jiggling in sparkling jello
 and bite-size dreams in cream.
 In cozy comfort we'd talk all day
 and well into the night
 until the lambent glow of friendship
 became our only light.

General Meeting and AGM

Our last General Meeting and Annual General Meeting will take place on the last Wednesday in May. A package of materials will be coming out before the meeting for your perusal.



Spring Luncheon, April 23, 2025

Yes, we are going to enjoy a spectacular view of Blomidon and surrounding area when we meet to have lunch on the 23rd on the top floor of the Wolfville Legion. As you probably know, the facility has an elevator. “Basin and Bloom” is catering the event, and we are looking forward to hearing Mary Hanneman speak about the transformative power of Community Theatre. Stage Prophets is mounting another huge production for us all to enjoy – The Wizard of Oz!

More photos from our March Meeting



Joanne, Mary, Fran



Eleanor



Mairi, Pat