

CANADIAN WOMEN IN TIMBER

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2006 Annual General Meeting

The Canadian Women in Timber held their Annual General Meeting in October 2006 at the Predator Ridge Golf Club in Vernon, BC. The event started with a Friday evening wine and cheese gathering hosted by the resort. Directors, members and friends enjoyed an evening of stories and laughter.

The following day we held our AGM Luncheon. Honoured guests included Greg Dunn, Senior Manager, Operations for the Provincial Caucus, and Tobie Myers, Ministerial Assistant to Forests Minister Coleman.

The Board of Directors was voted in for 2006/2007 and Alison Duperron who chaired the CWIT successfully for many years handed over the gavel to her successor, Sandy McKellar.



Alison Duperron relinquishes her gavel to new Chair, Sandy McKellar

Following the meeting and lunch, Mary Tracy, Director of the BC WoodWorks program presented *BC Builds with Wood*, and left us all feeling inspired and empowered to do more with this truly amazing resource.



Debbie Sluggett, Jeannie Steele and Theresa White join in the evening fun at the wine and cheese party.



Mary Tracy presents the WoodWorks BC Builds with Wood Program at AGM Luncheon



CWIT Board of Directors

Back Row (l to r)
Helena Jehnichen,
Ann Polson, Betty-Ann McDonald,
Laurie Septav, Alison Duperron, Joanne Kinneshenko,
Leanne Robertson.
Front Row (l to r)
Marg Haggart,
Candace Kenyon,
Steve Baumber,
Vicki Smith, Sandy McKellar



Welcome to our newest board member, Helena Jehnichen. Helena is Events Director at the Truck Loggers Association in Vancouver



CWIT present Jeannie with a gift in recognition of her retirement and all her hard work on behalf of forest education.

Departing Chair's Final Words

Alison Duperron

Fall is one of my favourite times of the year. There is an anticipation of change. As you know my life is in change. Change is in the air in our organization. It is a time to welcome change. To many, change is a time of anxiety, to our group change should be a time of anticipation.

During change we think to the past, the present and the future. The past of our organization is incredible. We have had wonderful chairs – each with their own strengths. Barb made strong connections with all of B.C., Donna went back to our grass roots, Theresa was our networker. As to the present and my mandate who knows what will be said – website??, The introduction of splinter and ?? So what about the future?

Prior to the future I need to stop at the present. I can't go on without some thank you's. I had the most incredible board that exists in the society's world. I would like to thank all of the board members – their time and commitment to our organization has been amazing. To all of you, I can't thank you enough. To my executive, what a won-

derful group. My communications group was excellent. Laurie thank you for devotion to our organization. I know that the past few years have not been easy for you. I simply can't thank Betty-Ann enough – as for the Chair it shouldn't be me. Betty-Ann has been the heart and soul of this organization. Without her ongoing support and unconditional devotion I don't know where this organization would be. I cannot, in any way, demonstrate how much her support has meant to me.

So to the future, well, I see it as the promise for tomorrow. We have an incredible future. We must commit to this group and its significant mandate. As we change we must remember that we must not change. Just as I anticipate fall I anticipate our future.



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SEPTEMBER 28, 2007

VERNON, BC

Please join us on September 28th in Vernon for our 18th Annual General Meeting.

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2006 AGM Branch Reports

Shuswap

In 2006 the Shuswap Branch volunteered to go with the I.L.A. Education Van to:

- "Federation of BC Woodlots Association" meetings in Vernon for 2 days. Delegates from across Canada were in attendance.
- T.L.A. Vancouver. 100 students came through the van with BCIT and UBC forestry students as guides.
- Forest Expo in Prince George. Helped out with the Prince George Branch booth as well as tending the van.

Schools visited this year – Kelowna, Sorrento, Salmon Arm, Ashton Creek and Armstrong with a total of 404 students.

I.L.A. Tradeshow in Kamloops: Handed out pens, highlighters, 140 helium balloons, splinter pins, and 2 door prizes. Sold T-shirts for \$10.00 each. Marg, Betty-Ann and Ann manned the booth.

National Forest Week: Betty-Ann and Ann volunteered to present Debbie Slugett's program "The Amazing Diversity of BC's Forests" to 99 students.

Donated a bursary to a high school grad continuing studies in Forestry.

Forest Awareness Day: Placed article on products and by-products in newspaper.

Forest Week: A local paper salutes forestry and they participated with an ad.

Shuswap Branch would like to thank Wayne and the I.L.A. for their continued support.



**Announcing
our new
Sponsorship
Program - get involved
today and help the CWIT
promote Awareness Through
Education in our province.**

Prince George

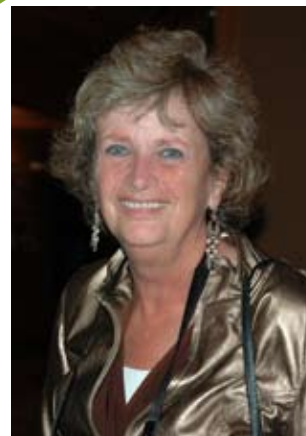
The Prince George Branch celebrated their 10th year of the Sharing Our Forests Education program in Prince George schools and were busy in Quesnel and Fort St. James. They are gearing up for another busy school year in the same three communities.

Forest Expo was as always a huge success and PG Branch were the recipients of 10% of the Forest Expo Charity Auction proceeds. They had a great time at the auction and once again the forest community showed its benevolence. The proceeds greatly help with the cost of the Sharing Our Forests program. They were also asked to look after the information booth and had many inquiries about our organization.

Their efforts are, as always, quietly recognized in the community. Alison Duperron was profiled on Shirley Bond's web-site (MLA for Prince George Mount Robson) in the people, places and projects section. She was also profiled in the newspaper for the Today's Woman Awards.

Sponsorship Opportunities

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JOBS and CAREERS GROW IN THE FOREST



New Career Poster for Schools

The Canadian Women in Timber launched their latest promotional campaign at the ILA Convention in Vernon in April. The Jobs and Careers Grow in the Forest poster is geared to young people who are exploring career options. BC schools and teachers interested in posting this eye catching poster in their schools will be provided with a complimentary copy.

Joined by CWIT mascot Splinter, the poster features a friendly douglas-fir tree who gives young people a peek into the work day of people employed in the BC Forest Sector.



CWIT Raffle is a **TREE**mendous success!

The CWIT raffle that kicked off at the TLA convention in Vancouver, concluded at the ILA convention in Vernon. Proceeds from the raffle will support CWIT education programs and organization infrastructure.

The intent was to raffle three die-cast logging toys, but when we went to industry to request toy donations, we

were overwhelmed by the positive and generous response. Rather than drawing three lucky winners, we were fortunate to have twenty high quality logging toys to give out the winning ticket holders. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who bought tickets, and to the companies and individuals who provided prizes.

Congratulations Lucky Winners

Carroll Bliss
Clarence Barabonoff
George Frame
Dan Dirks
Jerry Gillen
JoAnne Kinneshanko
Judi Spiers
Bill MacDonald
Earl Hyde
Chris Johnson
Doug Dzugan
Connor Olexink
Wally Buchannan
Garry Curtis
Donna
Ed Smith
Ernie Andreff
JoAnne Kineshanko
Don Brown



Special Thanks to Wayne Lintott (ILA), Ernie Friesen (Brandt Tractor) and Brian Mulvihill (Finning Canada) for donations to the raffle.