



Power & Equipment Museum

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

28th Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Show June 12-13

The June Exhibition is just weeks away and preparations are in high gear. An early highlight will be the dedication of the Maple Sugar House. New this year will be the 1st Annual Draft Horse Pull, an expanded exhibit in the Collection Building, a new Chicken House exhibit, a Shoe and Leather Shop, and a completed Milk House. The Goolden-Mann farmhouse is now vacant and the mostly empty house will be open for inspection. The band *Pure Country* will be playing pure country music Saturday night right after the spaghetti dinner. But of course, there will be all the other great exhibits and events including plowing and planting schools, lots of engines, amazing devices and strange equipment, farm animals, kids games, super food, the horse and tractor parade, and the exciting antique tractor pull. Everyone is welcome to make copies of the poster on page four. The entrance fee is still only \$4.00 for folks 12 and older. Displayers and volunteers enter free. Preparations will be underway on Thursday and Friday, June 10 and 11. There is plenty to do, so just come and give us a hand. There is plenty of work for everyone. ☺



Garry Montgomery brought beautifully restored equipment to the 2009 Antique Gas & Steam Engine.



Tom Aldous and his team of draft horses were a favorite at last year's June Exhibition. There will be more teams for the draft horse pulling contest on Saturday.

Draft Horse Pull Joins Exhibition

Trustee John Castle reported that the First Annual Draft Horse Pull will be held Saturday, June 12 during the Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition. Teams from throughout the North Country will weigh in from 9:00 to 10:30 am with the pulls running from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Heavy and light weight classes will be featured. Prize money and trophies will be awarded. The draft horse teams will pull boats with weights (like the old stone boats) with up to five tons on them. Winners are determined by the amount of weight and distance pulled. Bill Collins and Dave Stout helped sponsor the event. For further information, contact John Castle at (315) 322-5663 or email andrealc@dtvbb.com. 🐎

Maple Sugar House to be Dedicated

The St. Lawrence County Maple Sugar Producers Association has sent out Invitations to the community, officials, and dignitaries for the dedication of the new Maple Sugar House. The ceremony will be held Saturday, June 12, at 10:00 am during the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition. The building was constructed in the manner of an early 1900's facility. Visitors will see it fitted out with equipment from that era including the big evaporators, sap and syrup holding tanks, buckets, and other equipment. The facility will also have DVD equipment showing sugaring activities. Hosts will be available to explain the entire process. The building was constructed by the Association and now becomes property of the Museum. Construction was made possible in part by a NY State grant arranged by Assemblywoman Dede Scozzafava. Association members will manage the facility to preserve maple sugar history and for educational purposes. It will help them achieve the Association's mission of teaching about and promoting maple sugar products. 🏠



The maple sugar house will be dedicated Saturday at 10:00 am during the Show.

**Museum
Events
2010**

June 10-11: Work days preparing for the Exhibition. All are welcome.
June 12: Collection Building Exhibits open. Dedication of Maple Sugar House.
June 12-13: 28th Annual Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition at the Museum grounds.
June 13: Breakfast Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:00, Pavilion Building.
Sept. 4-5 20th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition.

Join our work days, 8:00 am until noon on the 3rd Thursday and 3rd Saturday of each month, June through October. We hope this gives everyone a chance to schedule some volunteer time at the Museum. ☺

Museum Considers Indian River Schoolhouse Acquisition

At its May meeting, the Board of Trustees agreed that a one-room schoolhouse near Philadelphia, NY, should become part of the Museum's village if a suitable support team and fund raising plans can be established. The Old No. 12 Schoolhouse is owned by the Indian River Central School District (IRCSD). Museum President Roger Austin met with IRCSD Superintendent Jim Ketruck and Business Manager James Koch following a phone call from Assemblywoman Addie Russell. Russell reported that the District needed to find a home for the building. Following approvals from the boards of both groups, an inspection of the building was made. It was found that part of the roof was in poor condition, resulting in water damage to part of the ceiling and a small part of the floor. However, the walls were in good shape and had many interesting features, even student graffiti. The building is 22.5 feet wide and 28.5 feet deep with a small entry room, a single large classroom and two small closets. A variety of early student desks are inside. One method of moving the building would be to disassemble the roof and ceiling, fold in the walls, disassemble the floor, and move the collapsed building on flatbed trucks. Work is planned to prevent further roof leaks while a Schoolhouse Team is being organized. Members will find the building sitting on the east side of US Hwy. 11, a few miles south of Philadelphia near Evans Mills. The Museum invites former schoolhouse students, retired teachers, historians, modern students, or any person or group interested in preserving a North Country treasure to contact any of the Museum's officers (see last page). 🏠



At 5'1", Carol Austin provides a scale for Schoolhouse No. 12 near Philadelphia. Boards have protected the windows.



Carol stands on the teacher's dais. The original slate boards are missing. Note the stovepipe above.



Reg Chester starts work on the now renovated Chicken House. Caution, low door!

The 50:50 at the Annual Banquet netted \$362. The pot was split with Stephen Geppner II of West Chazy. Thanks, everyone, for your willing spirit. 😊

Tax Returns and Accountants' Statement

Treasurer Chuck Goolden reported that State and Federal income tax returns for 2009 were completed by May 15, the date non-profit organization returns are due. Also completed was the Financial Statement for the year 2009 prepared by **Gray & Gray, Certified Public Accountants, PC** of Canton. State regulations require these to be provided along with other materials in our Annual Report to the Regents of the University of the State of New York. Part of this year's efforts included a reconciliation of records prepared by Collection Committee Co-Chair, Julie McGraw, using the new PastPerfect software and the balance sheets and income and expense reports from Goolden. Combining the two sets of records has significantly improved our record keeping, especially those of the collection. This information and an update on current finances were discussed with the Museum's Board at their recent meeting. The Board expressed its appreciation for the extra effort Gray & Gray made in support of the Museum's accounting. Goolden also reported that most of the Museum's cash is now kept in interest-bearing accounts. 🏠

Construction Projects Continue Progress

Construction projects continue to move forward. Renovation of the **Chicken House** by Reg Chester is complete. The building will be featured during the June Exhibition. We still need to borrow a small flock for the event. Reg Chester, Wayne Day, Dave Baker, John Castle, Bob Jones and John Bartholomew added tin to the roof of the **Sawmill Building** and covered one gable end. Much work remains before the sawmill itself can be installed. Tom Pahler of Norwood was contracted to provide architectural and engineering services required for the **Public Toilet Facility**. Final designs are now being prepared. Pahler will also perform the **Site Survey** needed to accurately locate all the current and future features on its maps. Bob Dalton has examined the **Windmill** motor, and the expense of repairing it has been approved. Chester and others have also started construction of a unique, **Storefront Building** for temporary exhibits. Optional designs and construction methods for the **Horse-Drawn Equipment Exhibit Building** continue to be studied. ✂

Annual Banquet Sells Out

Nearly 150 members and friends attended the Museum's Annual Banquet held in May at the Madrid Community Center. After a great meal. The program began with comments from Assemblywoman Addie Russell. She had recently brought the School House at the Indian River District to the Museum's attention (page 2). The featured speaker, William DeLorraine, discussed the region's geologic history and zinc mining in the Balmat-Edwards district. Museum President Roger Austin reviewed the Museum's progress and plans for 2010. Following that, several great members were honored for their service to the Museum (see story below). ☉



Museum members and friends filled the Madrid Community center at the Annual Banquet. It celebrated the sixth anniversary of the Museum's founding in 2004. Including banquets of the former St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association, it was the 34th such event.

We fondly remember our good friend George Cardinal from Carlsbad Spring, Ontario. He passed away in March. A long-time member, he brought super engines to shows and was known for his great good humor. He is missed.

Distinguished Service Awards Presented

Several members of the Museum were honored at the 2010 Annual Banquet for their outstanding dedication and support. Couples Bill and Pat Bartlett, Eugene and Mary Jones, Paul and Judy Moore, and Bill and Alice Pharoah each received Distinguished Service Award plaques presented by Museum Secretary Julie McGraw. President Austin read summaries of the extraordinary contributions which supported the awards including their long service, countless hours of volunteer work, applied special expertise, and financial and non-financial donations. The awardees were selected by the Board of Trustees. These were the first such awards presented by the Museum. Congratulations to all the recipients. ☽



Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award at the 2010 Annual Banquet include (l to r) Pat and Bill Bartlett, Mary and Eugene Jones (Gene was unable to attend), Paul and Judy Moore, and Bill and Alice Pharoah. At right is Secretary Julie McGraw who presented plaques to the awardees.

Hats off !!

- To LeBerge and Curtis and Jim and Dot Locy for providing exciting door prizes for the Annual Banquet.
- To Shirley Dickinson who hand crafted centerpieces for each table.
- To Jim Locy who managed the 50:50.
- To Carole Moulton who sold soft goods.
- To Rosie Bartholomew and Linda Gooden who collected dues and John Bartholomew for being the photographer.
- To Julie McGraw and Jean Tupper who sold dinner tickets at the door.
- To Reg and Mary Jean Chester who coordinated with Sandy Moulton and all the other great people with the United Church of Madrid who cooked, served, bussed tables, did dishes and cleaned up after we left. ☽☽☽

Photos this issue by John Bartholomew, Shirley Dickinson, Fred Saburro, and Chuck Gooden. 📷

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Bake Sale & Ice Cream Corner Needs Your Help

Pie a la mode and homemade donuts were big sellers during the last Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition. Donations of pies and any other baked goods for the June Exhibition will be greatly appreciated. The Goodies Corner Committee will price and package the items at the sale. They also need volunteers to scoop ice cream, package and price food, and be cashiers. Please call Mary Jean Chester at (315) 394-6513 if you have a few hours to spare. It is a very fun job. ☺

Cookbook May Still Need Your Recipes

It might be too late, but if you have recipes for the Museum Cookbook, please contact Dot Locy at (315) 388-4242 or jimdot@twcny.rr.com. Dot was trying to get all of them in by May 30. But check with her and see if she needs any more. The Cookbook Committee has done an outstanding job of selling ads. All that remains at this writing is to complete the recipes and let the publisher do his magic. 🍪

Helping Hands Needed at the Exhibit Building

As June approaches, work in the Collection Building has picked up. New displays are being prepared, yet a few more are needed to make ready for our first regular openings. Help is needed to clean, dust, make signs, arrange displays, and generally get things in order. Why not join Dave Baker, John Castle, Mary Jean and Reg Chester, Jim Dear, Shirley Dickinson, Bob Marshall, John Mouthorp, and Bob Smith who have spent many hours on this project? The building is often open, but to be sure, contact Shirley Dickinson at (315) 322-5584 or email look@northnet.org. We are also looking for volunteers to host the exhibits during our regular openings as well as the June Exhibition. 🏠



Volunteers (l to r) Bob Marshall, John Mouthorp, Mary Jean Chester, and Jim Dear arranging exhibits.

Raffle Features Beautiful Carving and Blanket

Museum members and friends have an opportunity to win two beautiful items at the June Exhibition. The first is an Alpaca Blanket from Jim and Sharon Dear from the **Dear Alpaca Farm**. It is soft to the touch, beautifully fringed, cream and tan, and measures 64" x 72" and has a suggested retail value of over \$300. It is American made from American Alpacas. The second is a beautiful wooden carved swan donated by Bob and Linda Jones at **St. Lawrence River Decoys** in Waddington. It has a value of \$235. Members have been sent raffle tickets which can be filled in and mailed to the Museum or handed in at the Exhibition. The drawings will be at 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 13. Each item will be drawn separately with tickets good only for the item specified on the ticket. You need not be present to win. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for five of one or a mixture of tickets. Mailed entries must be received by noon Saturday, June 12 (**not May** as the mailing said). Late entries will be returned to the sender. Volunteers will certify that mailed entries are correct. Tickets may be ordered or questions answered by contacting info@slpowermuseum.com or calling (315) 344-7470. 🗳️



Plans to purchase a small utility building were changed to constructing a small store-front building (see Construction, page 2). It is on skids and can be moved.

Bridge Reminder

The bridge over the Grasse River in Madrid is open. However, please use caution at the closest intersections on either side of the bridge, in town and at highways 310 and 345. Both are now 4-way stops. Be sure to come to a full stop to avoid getting a ticket. 🚗



Displayed at the Banquet, this luxurious alpaca blanket (above) from the **Dear Alpaca Farm** and beautiful carved swan (below) from **St. Lawrence River Decoys** were donated for the June Show raffle.



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June Show just around the corner.
First ever draft horse pull scheduled.
Annual Banquet big success.
Members receive distinguished service award.
Volunteers needed more than ever.

Members are asked to stop by the registration desk during the June Exhibition to get a name tag, check your personal information, and bring your dues up to date. It also helps us count volunteers. 📧

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Farmhouse to be Used for Exhibits

At its last meeting, the Museum's Board voted to cease renting the Goolden-Mann farmhouse and to limit its use to Museum purposes. No specific plans have been announced. One possible use is to maintain it as a post-WWII era farm home. A small office will likely be kept on the second floor. The well water chlorination system that serves the house and all the hydrants on site is located in the basement. 📧



A 1950's photo of the Goolden-Mann farm. Note the square silo and T extension on the back of the barn and small out-buildings to its rear. The house remains essentially unchanged.