

Many changes at Erland Lee Homestead

Don't think you've "seen it all" just because you visited the Erland Lee (Museum) Homestead last year.

Thanks to a recent "antiquing" expedition, led by museum secretary-treasurer Irene Weber, many unusual and interesting items dating back to the late 1850s and early 1900s, have been added to the historic Stoney Creek homestead.

They include two different types of lemon squeezers, a three-piece set of blue Nestor pattern glassware, a knife cleaner, a wicker basket, a Betty Lamp, a corn bread mold, a set of "clappers" (castinnettes), a saw set, an oxen separator, wooden funnel and a walnut table.

In addition, the museum received donations of an antique wooden trouser press with stretcher and an eight-gallon crockery dash churn.

Also acquired during 1985 were two roll-away beds for use by committee members during special events, two large textile storage boxes and 500 sheets of acid-free tissue paper to protect historic documents and other materials to be stored.

Funds were received from branches, districts and areas to purchase artifacts and antiques and for the following other projects: Perth North District provided money to pay for a new display cabinet upstairs in the Drive House while Greenock WI, Nassagawaya WI, Villa Nova WI and Stoney Creek Charter WI donated money towards the building of a podium cabinet to hold the In Memoriam book. Zimmercraft of Caistor Centre made the cabinet as well as a lectern stand for the museum's registration book.

A new hostess has also been welcomed to the museum. June Coombs, her husband, Wayne, and their two sons now reside in the apartment at the Erland Lee Homestead. A bay window has been added to the apartment and the interior has been freshly painted and re-carpeted in neutral colors.

Meanwhile, Mary Miller is retiring as chairman of the museum. Betty Jefferson has been selected as the new chairman.



The "Winnie Is At" doll, created by Thunder Bay WI member Jeanne Davies (inset) was a big hit with these ladies at the FWIO annual meeting in Toronto. Admiring Winnie in their pioneer bonnets and pinnafors are Betty Jefferson, Mary Miller and Irene Weber.

Winnie is at... WI, natch!

Jeanne Davies is a active FWIO member up in Thunder Bay.

Indeed, it seems almost every time the phone rings, her husband has to explain that Jeanne "is at" one WI function or another.

So, when Jeanne was invited to enter a soft sculpture competition last year, she decided to create something a little different, that would reflect a bit of her personality and lifestyle.

The result is a striking "look-alike", who bears the uncommon name "Winnie Is At." The first two letters of Winnie's name are in honor of the WI — and Winnie wears old-fashioned eye glasses, white satin baby shoes and jewelry that were worn by Jeanne a few decades ago.

We're not sure where "Winnie Is At", this week, but she sure was a hit when she made a guest appearance at the FWIO annual meeting in Toronto in November!!!

Bicentennial wall-hanging relocated

As a 1984 bicentennial project, FWIO crafted a classic wall hanging which they presented to the Province of Ontario.

This gift was hung in the legislative buildings outside the third floor entrance to the public gallery.

Now, the entrance to the public gallery is on the fourth floor, and as a result, the third floor area is not included on any usual tour.

It was, therefore, necessary to relocate the wall-hanging.

After the new Lieutenant Governor, Lincoln Alexander, viewed and admired the FWIO wall hanging, he requested it for his suite within the Legislative Buildings — where it now hangs.

WI groups wishing to view the wall hanging while touring the Legislative Buildings must make *specific prior arrangements*. The viewing would be subject to previous engagements.

50,000 brochures were distributed

The joint brochure "A Day of Discovery" was finalized through the efforts of this committee and the Ontario Agricultural Museum. 50,000 brochures were printed and divided among the three participants: Ontario Agriculture Museum; FWIO and FWIC.