

# 1997 Events at the Erland Lee (Museum) Home

## "Patterns in Light"

The Erland Lee (Museum) Home - the place to visit in 1997! This year, life at the Erland Lee is very busy. From April 2 to September 6, the Museum will be hosting "Patterns in Light," a travelling exhibition from the Royal Ontario Museum. A collection of 1100 pieces of glass were presented to the ROM by John and Mary Yaremko in 1980-81. This exhibition (consisting of 49 pieces from the Yaremko Collection) traces the history of glass tablewares in Canada from 1870 to 1930. This travelling exhibit has come to the Lee through the financial support and sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Hamilton.

## 5th Local Artist Show & Sale

**Dates:** Tues., July 15 - Sat., Aug. 30

**Time:** Tues. - Sat., 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sun., 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Fee:** regular admission of \$2

This show is featured in the Drive House with one of a kind originals in oil, watercolour, sculpture, photography, linoprints and more. All pieces are affordable and unique! All artists are from the Hamilton-Wentworth Region.

## Harvest Luncheons

**Dates:** Tues., Sept. 23 & Wed., Sept. 24

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. sittings

**Fee:** \$10/person

Enjoy a bountiful buffet lunch in the 1870s Drive House decorated in fall harvest colours. Site tours are also included in the cost. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at the Museum in early August.

## Victorian Christmas

**Date:** Sat., Nov. 15

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Fee:** regular admission of \$2

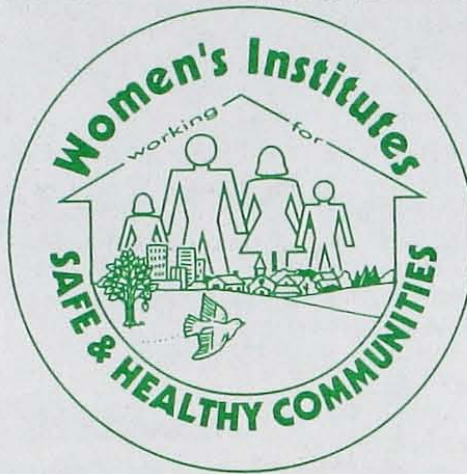
What a great day to visit the Lee as we celebrate Christmas in Victorian tradition. Popular Christmas crafts from the Victorian era, plus other great ideas on how to decorate, will be featured. Tour our Victorian home decorated with fresh garlands and bows. Also, be sure to visit the kitchen where Victorian treats can be found.



**Please Note:** Due to the Centennial Celebrations and Convention '97, the Erland Lee (Museum) Home will be closed on Saturday, June 21. We regret any inconvenience this may cause. Do plan to visit the Lee another time.

For more information about these events or the Lee Home, contact Mary Kneebone, Curator, Erland Lee (Museum) Home, 552 Ridge Rd., Stoney Creek ON L8J 2Y6, Phone: (905)662-2691.

## SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES:



In November, 1996, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) Provincial Board decided to undertake and promote the following projects:

### C.A.N. DO:

#### The Movement for Clean Air Now

Did you know that the majority of us spend 90 percent of our time indoors? That's where the air could have the biggest impact on our health. You can learn about a campaign to rid your home of pollutants. Contact The Lung Association 1-800-972-2636 to obtain their Clean Air Now Kit. Or call Jean Baker at (613)389-0676 to learn how the Kingston Area initiated their project.

#### Ontario Breast Screening Program

One in ten women in their lifetime will develop breast cancer. This is the leading cause of cancer deaths in women. The older the woman, the higher the risk. The Ontario Breast Screening Program helps educate and empower women to take control of their health. Mary Lou Norton, FWIO Program Coordinator, and the Program Committee, are preparing an informative program for Branches. Watch for it.

#### Parenting Skills

Dialogue with groups who work with parents and children (child care workers, youth leaders, etc.). Meet with Family Studies teachers; raise funds to provide *Baby Think It Over* for the classroom. Offer mentoring and sharing skills to individuals who need someone to talk to. Work with 4-H clubs, such as *On Your Own*, or offer babysitting courses to young people. Work with Health Units offering *Parenting in the 90s* programs. Adopt a Mom, or a single parent family. Call Mary Janes at (519)768-5511 for details.

#### Medication Booklet

Medical information should be kept together in booklet form and readily available for emergencies. Include the drugs that a person is taking, possible allergies and family medical history which can impact on treatment. Mary Lou Norton, FWIO Program Coordinator, is preparing a booklet to satisfy this need. Call her at (613)393-2052.

## So What's your Plan of Action?

### Getting Started

- respond to the needs, challenges and opportunities in your community
- identify the limits and size of your community
- talk to others who are aware of these needs, challenges and opportunities
- form a core group of Women's Institute leaders to organize community action

### Getting Organized

- invite key organizations and individuals (government, church, education, labour, employers, the unemployed, business, professional associations, service clubs, volunteers, environmentalists, health care providers, cultural groups, youth, seniors) to meet together
- share information
- clarify the goals and purposes of the gathering
- consider asking the Rural Community Advisor from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to facilitate your organizational meetings

### Developing a Plan

- establish long-term goals
- establish the objectives of the project
- prioritize the needs, the most pressing first
- get the facts together
- explore all the possibilities
- use the resources and strengths in the community to develop a plan

### Getting Things Done

- start with something small
- build community spirit
- form networks or partnerships between groups
- work towards a major project
- assign responsibilities to each participant
- adjust the plan as needed, keeping in mind the long-term goals

### How did we do?

- evaluate; take a look at how the team is working together, whether the project is meeting its long-term and short-term goals
- celebrate the success; if a job is worth doing, it is worth celebrating; this builds more community spirit and a desire to continue

Refer to the gold-coloured insert about Safe and Healthy Communities that came with your Winter 1996-97 *Home & Country* for more ideas for creative programs and project, as well as resource information.

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