

## Canadian Women In Timber Attend COFI Convention

Betty-Ann, Joanne and Ann attended the Council Of Forest Industries convention on April 2-3, 2014. The conference was well attended with over 400 delegates and many industry suppliers and associates in attendance. Several communities were represented by mayors and council members from Houston, Grandforks, Terrace, the Kootenays, Coast, Southern Interior and points in between. Some people came from as far away as Ottawa, Washington DC and Germany.

Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Minister, Steve Thomson, was the Keynote Speaker at the Thursday luncheon. He gave an encouraging speech with a positive, optimistic outlook for the forest industry that still has many challenges.

Our CWIT booth was generously donated to us by WorkSafe BC and COFI donated our lunch tickets. We received a lot of interest and encouragement from the many people that stopped by our booth. It was a very welcoming and informative convention and an excellent venue for CWIT.



Our booth was titled "Best Booth" during the exhibitor's slide show at the luncheon.

Thank you to COFI for giving CWIT the opportunity to attend the Convention and for the luncheon tickets and the great hospitality.

We value and appreciate the support from COFI and WorkSafe BC for our volunteer forest education group.

## Message from the Chair – Alison Anderson

Hello Members. Canadian Women in Timber has been busy at the many trade shows and conventions. A big thanks to the Interior Logging Association as we have once again been selected as the recipient of some of the silent auction proceeds. We truly appreciate the ongoing support of the ILA!!

I am very excited to announce the date of our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. The date is Friday October 24, 2014. The AGM will be held in Vernon. Look for more information to be sent to you. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Spring is a time for rejuvenation. We welcome the next fabulous 25 years of Canadian Women in Timber. I will be stepping down as Chair at this meeting and so there will be a new face to the organization. Exciting times are ahead.

Thank you as always for your memberships and contributions. Without your support our organization would not exist.

## CWIT Welcomes new Corporate Members and Sponsors

Canadian Women In Timber are working hard to raise our group's profile and show corporations and companies we are serious about forestry and forest education. We do this by attending forestry conferences and conventions and networking with industry people and associates, municipal, provincial and federal politicians. We produce basic, factual forest education material to distribute to schools and the general public.

Canadian Women In Timber welcomes:

New Corporate Members:

**Great West Equipment/Vernon**

**Finning Parker Pacific/Vernon**

**Strategic Natural Resource Consultants – Port McNeill**

**Kineshanko Logging Ltd.**

Sponsors for our new forest education project:

**Inland Kenworth Parker Pacific/Vernon**

**Western Canada Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation (WCSIC)**

**Kineshanko Logging Ltd.**



Our Corporate Members also include Southstar Equipment Ltd/Kamloops, West Fraser Mills Ltd. Woodland Equipment Inc /Kamloops, Stella Jones Inc/Salmon Arm, and North Enderby Timber Ltd.

CWIT appreciates the support of these companies and with their help can continue their volunteer work producing and distributing forest education materials and helping to educate the public about our forests and forest industry in a positive and factual manner.

**By law, all forests harvested on Canada's public land must be successfully regenerated. Successful regeneration of harvest areas ensures that forest lands remain productive for wood fibre and continue to provide key ecosystem services such as storing carbon, regulating water quality and quantity, and providing recreation opportunities and wildlife habitat.**

## ABC FP Conference

Directors Ann Polson, Marg Hagardt and Joanne Kineshanko attended the 66th ABCFP conference in Kelowna, February 12-14. Our information booth was generously sponsored by West Fraser Timber. During the three day convention we had numerous stimulating forest education conversations with delegates and we received a great deal of encouragement and interest in our organization. We successfully signed up eight new individual members and two corporate members.

Minister of Forests, Land, and Natural Resource Operations, the Honourable Steve Thomson visited our booth for a photo op and during his luncheon address recognized us and spoke very highly of the valuable forest education work we do.

We would like to thank the **Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals** and **West Fraser** for allowing us to be part of the conference. We look forward to attending next year.



## Splinter Salutes

CWIT Director **Joanne Kineshanko** for all her hard work and dedication signing up 12 new members, 4 corporate memberships and 3 sponsors for our new pamphlet. Joanne also attended the TLA in January and spoke to Minister Thomson on behalf of CWIT.



**Great job Joanne!**

## Upcoming Event:

**Interior Logging Association Annual Conference - May 8,9,10 /2014 in Vernon**

The ILA is again generously giving CWIT a free booth at the conference and proceeds from the Silent Auction. Vicki, Joanne, Marg, Ann and Betty-Ann will attend and help run the silent auction. The theme for the conference this year is "**Associations Working Together**"

## From the Archives



### September 1999 AGM in Richmond

Laurie Septav  
Donna Diana  
Alison Anderson  
Laverne Seminoff  
Ann Polson  
Betty-Ann McDonald  
Theresa White  
Monika Jones  
Kristi Hately  
Delberta Dufresne



### September 2002 AGM in Salmon Arm

Alison Anderson  
Ann Polson  
Monika Miller  
Betty-Ann McDonald  
Laverne Seminoff  
Sandy McKellar  
Laurie Septav

Every time you open a book a tree smiles  
because it knows there is life after death



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