

CFUW-50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Welcoming visitors

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Sherbrooke & District

Each year the more than 100 clubs of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) hold a conference with guest speakers, workshops, and a general meeting, alternating between the east and west coast. The local club, CFUW Sherbrooke & District, with members throughout the Townships, has played host several times and has organized tours of the Townships and shown hospitality to members and partners from across Canada.

Each time, a committee was formed to help organize the events and all members were invited to participate.

One of the club's early opportunities to welcome guests was in 1979; there was a four-day tour following the Quebec City Triennial Conference of International Federation of University Women Clubs (IFUW).

That tour, like more recent ones, provided opportunities for networking among women who share the same vision of promoting education for all and improving the status of women.

Following the national event in Quebec City in 2015, delegates from across Canada enjoyed some Townships hospitality as well as visits to the Sherbrooke murals, Bleu Lavande, Colby Curtis Museum, and Foresta Lumina in Coaticook. Visitors said they learned a lot about the past and present of the region. "I hope to revisit some time," one visitor said. "I learned how involved you are as individ-

uals in the activities of your community."

Another visitor commented, "je me souviens the wonderful hospitality of your club, exploring a new part of the province of Quebec and discovering what a beautiful area you live in," she said, adding that the trip was a reminder that the CFUW is a national organization from sea to sea to sea. The guest also pointed out the passion shared by the different branches, "and that we share similar goals and difficulties, that we believe in equality for women and girls in education and life and that we advocate for them."

In 2005, the CFUW Sherbrooke and District participated in a cultural exchange with the IFUW in the Netherlands. Along with 10 other Canadian clubs, the CFUW hosted a Dutch delegation of 24 members, who visited the Ottawa region, Quebec City, Montreal and the Eastern Townships. The exchange allowed members from both countries to share ideas, visit other areas, and grow through their travel experiences.

This is the fifth article in a series about CFUW Sherbrooke & District who are celebrating 50 years in 2018. Its vision is to be a dynamic club for all women (university degree is not necessary) in the Eastern Townships, engaged in our community by promoting education and life-long learning in a gender-equal society. To learn more about CFUW Sherbrooke & District, please contact cfuwsherbrooke@gmail.com.



Group visiting Sherbrooke murals (2015)



Visitors and members in N. Hatley, 2008



Piggery Theatre August 21, 1979. Left to right: Marjorie Goodfellow, Ruth Bell, Rhoda Matson



International visitors at Sherbrooke City Hall

Mont Orford gears up for 'Festirib' long weekend

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It will be ribs and other grilled foods on the menu this June 22, 23, and 24, as the first edition of the Festirib Mont Orford, organized by Festirib Promotions in collaboration with the Mont-Orford Ski and Golf Corporation takes shape. The event, celebrating BBQ culture, promises a succulent family-friendly celebration.

On site, several grill masters and their huge smokers, as well as a diverse range of food trucks will allow festival-goers to taste a variety of flavourful products. Accompanying the food fair is a host of activities and competitions. Children are also being catered to with a free inflatable games area as well as colouring workshops. In the evenings, country shows, Latin dances with Cuban singers, and DJs will round out the pro-

gram. The panoramic gondola will also be open for the occasion, to allow festival-goers to reach the top of Mont-Orford and admire the superb view of the lakes and mountains of the region.

Visitors will be able to eat at their leisure with à la carte paying formulas and all activities will be free and open to everyone. A fee of \$5 will however be charged for parking and the proceeds will be donated to the Cirque des Étoiles Foundation, a Magog organization allowing young people to participate in sports or artistic activities. The foundation is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Activities will take place rain or shine. For more information, visit orford.com/ski/evenements/festirib-mont-orford-1er-edition

