

Gibson Centre and Tec We Gwill Women's Institute to host High Tea to mark Queen's Platinum Jubilee

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The Gibson Centre for Arts & Culture in Alliston has partnered with the Tec We Gwill Women's Institute to co-host Afternoon Tea in honour of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on May 29.

The event is the 70-year celebration of reign of Elizabeth II, who is President of Sandringham Women's Institute.

"Our partnership on this event is very fitting," said Gibson Centre Executive Director Jennifer Fortin, speaking on the elegant setting of the Gibson.

The Platinum Jubilee Celebration Tea will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. and will be a historic, once-in-a-lifetime event.

"We are celebrating the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II, and all are welcome," said Fortin. "We encourage guests to wear hats, gloves, fascinators, and their favourite dress."

Fortin says women might also wear dressy tops, with a skirt, and men who are also welcome should wear a seasonal sports coat or blazer, with slacks and a dress shirt or casual button-down shirt or a polo shirt. Ties are optional.

Leading up to the event, The Gibson is looking for donations of china teacups and saucers. To donate, please call 705-435-2828.

This is the first High Tea the Gibson has held, and proceeds will be shared by both Gibson Centre and Tec We Gwill Women's Institute.

Fortin says although there are no "royal rules" per se, she knows the Tea will be a "very civilized and fun event".

Look to The Citizen for more information as it becomes available, including ticket prices, and registration information, or visit gibsoncentre.ca anytime.