



# CFUW Fredericton Newsletter

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## Winter 2023

This coming year is going to be exciting. We are back to in-person meetings (also Zoom) in a safe space at the Christ Church Parish Church, meet for luncheons again and are planning a Book Sale for May.

The Atlantic Regional Council (ARC) will also hold an in-person Annual General Meeting in Charlottetown in April, 2023. The theme is "Women and the Environment". The last in-person meeting was in Fredericton in 2019.

We are also planning one Zoom Webinar this winter. The details still need to be worked out, we'll keep you posted!

Bo Miedema and Anne Soucy (co-presidents)



# Three more of our 16 2022 Scholarship Winners



CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (\$2000.00)

**ARABELLA LeBLANC**

Colpitts Settlement, NB, Year 3, BA, Philosophy.

St. Thomas University

Arabella Faith LeBlanc is a 3rd year student at St. Thomas University. She is majoring in Philosophy with a minor in Environment & Society. Outside of school, her interests include playing guitar and spending time in nature. Arabella is excited for what the future holds.



**Congratulations Arabella!**





CFUW-Fredericton Adult Learner Scholarship (\$2000.00)

**LAURA FORRESTER**

Fredericton, NB, Year 4, BA, International Relations.

St. Thomas University

Laura Forrester is a Fredericton based visual artist. She plans to use the skills that she learned at St. Thomas University to continue her career in the arts. She is currently working on a year-long painting project and looking forward to an artist residency at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery.



**Congratulations Laura!**





CFUW-Fredericton Entrance Scholarship (\$2000.00)

**HANNAH SQUIRES,**

Fredericton, NB, Year 1, BA, St. Thomas University

Hannah Squires is a first-year student at St. Thomas University, with plans of going into social work. She is planning to go into family and children social work with her passion for helping others and her love for children. Hannah was able to achieve a 93 average for her grade 12 year at Fredericton High School, including taking an AP Psychology course that same year. She is looking forward to her years ahead at St. Thomas University and for her future plans.



**Congratulations Hannah!**



## Collecting Stories about Long-Term Care

The CFUW National Study Group on Long-Term Care and Elder Rights is collecting stories from members across Canada about their experiences with long-term care for seniors. Have you had difficulties in finding consistent home support (in-home care/assistance) services or accessing quality, appropriate residential care for aging parents, partners, neighbours or friends?

Non-identifying information gathered will be useful in preparing a national profile of the problems experienced across the country. The stories collected will help support CFUW advocacy in favour of high quality, affordable long-term care, across the continuum from aging in place home support/in-home care services to residential care (nursing homes +) facilities.

If you'd be interested in sharing your experience or have questions about this initiative, contact Wendy Johnston, member of the CFUW National LTC & Elder Rights Study Group, via email [wjohnston2149@gmail.com](mailto:wjohnston2149@gmail.com) or cell phone 440-1316.

## CFUW Fredericton 2022-2023 Executive

| Executive Position                            | Members                               |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Past President                                | Sharon Crabb                          |
| Co- Presidents                                | Baukje (Bo) Miedema & Anne Soucy      |
| Vice President                                | vacancy                               |
| Recording Secretary                           | Rotating                              |
| Corresponding Secretary                       | Edye Besner                           |
| Treasurer                                     | Pam Love                              |
| Education and Scholarships                    | Judy McPhail                          |
| Issues  | Wendy Johnston                        |
| Library and Creative Arts                     | Anne Soucy                            |
| Membership / Membership Engagement            | Wendy Johnston / Edye Besner          |
| Programme (Co-Conveners)                      | Gwen Davies and Wendy Johnston        |
| Public Relations and Publicity (Co-conveners) | Shelley Delano Parker and Ruth Holmes |



## Member Activities

**Book Club:** It is no surprise that our book club is our largest active interest group. CFUW Fredericton members love books. Here are some photographs of their meetings.



## Sharing Some Holiday Cheer



The Membership Engagement group brought a little holiday cheer to some CFUW Fredericton shut-in members.

Edye Besner and Sharon Crabb prepared tins of Christmas cookies and Christmas cards for delivery on December 13. It was so nice to see smiling faces, to share warm wishes and to enjoy the pleasures of a wonderful day.

## Sharing a Meal

We also like to eat, so our Christmas/Hanukkah Holiday Lunch was a great success. Our monthly luncheons are also well attended.



**Birthday:** Our long standing member, Eileen Wallace, is going to be 98 at the end of January. She has been a member of CFUW since 1947. If you would like to send her a card, please send it to Windsor Court, 10 Barton Crescent, Fredericton, NB E3A 5S3.



Eileen was named to the Order of New Brunswick in 2018 for being a noted educator and philanthropist whose passion for literacy has changed the early childhood education landscape in New Brunswick.

Happy Birthday Eileen.



## **We welcome 2 new CFUW members!**

**Mary Priddle:** After many years of attending the annual book sale in May, Mary recently joined CFUW Fredericton. Most of her life she has lived in Fredericton attending school, NB Teachers College and Saint Thomas University. She taught elementary school for 10 years and then became a stay at home mom for 5 years when her 4 children were young. Mary returned to work as a coordinator for early childhood learning with the then Dept. of Health and Community Services.

In retirement, she enjoys doing crafts including stained glass, sewing, quilting, painting, soap making, etc. and weekly games of mahjong with friends. Summers are



for the garden. Grandchildren are now a big part of Mary's life. She has 2 granddaughters and 2 grandsons whom are involved in various sports and activities. Mary and her husband enjoy travelling in the winter and their daily walks with Kirby, the dog. Always an avid reader, Mary thinks CFUW activities will be a perfect fit for her interests.

**Barbara McMahon:** Barbara McMahon is an artist who paints and photographs the beauty, the humanity and the unseen moments on this planet with a passion that is deeply rooted within her psyche. Usually inspired by something she has witnessed in nature or by the emotions evoked by music or human and animal connection, Barbara is compelled to capture that scene with a passion and desire to share with as many people as possible.



A specialty niche Barbara enjoys is photographing beach/sea glass with unique backgrounds and wonderful natural lighting. These Zen-like images have become very popular with coastal homes, beach houses, cottages, spas and resorts.

Barbara's work is found in collections in Canada, United States, Scandinavia, Great Britain, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Her art can be seen on her website: <https://barbaramcmahon.pixels.com/>

We welcome you both to our club.



# Always SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!

Looking for new activities and opportunities to meet new people in 2023? Check out the Fredericton club of the **Canadian Federation of University Women**.

We welcome ALL women (no post-secondary experience required!) who support women's education and empowerment, share an interest in life-long learning and community outreach. Guest speakers on a wide range of topics are invited to our meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. You can pick and choose from activities including a monthly **Book Club**, **Luncheon Socials** at local restaurants and fundraising efforts for women's scholarships such as **the Book Sale**. As part of a network of nearly 100 local clubs across Canada, members can also participate in regional and national study groups, Webinars and advocacy initiatives.



Non-members are welcome to join us at upcoming **General Meetings** or **Book Club** discussions. **Our next General Meeting is coming up on January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm**, with guest speaker **Lisa Perley-Dutcher**, Director of the new Kehkimin Wolastoqey Language Immersion School.

At our February 14<sup>th</sup> Book Club gathering, we will be discussing the novel **Scarborough** by Catherine Hernandez. Both events will be held at the **Christ Church Parish Church lounge** (245 Westmorland St.). Zoom will also be available for the **General Meeting**, but the **Book Club** discussion will be in-person only. For more information, contact Wendy Johnston, Membership Committee chair via email [Wjohnston2149@gmail.com](mailto:Wjohnston2149@gmail.com) or phone (cell) 440-1316.

**Please feel free to share this newsletter with family and friends!**

