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A NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF THE ST. LAWRENCE POWER & EQUIPMENT MUSEUM, A 501(c)(3), EDUCATION CORPORATION

Old Fashioned Harvest Days Is Here!

The sights and sounds of the 17th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition will be heard Saturday and Sunday, September 1-2, at the Hutchinson farm located on County Rt. 15 between Heuvelton and Rensselaer Falls, New York.

There will be threshing, hay pressing, and corn binding and chopping. There will be at least two sawmills operating including the completely rebuilt 1920 Lane. Add to that a great display of antique engines and machines, autos, and trucks. Of course, the Farquhar steam engine and the big Anderson diesel engines will be there too.

Look for the draft horses in harness to pull wagons. And there will be all kinds of other farm animals as well. Great food begins with breakfast at 7:00 am with great snacks from the grill the rest of the day.

Special events on Saturday will include tractor games at 3:00 pm, followed by spaghetti dinner at 5:00. Bluegrass music by Merlin Childs and the Goodtimers starts at 7:00 and finishes the evening on a fine note.

On Sunday there's the tractor pull starting at 10:00 am, our famous BBQ chicken at noon, and the kid's pedal tractor pull at 1:00 pm. It should be a great weekend. ☺



Lyle Sloan (l) and Dave Hebert fork oats into the Museum's Case threshing machine at last year's Old Fashioned Harvest Days. This year's oats are loaded and ready to go.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

The Fall Harvest Exhibition work day is Thursday, August 30 at 2:00 pm. We will we lay out the displayer's lanes, put up tents, clean out and set up the kitchen area, and do dozens of other chores.

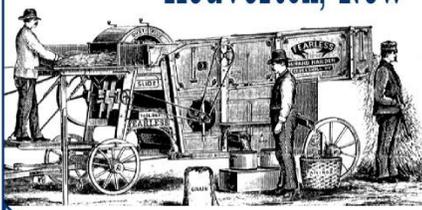
Exhibitors begin arriving on Friday. If you are free, many appreciate an extra hand getting their displays put up. And there will be Museum engines and machines that need some TLC, and last minute details in the kitchen will need attention.

Volunteers receive the privilege of getting into the show without charge. Those who wish can learn how to operate Museum equipment. Trained operators are always ready to give lessons.

If you do not know how to help, just come to the registration desk and tell the folks there that you are available for duty. If you want to work in the kitchen, call Alice Pharoah (315) 347-4737 or Mae Goodyear (518) 594-7469 now. Remember, if you are not there to do it, it might not get done. Thanks! ☺

17th ANNUAL OLD FASHIONED
HARVEST DAYS

Heuvelton, New York



September 1-2
2007

Presented by the St. Lawrence
Power & Equipment Museum

This threshing machine will be at Old Fashioned Harvest Days. Volunteers at the exhibition receive this 3 X 4 inch commemorative plaque. Wish to volunteer? Just come to the work sessions or check in at the registration desk.

Museum Events 2007	Aug. 30:	Thursday, Work Day , 2:00 pm. At the Hutchinson Farm to get ready for Old Fashioned Harvest Days.
	Aug. 31:	Friday, Help Day , all day. Help set up exhibits for Old Fashioned Harvest Days.
	Sept. 1-2:	Saturday and Sunday, 17th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days , Hutchinson Farm, Heuvelton, NY.
	Sept. 2:	Sunday, Breakfast meeting of the Board of Trustees . 8:00 am, Hutchinson Farm. Members welcome.
	Sept. 29:	Saturday, Museum exhibits for the Cornell Cooperative Extension and Farm Bureau.
	Oct. 20:	Saturday, Meeting of the Board of Trustees , 1:00 pm, Madrid Community Center, Madrid, NY. Members welcome.
	Oct. 27:	Saturday, Meeting of the Members , 1:00 pm, Madrid Community Center, Madrid, NY.

Please don't forget to bring cakes, cookies, pies and other goodies for the bake sale at the Fall Exhibition. THANKS!!



Joyce Hutchinson Flounders and sister Janice looking on with a wagon-load of visitors at the 2006 Fall Exhibition. Each year the Hutchinson family spends many days getting ready for the crowds.

FARM SURVEYING NEARS COMPLETION

Arial and ground surveys have been completed at the Museum's farm in Madrid. All that remains is the final analysis of the survey data and preparation of maps and information suited to CAD (computer aided drawing) software.

The data will be used in conjunction with conceptual maps of the Museum's future design prepared last year. New, highly precise maps will show the true location, elevation, and spacing of every feature.

The new maps are also an essential part of securing support from private and government agencies. These need to know exactly where a feature they are supporting will be located and how it will fit in the overall project. Someone also pointed out that it is much easier to move a building around on a map than it is once it is on the ground. 

Other Exhibitions

- August 25-26: Homestead Days, Inverary, Ontario.
- Sept. 7-9: Flywheels and Pulleys Annual Show at Constableville, New York.
- Sept. 29: Cornell Cooperative Extension's Fall Harvest Festival, Cornell Extension Farm, Canton, New York.



Marty Osuch (l) and Ross Goodyear tie off a new bale of oat straw at last year's Old Fashioned Harvest Days. The Ann Arbor hay press is a predecessor of modern balers.

QUICK REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

The current balance in our working account is \$12,969, while the balance in the Construction Fund (pre-matching) is \$25,864. When received, the matching funds will add nearly \$21,000 more. The Collections Account remains at \$244. Outstanding bills probably total less than \$1,500. These are great numbers, but we have great plans ahead as well. 



Charles Alton (l), Lee Goolden, and Bob Bixby unload lumber from the back of Bob's antique Mack truck.

GRANT REQUESTS UNDERWAY

There have been many suggestions about potential sources of funding for the development of the Museum's farm at Madrid. But many agencies require more than a hand-drawn sketch and a list of ideas.

With the surveying nearly complete and concepts well defined, we are finally in a position to begin inquiries and to submit actual applications.

NY Assemblyman Darrel J. Aubertine and his staff have been especially helpful in providing guidance and encouragement during these first efforts. These focus on support for construction of an open-span steel building to house the Museum's collection. Dry, secure, storage and display space are top priorities.

We will also seek grants for infrastructure and support for long-range planning, administrative improvements, and other important aspects of museum administration that are not always apparent. 

CONSTRUCTION FUND AT 84% OF GOAL

Contributions and pledges to the 2007 Construction Fund have reached nearly \$21,000. Combined with a donor matching dollar for dollar, the total now stands at \$42,000 or 84% of our \$50,000 goal.

Members and friends can leave donations and pledges at the administration desk while at the Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition.

The amount of participation by Museum members and friends has been important as we apply to granting agencies for support.

Regardless of its size, your contribution is still very important. Pledge or give now and double the impact of your gift. Matching funds remain that can double your contribution. 

Support Our Farm Bureau and Extension Festival Exhibits

Volunteer hosts and displayers are needed for the Museum's exhibits at the Cornell Cooperative Extension's Harvest Festival and the Farm Bureau's Farm Open House. Both events will be held on Saturday, September 29.

As always we seek exhibits that will be informative and bring the Museum to the attention of the public.

If you have an exhibit or can spare a couple hours as a host, grab the phone and call Al Garrand at (315) 287-7225 or email Nancy Lashbrooks at nlashbrooks@tcwcy.rr.com. Thanks! ♀ ♂

Photos by Chuck Goolden.



The Museum's large display at the recent St. Lawrence County Fair in Gouverneur. The areas on either side of the tent were filled with antique tractors.

We should note that Al Garrand displayed the Museum banner on his tractor in the Edwards parade and again, with Dave Baker on his tractor, at the Waddington parade. Folks enjoy the sight, and it's great publicity.



Howard Lowery and grandson Patrick get ready for the parade at the Fair.

MORE WORK DAYS AHEAD

A couple more workdays at the Museum's Goolden-Mann farm will be scheduled during September and October. Those with e-mail will receive a notice of their dates.

Others wishing to participate can contact any board member any time after the arrival of this Newsletter. We will also try to have the dates listed in the local newspapers. Why let the others have all the fun. Come and join in. ✂

FAIR DISPLAY DRAWS CROWD

The 2007 Gouverneur and St. Lawrence County Fair was deemed another successful event by participants, spectators and volunteers. Many spectators who stopped by were very interested in learning more about our Museum and several new members were signed up, along with some renewed interest from past members.

This year's display included Case, John Deere and Allis Chalmers tractors; a water ram system; working Maytag washer; corn sheller and corn grinder; rope maker; several small engines; and tools. Volunteers manned the exhibit, displayed their various collections, and participated in two nights of parades with their antique tractors.

The following members worked many hours during the week-long program: Bill and Alice Pharoah, Jay Bigarel, John Smith, Phil and Kathy Bigarel, Gary and Irene Hargrave, Jim and Doris Smith, Jim and Julie McGraw, Chuck and Lee Goolden, Roger and Carol Austin, Howard Lowery and grandson Patrick, Reggie and MaryJean Chester, Gene Jones, Earl Bigarel, and Mike Livingston.

The volunteers described the various antique items and demonstrated what they had been used for. A popular display was Bill Pharoah's rope maker. Bill spent hours working the booth and making rope for many youngsters. What a surprise when he handed them the length of rope that they had just helped to make.

The volunteers deserve our thanks. Keep in mind next year's display. We would like to have an antique lantern display or other new ideas and new volunteers. **By Al Garrand and Nancy Lashbrooks, Fair Display Organizers.** e

NEW WINDOWS LIGHT UP FARM

Alford's Sash and Door of Madrid has put a new sparkle in the face of the barn and milk house at the Museum's Goolden-Mann farm with the replacement and installation of new windows.

Barb and Stan Alford donated many professional hours of shop time and on site to build and install new sash, jams, casings, and even a window sill in these buildings. They were seen touching up the white paint as they finished up the job at the farm site.

The new windows improve the appearance of the buildings, make them more weather-tight, and greatly improve the natural illumination inside. Made of wood and using time-tested methods, the new windows complement the architectural style of the buildings. 🏠

PLEASE VISIT THE ADMIN TENT DURING THE HARVEST EXHIBITION SO WE CAN GET A BETTER RECORD OF PARTICIPANTS AND BRING YOUR DATA UP TO DATE. THANKS!

MORE WORK DAYS GET JOBS DONE

Two workdays during July accomplished three important objectives: stacking and sorting of newly sawn lumber, storage of recently donated lumber and the construction and installation of a new barn door.

Jim Locy led the first efforts with willing and able support from Charles Alton, Dave Baker, John Bartholomew, Claude Burdick, Gary Hargrave, Dave Hebert, Jim Locy and James Tiernan. You will note that many of these folks showed up for the next workday as well.

The next work crew, led by Dave Baker, got the last chores done. John Bartholomew, Bob Bixby, Charley Alton, Chuck Goolden, Lee Goolden, Wayne Day, Rudi Sinkeldam, Claude Burdick, Roger Austin, and Jim Locy were there to help.

Dave Baker, Museum President, stated that he was very satisfied with the professional workmanship and the variety of tools brought that made building and installing the new barn door a success.

Baker also extended the thanks of the Museum to Lee and Chuck Goolden for donating the load of lumber now neatly stacked above the stable.



Rudi Sinkeldam cuts a new door frame while Dave Baker and Lee Goolden visit.

*Cleaning out the attic?
Why not donate your
unnneeded treasures to
the attic sale at the
Fall Exhibition!*



Chuck Goolden, Claude Burdick, and Jim Locy (l-r) remove the wall section to make room for the new barn door.

Museum Joins ALHFAM

Your Museum is now a member of the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM). The Association has members throughout the US and Canada.

Founded in 1970, ALHFAM supports growth and professionalism in the use of living history techniques in museum programs.

Members receive the *ALHFAM Bulletin*, enjoy reduced fees at annual conferences, and have access to regional activities.

ALHFAM has professional interest groups (PIGS) that encourage sharing of information on topics of interest. Among them are Collection, Preservation and Registration (CPR); Farms; Seeds and Plants (SAP); Machinery; and New Electronic Resources and Data Systems (NERDS). Neat acronyms. These are very professional, but very inclusive groups.

Museum members interested in museum management, administration or any of the above topics should check out their website, www.alhfam.org. If you wish access to blanked-out areas of the website, contact Roger Austin (see last page) to obtain the Museum's password.

WHO REMEMBERS A STEAM DRAG SAW?

Member Don Mathusz remembers seeing a steam-powered drag saw near his grandfather's place, the Laidlaw-Wiggans farm, in Rossie, NY. It was used to cut long logs into fire wood. That was 70 years ago when he was about 7 or 8. He spent his summers on the farm.

While visiting another farm in the area he saw a log held off the ground by two smaller, parallel logs. Perched on the larger one was a little steam engine that clung to it with pinchers like on peevees. These were pounded into the log by the sawyer.

The firebox was 14-16 inches square, and the boiler was directly above the firebox. A glass tube on the side showed the water level. The fire was fed using small branches from the tree being sawed up for firewood.

The saw blade resembled a one-man crosscut saw, set at a height so it could cut through the log without touching the ground. The one-cylinder engine pushed on the expansion stroke and the momentum of the flywheel pulled back the saw for the next stroke.

If you have any information on this rig, please let us know and we'll share it with Don and the rest of the membership. Call (315) 344-7470 or email rsaustin123@earthlink.net.



Wayne Day hangs the rail for the new barn door at the Goolden-Mann farm.

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Old Fashioned Harvest Day Show coming soon.
Construction Fund now at 84% of goal.
Work days net new windows, barn door, electricity.
Aerial and ground surveys of farm nearly finished.
Successful exhibit at SL County Fair.
Grant request efforts underway.

DUES DUE? Check your mailing label above. If it does not say 07 or 08 after your name, stop by the Admin Tent at the Harvest Exhibition or send your dues payment to PO Box 400, Madrid, NY 13660. Your continued support as a member is appreciated!

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Electrical Service Installed at Farm

Member Wayne Day and his brother Arnold have installed electric power in the barn at the Museum's Goolden-Mann farm in Madrid. This proved to be a major effort as National Grid required the source to come from a pole located on the other side of the house.

Arnold brought his excavator to the site and dug the ditch in which the new incoming line is buried. While near them, lines from the new 200-amp box to the milk house and granary were also buried.

The buried lines are cushioned by two loads of sand donated by Gordy Merrick. Lots of boulders were encountered in the ditch, some of which will be used to outline future parking areas.

A phone line to the barn was also placed in the ground, so an alarm system can be installed. This is required by the State to assure

secure storage of collections. Several collection items are already stored in the barn. A phone could also serve as the Museum's contact number. Incoming calls would be forwarded to a member's home until such time as the site is manned on a regular basis.

Work remains for other members to smooth the filled ditch and pick the stones and cobbles that still find their way to the surface. ⚡



Barbara Alford puts the finishing touches on one of the new windows that she and her husband made for the barn and milk house. (see story on page 3).