CFUW Wolfville November 2026

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Important Dates:

November 3 – RD Meeting on Zoom

November 5 – CFUW Wolfville Executive Meeting on Zoom

November 6 – Writing Group Meeting

November 10 – Lit Wits Meeting

November 11 – Remembrance Day

November 17 – ARC Meeting on Zoom

November 25 – General Meeting, Room 238, Beveridge Arts Centre at 7 pm

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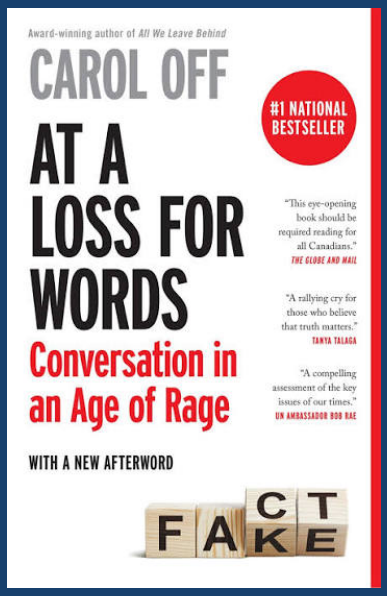
Emily Kennedy was our guest speaker at our October 28th meeting. She is an artist, environmental educator, and storyteller who uses creativity to make climate change easier to understand. Emily is also a climate change adaptation specialist who has worked both internationally and within Canada on projects relating to environmental justice and food security. She spoke to us about how climate change will impact our own agricultural area in the Annapolis Valley. The gradual warming will enable us to grow different crops over time. She shared her long-term knitting project entitled "Speaking of Climate Change" that turns years of Kentville, NS climate data into something you can see and touch. Each row represents one day of temperature with blues and greens representing cooler temperatures and reds, oranges and pinks representing warmer temperatures. Each year is knit in a long strip, and the years are sewn together to form a blanket. From this visual record, it is possible to see how patterns of weather are changing over time. We had a robust conversation about climate change, and everyone enjoyed Emily's creative approach to sharing climate change data.



Emily Kennedy


Emily, Heather, and Noella



A must-read book!

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.



Ginette, Fran, Jean, Heather, Noella, and Marilyn

Interest Groups

Lit Wits – This group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at St John's Anglican Church in Wolfville to discuss the book they selected for that month. On November 10th, they will meet to discuss "At A Loss for Words: Conversations in an Age of Rage" by Carol Off. Helen W. is the convener.

Book Exchange The members of this group received their first book at a meeting in October. They will pass that book to the next person on the list on December 1.



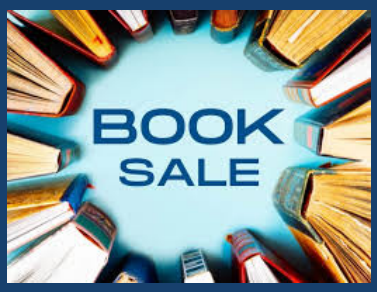
Jean, Elizabeth, Heather, Ilze, Judy, Noella



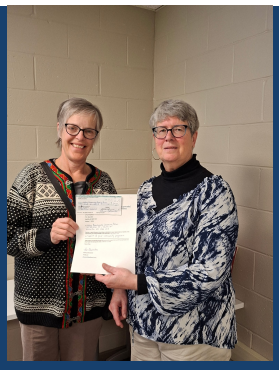
Bridge Group - Unfortunately, there were not enough players to continue this interest group.

Creative Writing –The November meeting will take place at the home of Jean C. on November 6th at 1:30. The theme will be "autumn." See photo in blue margin.

Art Appreciation– Pat A. will be contacting those who signed up to participate in a number of art experiences such as gallery openings, shows, Valley Art Workshops, and other art experiences.







Debra (VCLA) and Noella

Theatre – Cineplex New Minas Arts and Culture offerings: https://www.cineplex.com/events/arts-culture

Book Sale News

We will be processing books at the same site we were given last year which is across from the Charm Diamond Centre in the County Fair Mall. The Mall has changed owners but that has not affected our agreement made with the previous owners. We are grateful to Crombie for their generosity. We will start processing books in January, and we will stop receiving donations two weeks before the sale to give us time to process the remaining books.

Space has been booked at the Wolfville Lions Club for the Book Sale which will take place from March 16-20.

March 16 – deliver books in evening

March 17 – set up day with volunteers

March 18 – Vendor sale in morning, Public Sale in the pm

March 19 – Book Sale 9-5

March 20 – Book Sale 9 – 2, pack up left over books – 2-4 pm.

Posters will be prepared outlining guidelines for donations as well as for the sale itself.

Remembrance Day

On behalf of CFUW Wolfville, Noella will place a wreath at the cenotaph in front of the Post Office in Wolfville on November 11.

Cheque Presentation

Noella presented a cheque to Debra, a representative of the Valley Community Learning Association (VCLA). The VCLA is an important non-profit in Kentville that provides educational opportunities to enable people to further their education and improve their skills. They have a community garden, provide suppers that are open to everyone, and run a number of programs for a variety of age groups.

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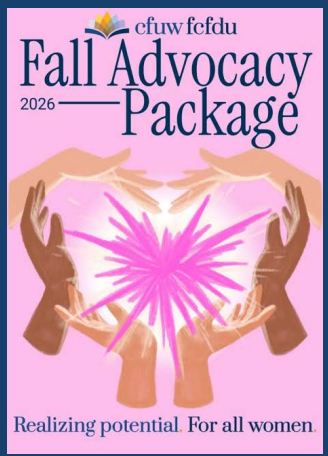
The Fall Gathering was held on October 24 at 1:30 on Zoom. Kudos to our members who attended – Patricia G, Noella, Heather, and Anne. Proportionally, that was a very good showing! There was a presentation on branding by three of the RDs – Gillian (St John's), Sharon (Fredericton), and Anne (Wolfville). Noella presented an overview of our club activities and objectives, and other club presidents did the same. We have three clubs in NS (Halifax, Wolfville, and Cape Breton), two in NB (Fredericton and Moncton), and one in NL (St John's). The St John's Club is the largest with over a hundred members.

Good news – the ARC Spring AGM will be an in-person one in Fredericton, NB!

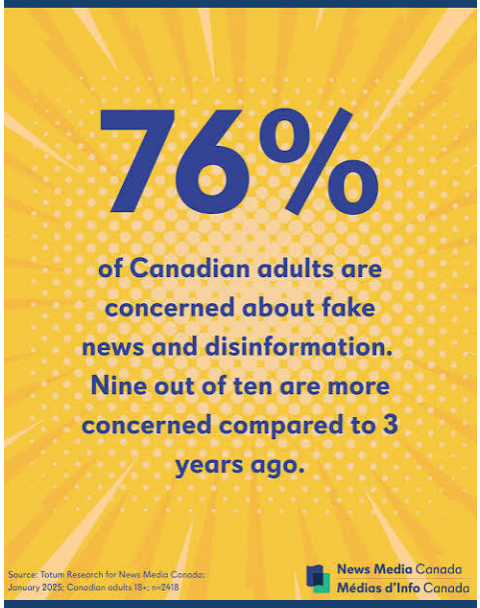




Fall Advocacy Package

What are CFUW Resolutions? A CFUW Resolution is a formal motion proposing positive change about a current issue of provincial, national and/or international importance that CFUW wishes to pursue. If approved by 2/3 of the CFUW Clubs, the proposed resolution becomes a CFUW adopted resolution and forms our framework for action and advocacy.

How does CFUW use Adopted Resolutions? CFUW uses adopted resolutions to develop a course of action for advocacy by the membership and by National Office and to provide information about CFUW and its policies, to elected members of federal, territorial,





provincial, and municipal governments, United Nation entities and other organizations.

The resolutions for 2026-27 that were passed in the summer are:

1. **Countering Disinformation in Canada – 2026**

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RESOLVED, that CFUW urges the Government of Canada to establish an independent regulatory board, monitor and impose sanctions on the spread of disinformation across digital platforms, including the distribution and amplification of disinformation, while complying with the Charter right of freedom of expression.

RESOLVED, that CFUW urges provincial and territorial governments to develop, as part of the school curriculum, mandatory media literacy courses for each grade (grades K-12) that are specifically focused on disinformation, including critical thinking skills, manipulation techniques and mechanisms of dissemination.

RESOLVED, that CFUW urges all levels of government to develop and implement extensive and ongoing information awareness campaigns to educate the public on the dangers of disinformation, how to recognize different categories of disinformation, and how to assess the accuracy of information that is circulated on social media platforms.

RESOLVED, that CFUW calls on the Canadian government to fund and continue to provide various forms of financial support for legacy journalism, including both broadcast and print media, to ensure reliable information sources remain available for all Canadians.

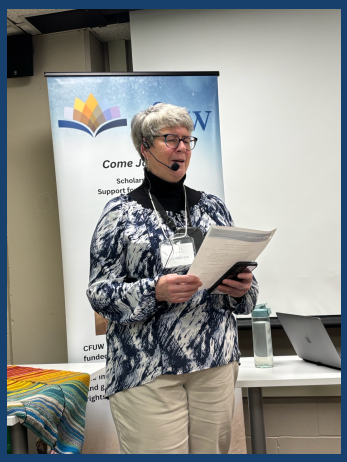
2. **Canadian Response to the Education Crisis for Women and Girls in Afghanistan – 2026**

CFUW Ottawa

RESOLVED, that CFUW urge Canadians and governments at all levels to strengthen strategic partnerships with networks both within and beyond Afghanistan, amplifying voices in support of regular post-primary education for Afghan women and girls.

RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the government of Canada, in collaboration with other national governments, to increase support for international justice mechanisms such as United Nations conventions to hold the de facto authorities in Afghanistan accountable for their violations of human rights, in particular the right to education for women and girls.

RESOLVED, that CFUW urge Canadian governments at all levels to increase their support for the women and girls of Afghanistan by funding to continuing to fund virtual learning and teacher training programs, and by removing barriers, such as denial of study permits, to their pursuit of education in Canada.



CFUW Wolfville Writing Group
Featured author: Noella

Autumnal Thoughts (Nov 2026)

I love pumpkins and pots of chrysanthemums on doorsteps,
the fallen leaves in hues of red, orange and yellow rushing and rustling
around them.
I love strolling through fields of sunflowers and corn, feeling dwarfed.
I remember walking to school in the morning chill,
cozily clad in wool skirt, tights, and a jaunty tam-o-shanter-
why did my Acadian mother like the look of tams and tartan kilts so much?
I remember coming home to the lingering smell of fresh pickle brine-
pungent and burning reminder of my Mother's Day.
I remember weekends when fathers installed storm windows while mothers
dug up dahlia and gladioli bulbs and children ran through mountains of
leaves; squeals and laughter under a shower of foliage.
I reminisce about autumn days as the spicy sweet aroma of apple cider
wafts around me and the sun sets earlier than it did last week and

I remember
to give thanks
and to remember.







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Our **November** meeting will take place on November 25th at the Beveridge Arts Centre, Room 238 at 7:00 pm. Our guest speakers will be Rachel Brickner, Rebecca Casey, and Sarah Rudham and they will present and discuss the Report on Long-Term Care in Nova Scotia.



Our **December** meeting will take place on December 9 at the Beveridge Arts Centre (BAC), Room 238. Our guest speaker is our own Blanca Baquero, and she will be speaking about her April 2026 Camino pilgrimage.

