

CFUW Wolfville May 2026

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Important Dates:

May 9 – Women’s Expo
at Kentville Arena

May 27 – General
Meeting at the Wu
Welcome Centre, 7 PM

June 24 – AGM and
General Meeting at the
Wu Welcome Centre, 7
PM



Julie Vanexan



cfuw Realizing potential
For all women.

Our **Spring Tea** took place on the upper level of the Wolfville Legion on Wednesday, April 22, from 2:00-4:00. Despite the chilly weather, members and guests were dressed for spring in beautiful spring ensembles and a truly magnificent assortment of hats and fascinators! The tables were decorated with favours prepared by Noella and wonderfully crafted chocolate containers by Blanca. Darlene, Event Planner for the Legion, made the room look spectacular with white table cloths, pastel tulle runners, tiered plates, delicate tea cups and saucers, and a team of elegantly attired waiters who served tea and looked after everyone so well.



Our guest speaker was **Julie Vanexan**, MLA for Kings South. She spoke about the generational divide in our society and the need to promote understanding and cooperation between the generations in order to build trust and comprehension so that we may all move forward in a positive direction working together. She talked about the need for true mentorship to build success for everyone and every organization. We can all learn from each other if we take the time to recognize the strengths different generations bring to the table. It was a thought-provoking talk, and we all took something valuable away from listening.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and it turned out to be a very pleasant afternoon! Many thanks to Darlene, her crew, and Pat Stewart, our caterer.



Elizabeth Brown and Judy Amos



Jean Casey



Maxine MacQuaig



Jean Sutherland



Fran Payne and Pat MacLean



Noella Basque.



Christina Sappington



Helen and Julie



Helen W., Cathy Owens, Mary Phillips



Ginette Goulet and Georgie McNeil



Rhonda, Pat Alexander, and Sally





Ann, Wheet, Fran



The view is spectacular



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.



Anne and Julie



Jean C, Maxine, Jean S, Yolande

Women and Gender Studies Award News

We were invited by Chair Anne Quema to listen to the two recipients of the **CFUW Women and Gender Studies Award** on April 23 at 6 PM on the Beveridge Arts Centre. Patricia Gallant, Noella Basque, and I (Anne) were able to attend.



Katrina Hayes **Taleen Jabbour**

Katrina Hayes participated in a project where Acadia students were paired with women from Nova. The title of her project was “Building Bridges Through Institutional and Systemic Pain”. She was able work through some of her own trauma by interacting with the “inside” students at Nova.

Taleen Jabbour, a first-year student, wrote a gender autobiography from the point of view of someone of Arab heritage. Three of the factors that shaped her were her father, hierarchies of power, and being sexualized as a dancer. Her reflections on her journey have led her to consider International Law as a possible career. She would love to help women in her home country of Lebanon. Both projects were beautifully done and thought-provoking. We were able to ask questions, and both recipients were open to being contacted to present their projects in the fall to our membership.

Interest Groups

Lit Wits – This group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at St John’s Anglican Church in Wolfville to discuss Virginia Wolfe’s “Mrs. Dalloway.” We had a very enjoyable meeting at the home of Jean Casey last month.

Book Exchange Maxine McQuaig oversees this exchange.



Bridge Group - The Bridge Group meets on the first Saturday of the month at Wickwire. Please contact Ann McGrath if interested. **We need more players!**

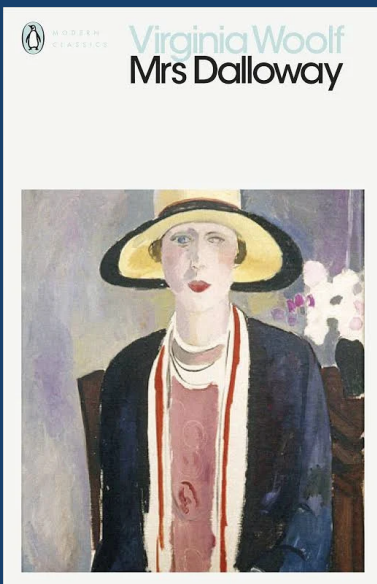
Creative Writing – They met on May 1 at the home of Pat Alexander. Their theme was “Coming Home.” They will not meet again until September.

Art – no report

Theatre – Here is the link for the Cineplex New Minas Arts and Culture offerings:

<https://www.cineplex.com/events/arts-culture>

Stage Prophets are mounting a production of Cinderlla!



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AGM Participants

ARC Spring AGM

The Atlantic Regional Council AGM took place on April 25th via Zoom. Margaret Therrien of the Halifax Club and National co-chair of the Adopted Resolutions Book and the Archived Resolutions Book spoke on the history of this process in the Atlantic provinces. The Atlantic Region has produced a number of resolutions over the years. The Halifax Club has been very active, and the Cape Breton club had a resolution accepted within this decade.

Gail Scott, RD-PEI, facilitated a discussion on the future of ARC. The manner in which she did this made it very easy for everyone to participate. Many of us came away with a deeper understanding of what ARC does for us and new ideas for how to proceed in the future.



Women's Expo Booth



2026 CFUW AGM & CONFERENCE

2026 AGA ET CONFÉRENCE DE LA FCFDU

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER – OPTIMISONS NOS FORCES



MONTRÉAL, QC: 07/20/2026 – 07/24/2026

National Conference

Anne has registered for this conference. Fortunately, the Regional Directors had their registration fee covered by National. In addition, our club voted to cover most of the accommodation cost for which Anne is very grateful. As always, these conferences are an amazing opportunity to connect with members from across the country and to learn from the excellent guest speakers.

Women's Expo 2026



Organized by Paula Huntley, we were invited to have a booth to promote our club. Noella and Anne met on Friday afternoon to set up our space. They were at the booth from 10 until 4 on Saturday with breaks to check out the other participants and also to find prospective speakers for our program for 26-27. It was time well spent as we learned a lot about other groups in the area and potential opportunities for us. We shared information about our club with a number of people who seemed interested in our goals.

Writing Group:

This month's featured writer is Marilyn Denny.

ODE TO JOE

Joe began carving wooden objects before he retired and got more enthusiastic when he had more time to spare.

His retirement took him to a village surrounded by dense woodlands - just like the New Forest, he liked to say.

He would ride his bike along pathways in the woods, hauling a small, wheeled cart behind, picking up pieces he found. And his rule was: never cut a branch or a tree.

Joe passed his carvings to family and friends and sometimes sold some at a local tourist shop. Each year he donated several pieces to a local church for its fund-raising sale.

At first, he etched a brief message under each piece: "No tree was cut to make this."

Then after a while his wife had stick-on labels made for him with those words.

Joe's message to all was "SAVE THE TREES."

Blanca Baquero takes on the Camino!

Blanca left for Spain on April 20th. She and her friend, Catherine, made their way to St-Jean-Pied-de-Port in France to begin their pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela on foot – a journey of 800 kilometers! At present, they have walked approximately 350 km. We





cheer and celebrate Blanca and Catherine for undertaking this incredible feat!



CFUW Wolfville

Our May meeting will take place on May 27th at 7:00 PM at the Wu Welcome Centre. I would encourage as many members to attend as possible as we would like to put together a speaker's program for next year – we would like to draw upon your many community connections to compile a list before we break for summer.

Our last General Meeting of 25/26 as well as our AGM will take place on June 24th at 7:00 PM at the Wu Welcome Centre.

Sad News

As many of you may already know, we lost Marian Sampson on April 30. She was a long-serving member of our club and as recently as a few weeks ago, I spoke to her and she told me she hoped to attend our Spring Tea. She served on the executive in a variety of roles over the years – secretary, program convener and in many other capacities. She encouraged new people to join CFUW and helped to grow the club. She was involved in all aspects of the annual Book Sale including this year; she came regularly to help sort books. She was a talented painter, an avid bridge player and a golfer. We will all miss her. Her obituary has been posted on the White Family Funeral Home website. No information on a funeral is available as yet Here is a link to her obituary and guest book:

<https://www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/191853>

Marian Sampson



Anne, Marian, Noella, Pat A at booking for this year's book sale.



Jean S and Marian



Marian, Judy, Elizabeth



Marian & guest