



CHAPTER FACILITATOR **HANDBOOK**

WELCOME TO WOMEN IN HOMESTEADING

Welcome!



What is Women in Homesteading?

Women in Homesteading is an **in-person fellowship group** of women dedicated to keeping the old ways alive. We believe in Community Sufficiency. We believe basic skills should be shared freely.

Women in Homesteading is meant to empower, connect and inspire women. Women who desire to explore and/or join the Homesteading community. As well as women who desire to advance their skillsets, form relationships with other like-minded women, and build community. Additionally Women in Homesteading is also for seasoned women to offer mentorship and is an opportunity to add value to our next generation and beyond!

I am so glad you're here!

Holly
WIH, Founder & Facilitator

Titus 2:3–5 (ESV): Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

Women in Homesteading

Overview



Women in Homesteading is a **FREE In-Person** women's fellowship group. Aligning with the Homesteading lifestyle/Culture of today, our members are dedicated to keeping the old ways alive. We believe in Community Sufficiency. We believe basic skills should be shared freely. We believe in giving back. We believe in adding value to others by giving of our time, knowledge and basic skills of interest surrounding Homesteading and Homemaking.. We believe in creating a valued role and valued relationships with other like-minded women.

Our History

Women in Homesteading was founded in 2024 by Holly @50AcreHomestead

"Creating this fellowship group was placed on my heart several years ago. We had many starts and fails over the years, but with more and more women desiring to learn skills of the past in the recent few years, I felt called by God to create a relaunch."

"We began as a one chapter of TWO members in Marmora, ON Canada and have now grown to over 5 chapters (plus one Conference) in less than one year!"

Our Mission

Women in Homesteading is a **FREE in-person** fellowship group offered to women who desire to build connection, community, and relationships with like-minded women. **We do not offer online/virtual Meet-Up's .**

The Goals

This group is meant to empower, connect and inspire women. Women who desire to explore and/or join the Homesteading community. As well as women who desire to advance their skillsets, **form relationships** with other like-minded women, and **build community**. Additionally this group is also for seasoned women to **offer mentorship** and an opportunity to **add value** to our next generation and beyond!

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Our In-Person Meet Up's

01 Offer Fellowship

First and foremost, our in-person Meet Up's are for fellowship. With the technological advancements of today there is a major move of disconnection happening among people - especially among women. Women in Homesteading wants to build back in-person connection, fellowship, friendship, mentorship and the socializing ways of the past.

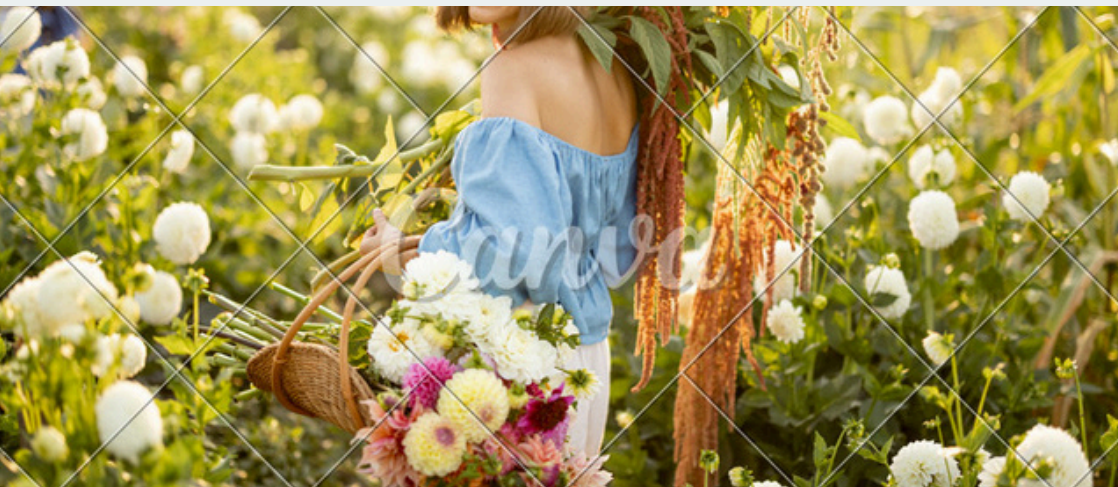
02 Freely Share Basic Skills

Basic Homesteading and Homemaking skills have slowly been lost over past generations. It is up to those of us who have skill mastery to pass on our knowledge and skills! As well as our values and morals, and Homesteading culture/lifestyle to the next generation. Sharing our knowledge & skills in Animal Husbandry, Food Preservation, Gardening, Butchering, Scratch Cooking, Building a Pantry, Building a Home Economy, Cheese Making, Handcrafts and so, so much more is the solution to keeping these old ways alive! **We do not charge fees for basic skill shares.**

03 Build Community Sufficiency

We cannot do it all. **Community Sufficiency is key!** We need in-person connection and the realization of a community to empower us, to glean from, and to give back to.

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What To Expect

What Does a Meet Up Look Like?

An in-person Meet Up follows a fairly loose schedule and lasts typically **no more than 2 hours** on a day and time of your choice. An in-person Meet Up is held **every other week** (or more often if interest is there). It is generally **held in a public space** such as a Library or Park. **The last 20-30 minutes of each Meet Up is reserved for Buy/Sell/Trade** opportunities and building relationships.

What We Expect From You as a Chapter Facilitator

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Honesty. Integrity. Value. Maturity. Punctuality. Mentorship, Volunteer Time. Exceptional Organizational Skills.

You do not need to be a professional. **You do not need to be a public speaker.** You do need a desire to give back and a desire to add value to other peoples' lives.



What To Expect

What Are Your Responsibilities as a Chapter Facilitator?

As a Chapter Facilitator, you will need to secure a location to host your Meet Up's. It is recommended to meet in a public location such as a Library or public park - either is often free. Currently there are ZERO funds available for the rental of a hall to host your Meet Up in - it is imperative that as a Chapter Facilitator you take this into consideration as no membership fees are charged to Women in Homesteading. Fundraising and allocating those funds to a hall rental may be an option. You will also need to determine if event insurance is necessary at your chosen location and purchase it in your personal name. Women in Homesteading is not responsible for you, your chapter members, or any injury, loss etc.

You will need to create (one month at a time) a monthly schedule of prebooked, preplanned, prescheduled Meet Up's for your Chapter. It is your responsibility to recruit and secure ladies who can and will come to add value to your Chapter in the form of a 40 minute discussion, presentation, workshop etc. Often gleaning skills from your own Chapter Members initially is beneficial to all, then expanding to recruit guests from other area Chapters to come speak at your Chapter etc. As it is necessary, Chapter Members will need a schedule in advance of your upcoming Meet Up's so as to decide if they are interested in attending. Hence, the creation of a Facebook Group for your local chapter, ie. "Women in Homesteading - Haliburton Chapter", can be very beneficial. Not only for information sharing but in keeping track of upcoming Meet Up's, themes, and attendees - this is especially true if you opt to create an individual Facebook Event for each separate Meet Up. You are responsible for your Facebook Group as well as any Meet Up Events you create in it.

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What To Expect

What Does a Typical Meet Up Look Like?

Meet Up Example

11:00 am
Thank you
Introductions
Qualify Self

11:05 - 11:45 am
presenter ie. Joan talks about her Bee Keeping experience and how
it's benefited her Homestead plus the costs associated (adding value)

11:45 am -12:05 pm
Q&A with Joan (giving of time)

12:05 - 12:30 pm
Joan offers her Honey she brought with her for purchase to any
interested Chapter Members (building community)

12:30-1:00pm
You offer light refreshment (often a Chapter Member will volunteer
to bring something ie. banana bread)
Buy/Sell/Trade with any all members who may have brought items
from their Homestead (fellowship)

How Do I Get Started?

Get Your Chapter Up & Running

Reach out to Holly, WIH Founder & Facilitator at Marmora (Founding) Chapter and **exchange contact information**.

Secure a public meet up location.

Start a (private) Facebook Group for your area - copy and paste the group description from the Founding Chapter group.

In order to maintain uniformity and ease of search, **please use the same Women in Homesteading Facebook Group Logo** for your picture.

Your group Name must read,

“Women in Homesteading - _____ Chapter”.

For example, ““Women in Homesteading - Lakefield Chapter”.

The founder of Women in Homesteading, Holly, **must be a member** of your Women in Homesteading Facebook Group (in order for your group to be considered an authentic Women in Homesteading Group) and to be listed on our website as an active Chapter so make sure you invite her to join your group.

Invite your friends to join!

Market your group on Facebook, Marketplace, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, word of mouth, and the old fashioned way of posting actual paper flyers - feed store, grocery store, auction hall etc. A newspaper advertisement may be posted as well. A free printable flyer is available on www.womeninhomesteading.com

Post in your group for input or ideas on themes for Meet Ups and **recruit presenters** from within your circle.

Create a schedule and **post** about your upcoming planned **Meet Ups**.

Create a private event for each upcoming **Meet Up** and **invite everyone within your Facebook Group** to attend.

Put up your flyers!

Following the Meet Up format on page 7, **host your first Women in Homesteading Meet Up!**

Repeat!

Renumeration



Conference & Retreat Perks

As a Chapter Facilitator you will receive one FREE ticket to both the Annual Women in Homesteading Conference and the Women in Homesteading Retreat (when applicable).

Free Merch

As a Chapter Facilitator you will receive FREE Women in Homesteading Merchandise such as one T-Shirt, one market bag etc.



Sense of Belonging

The sense of belonging and purpose in addition to the community formed and sense of accomplishment that comes with being a Chapter Facilitator is immeasurable!

Health, Safety & Considerations



Keep in mind that there are no hard and fast rules when it comes to the term Homesteading. Anyone can Homestead or consider themselves to be Homesteading. It is not up to Women in Homesteading to Judge anyone else.



Please do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others in any capacity at your Women in Homesteading Meet Up's.



Be sure to hold your Women in Homesteading Meet Up's in public spaces.



Please do not encourage illegal activity at your Women in Homesteading Meet Up's.



Women in Homesteading is a Women only group. Please keep this in mind when hosting your Meet Up's. Note: nursing mom's may bring their babies. Children are welcome if you're hosting at a location where that is feasible.

Contact List

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