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# Letters

Dear WI members:

The last phase of the "Focus High for WI" Project is for the Erland Lee (Museum) Home. The time frame for this phase runs from March 1 to



October 31, 2004, with presentations to take place at Area Conventions this fall. Please make cheques payable to FWIO and note "Erland Lee Operating Fund" on the memo line of the cheque. Please include your Branch, District and Area name with your cheque and advise your Provincial Advisory Councillor of your contribution.

The following outlines the updated amounts received as of Sept. 13, 2004.

- FWIO Operating Fund - \$31,384.77
- FWIC Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Upkeep Fund - \$20,893.76
- ACWW Special Projects - \$13,223.14
- Erland Lee (Museum) Home Operating Fund - \$4,700.00

A sincere and heartfelt thanks is extended to each and every contributor for these donations and to all who assisted with the planning and promotion of the "Focus High for WI" Project. You have proven how we can "work together with amazing results." And, hopefully, you are having fun and enjoying your events in the process. Your part in this successful endeavour is very much appreciated.

Best wishes always and the Provincial Board extends a sincere thanks as we continue to work for *Home and Country*.

Sincerely,  
Cecilia Maines  
FWIO Board Director,  
Eastern Region

Dear WI members:

On behalf of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home Committee, I would like to thank all members, Branches, Districts and Areas who contributed to the Home through the "Focus High for WI" Project. Your financial support helps maintain and preserve the heritage house for future generations.

This fall, the door to the Drive House had to be repaired. As revealed in the photo, the rotting wood was replaced with new wood and then the old boards were put back in place, helping to preserve the historic façade as required by the building's Ontario Heritage Act designation. The repairs will be painted a shade of red to match the existing paint.

We encourage everyone to visit this National Historic Site to see where your contributions are being spent. We have many interesting annual events at the Museum, including the Pancake Breakfast each spring, which will be held on Saturday, April 2 in 2005. Do come join us!

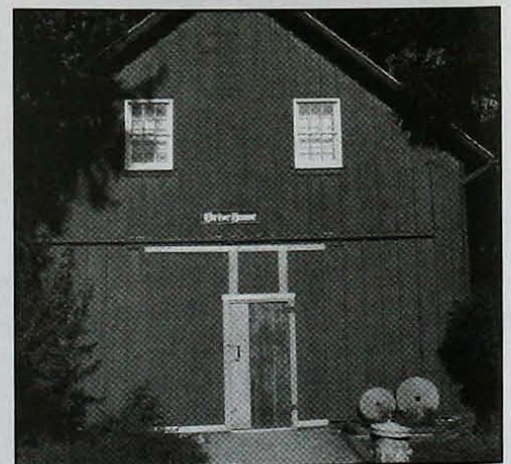


Photo courtesy of Michael Gemmill.

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