

## Volunteer Training at the Lee

Two training sessions were held for volunteers at the Erland Lee (Museum) Home in preparation for the grand reopening celebration and the regular hours when the Museum will be open to the public (Thursday, Saturday & Sunday from noon to 4pm). Twenty-nine volunteers attended and learned the history of the Lee family, their importance in the development of Saltfleet Township and the historical significance of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home as the 1897 birthplace of the Women's Institute.



If you would like to volunteer at the Lee please contact us at: 905-662-2691 or email: erlandleehome@fwio.on.ca. It is gratifying to show visitors from around the world this National Historic Site and experience their interest in the Museum.

## Working Together for the Lee

A humorous but moving skit during the fellowship part of the FWIO Annual General Meeting emphasized what can be accomplished through teamwork, selflessness and affirmation. The skit demonstrated how the collective use of individual talents, such as baking, needlework and public relations can produce great results.

Today the Lee has been resurrected and opened its doors once again on April 21, 2013. This feat of affirmation was made possible through the generosity and conviction of groups and individuals working together.

This is a living example of the old fable where a legendary roc is destroyed by fire but a powerful phoenix rises from its ashes.

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## Harrietsville WI Honours Robert (Bob) Sadler

Harrietsville WI (London Area) presented Robert (Bob) Sadler with the 2012 Erland Lee Award of Appreciation at Harrietsville-Mossley United Church on February 24, 2013 honouring the volunteer work he has done for the Institute as well as the community and several other organizations.

Twenty representatives brought their wishes and shared highlights of time spent with Robert.

The church choir presented a medley of songs and soloist Marlene Demaray sang "May You Always".

Marilyn Howey read Robert's biography while a pictorial slideshow of his life played in the background.

Following Robert's words of appreciation for the afternoon, the large crowd enjoyed a social time while sharing cake.

The Erland Lee Award of Appreciation is presented by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada to a man who most exemplifies those qualities of Erland Lee which led to the founding of the Women's Institute, an organization which spread across Canada and grew to include millions of women worldwide.

*Pictured (L-R): Jean Houghton, Robert Sadler and Ilene Chesterman.*