

CFUW Fredericton Newsletter

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Usually around this time of year, our members are busy preparing for the book fair in May. Around March we start to collect books by creating drop off points. These books have to be collected and sorted. However, this year we have decided not to have a book fair. The uncertainty around public health policies resulting from the pandemic made it nearly impossible to plan and organize a book fair.

We will still sell the books that we already had collected for the 2020 book fair through our "**Surprise Bag of Books**" action. We have sold more than a 100 bags to date! Please spread the word that this CFUW Fredericton activity is still ongoing; e-mail cfuwfredericton@gmail.com if you are interested in a bag of books.

The cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 book fairs has had a significant impact on our funds and our ability to enhance our scholarship program. The 13 endowed scholarships are secure. However, we have a dozen other scholarships, grants and community support programs that are paid for yearly. Fortunately, due to our prudent fiscal management we are able to weather the storm without having to reduce our commitments, at least for this year. Let's hope that we will have our 55th book fair in 2022.

Bo Miedema, President CFUW Fredericton



CFUW Fredericton has several named scholarships. In each newsletter we will highlight and explain the women behind these named scholarships. In January we highlighted the Charlotte van Dine Scholarship. This newsletter we will highlight the largest scholarship that we have (value \$5000). Both these scholarships are endowed at UNB.

Who was Jean Campbell Argue?



Jean Campbell earned a BA from McGill University, graduating with first class honours in English literature in 1932. In 1934, Jean was awarded an *Ad Eundem* degree from UNB. She was president of the women undergraduates in Royal Victoria College and while at McGill, she was a member of the rifle team and a member of the women's basketball team. Jean married William Argue, Head of the Biology Department at UNB, in 1930. The newlyweds lived in a small apartment at 74 Lansdowne Street before moving to a house on Elmcroft Place.

Throughout her years in Fredericton, Jean was very active in both local and national organizations. She was a charter member and first president of the University of New Brunswick Faculty Wives' Club, served a term as eastern vice-president of the National Federation of University Women and was a charter member and president of the Fredericton Chapter of the National Council of Women. In addition, Jean was president of the Fredericton Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, president of the Hospital Aid Society and a member of the Fredericton Library Board. Jean was an avid reader. She loved mystery stories, and she enjoyed reading late into the night. She was a dedicated supporter of the hospital auxiliary. She even recruited women students to join the auxiliary and contribute a \$1.00 membership fee. Jean hosted many parties at her home including a luncheon for Althea Macaulay before her marriage.

Jean passed away from cancer in 1972. The Jean Campbell Argue Memorial CFUW Fredericton Scholarship was established with funds bequeathed from the Argue estate and proceeds from annual club book fairs. Jean is remembered as a kind and generous person by those who were privileged to have known her.

From remarks prepared by Althea Macaulay for the CFUW Fredericton, UNB Archives' Special Collections meeting on September 24, 2006.

**2020 Jean Campbell Argue
Memorial CFUW-Fredericton
Scholarship (Value \$5000)**

University of New Brunswick

ESTHER YI, Rothesay, NB, Year 3, BSc,
Biochemistry

Esther is a third-year science student majoring in biochemistry. She is involved with a variety of extracurricular activities such as *Let's Talk Science and Engineers Without Borders*. She also volunteers as a tutor with *Pathways to Education*, as a volunteer patient at *Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick*, and with the *Canadian Blood Services*. She is interested in pursuing a career in medicine and her passion for science with future students.



CFUW Fredericton Aboriginal Scholarship
(Value \$1000)

Kaitlin (Kate) Clermont

New Brunswick College of Craft and Design

Kate is a Wolastoqiyik artist from Kingsclear First Nation. She has chosen woodcarving as her focus media. She always had a passion for creating and the Indigenous Visual Art Program at NBCCD has opened up a world of opportunity for her. Her goal is to preserve ancestral knowledge, so that she can pass it on to future generations. For Kate, carving is challenging but extremely rewarding; it teaches her how to overcome obstacles, and work within the limitations of the material, to find the beauty inside.



Congratulations Kate!



We are very pleased to welcome **Wendy Johnston** as a new member



Wendy grew up in Burnaby, B.C., where she completed a BA (Hons) in history at Simon Fraser University in 1981. She moved to Montreal in 1982 to pursue graduate studies in history in a francophone environment. Her MA and PhD research at the Université de Montréal examined schooling and society in 20th century Quebec. For much of the 1990s, Wendy was "on the road", teaching Canadian history at the University of Ottawa, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook, the Edmundston campus of the Université de Moncton, and also back at the Université de Montréal. Putting down roots in Fredericton in 1998, Wendy worked for several years as a freelance researcher and writer and taught courses on the history of

women and childhood at UNB. Gender equality and social justice work outside academic settings was the focus of the second half of her career. She was researcher and policy analyst for the NB Advisory Council on the Status of Women for a decade before the abolition of the Council in 2011. In 2012, Wendy went to work for the Canadian Union of Public Employees as human rights advisor, educator and advocate with responsibilities in NB and PEI as well as at the national level. Since retiring in late 2019, Wendy has continued volunteer work with the NB Coalition for Pay Equity and is enjoying gardening, reading and anticipating future travels.

More new members: we are also pleased to welcome **Jenn Marr** as a new CFUW Fredericton member.

Welcome Jenn and Wendy!



CFUW Fredericton Committee News

We have several committees (for a complete list, please see the January newsletter) which continue to do their work despite the pandemic and the lack of in-person meetings. All meetings will be held via Zoom; so please feel free to join a committee meeting.

Book Club

The Book club is a very active group with many members. Currently the members meet via Zoom every first Wednesday of the month. The April and May reads are: *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin, and *The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World* by Melinda Gates. For more information, contact Pam Love at love@mta.ca

Book Fair/Fundraising

"Surprise Bag of Book" (\$20) action is ongoing. Please send an email to cfuwfredericton@gmail.com when you are interested in purchasing a bag of books. We welcome ideas for pandemic friendly fundraisers. Please contact Sharon Crabb at sharonacrabb@gmail.com with your ideas.

Library and Creative Arts

This committee is in the process of inviting applications from schools for grants to be used for library provisions. Anne Soucy is the new convener and can be reached at asoucy@unb.ca.

Programme

The program committee is responsible for inviting guest speakers for our regular general meetings. Gwen Davies is the convener and can be reached at gwen.davies.canlit@gmail.com.

Publicity/Public Relations

We use both Facebook (CFUW Fredericton) and our website <http://cfuwfredericton.com> as a means to communicate with the wider public.

CFUW Fredericton Activities in March and April

- ❖ Wednesday, March 3, 2021 @ 12.30PM: Book club meeting via Zoom
- ❖ Thursday, March 18, 2021 @ 1.30PM: Executive Meeting via Zoom
- ❖ Thursday, March 25, 2021 @ 1.30PM: General Meeting via Zoom
- ❖ Wednesday, April 7, 2021 @ 12.30PM: Book club meeting via Zoom
- ❖ Thursday, April 15, 2021 @ 1.30PM: Executive meeting via Zoom
- ❖ Thursday, April 22, 2021 @ 1.30PM: General Meeting via Zoom



If you are interested in becoming a CFUW Fredericton member, please contact Jenipher Schousboe schous@bellaliant.net

If you are a student, we have student memberships.

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