



# Power & Equipment Museum

A Newsletter for Members of the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum, a 501(c)(3), Education Corporation

## 30th Annual June Exhibition a Great Success

The promise of fun, great exhibits, and excellent weather brought over 1,250 paying visitors to June's Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition this year. Add to that the children under 12 who entered free and the hundreds of volunteers and exhibitors who made the event possible and the sum approaches 2,000. Making each Exhibition a little better and unique from others remains a challenge. But just since the Fall Exhibition we have seen the schoolhouse erected, the Shoe Shop and Gas Station moved to the first area of the Village Green, the Maple Sugar House expanded, cupolas added to the Horse Building, animal exhibits in the barn improved, and the pony ring relocated. The basic themes and exhibits were stronger than ever providing all with a taste of how machines and devices at home and on the farm were utilized and evolved over the years. Wagon rides, a wide variety of demonstrations, great food, ice cream, music, and old fashioned hospitality made everyone feel welcome. Gross income from the Exhibition exceeded \$26,000 netting nearly \$17,000. This is an important supplement to offset increasing costs of maintaining and growing the Museum. Exhibitors and volunteers should be proud of a job well done. Look for details elsewhere in this Newsletter. ☺



*It all started 30 years ago with a group of guys who wanted to relax and show off their engines - just like these this June.*



*When the former club acquired some big engines like this Farquhar steamer, having a home became important.*

## Bluegrass Festival Visitors Enjoy Museum

Just two weeks after the June Exhibition, the annual **Madrid Bluegrass River Festival** was held in the municipal park in Madrid. Saturday during the Festival was also one of the Museum's regular openings. So flyers were distributed and Festival MC, Barbara Heller, invited participants to visit us as well. Museum members provided transportation from the park, and almost all of the Museum's buildings were open with greeters on hand. As many as two dozen attended the opening. Members who helped make the day a success included Charles and Helen Alton, Roger and Carol Austin, Reg and Mary Jean Chester, Ron and Sheila Day, Shirley Dickinson, Chuck Goolden, Gerry Grady, Wayne Hill, Myron Langford, Elaine McDonald, Hugh Newton, Ken Tupper, and Lee Williams. One visitor, Bob Campton from Kingston, Ontario said he was impressed by the friendly reception and became a member along with his wife Sandra. We will do an encore performance next year. 🎵



*As a museum we can do much more. Still plenty of engines but also a broader spectrum of things that show how technology shaped life in the North Country.*

## Antique Truck Show August 17-19

Antique trucks from the US and Canada will congregate August 17-19 at the Museum for the Annual Antique Truck Show presented by the **Northern Empire and Upper Canada Chapters of the Antique Truck Club of America**. After arrivals Friday, events kick off with a truck parade at 5:00 pm ending at the Ole Smokehouse in Madrid Springs for dinner and country music. On Saturday, visitors can see the trucks, visit the Museum, and enjoy food and beverages. A slow truck race is at 2:00 pm that afternoon. Things wrap up around noon on Sunday. Admission is free, but donations will be welcome. For more details call (315) 244-1563. 🚚

<b>Museum Events 2012</b>	July 28	Saturday: <b>Workday</b> 9:00-12:00; <b>Meeting of the Board of Trustees</b> , 1:00-3:30, Pavilion Building.
		Saturday: <b>Museum Open</b> 10:00-2:00. <b>Special Program</b> , Harvesting 101 <i>Combining 1940s Style. Meet at Collection Bldg.</i>
	Aug. 17-19	Friday-Sunday, <b>Antique Truck Show</b> (see article above).
	Aug. 19	Sunday: <b>Meeting of the Board of Trustees</b> 1:00-3:30.
	Sept. 1-2	Saturday and Sunday: <b>22nd Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition</b> . Clean up and set up the week before.
	Oct. 21	Sunday: <b>Members Meeting</b> .

## New Benches Welcome the Weary

Several new concrete benches welcomed visitors at the June Exhibition. The benches were donated by members including one in memory of Grant Thesier from Leon and Carole Goolden. Others were donated by the Austin Family; Robert and Barbara Evans; Donald and Joyce Finen, Fine-n-Dandy Maple Products; and Alan and Rita Ostrander. As promised, Mark Thompson of Jefferson Concrete Company in Watertown matched these with several other benches. As an added touch, he also provided concrete pads on which the benches could be set. Ken Tupper prepared a gravel base for each and then carefully set the new pads and benches in place with his tractor. The pads were set level with the ground so they will be easy to mow around. Benches provide a great place to enjoy the sounds and sights at exhibitions and a convenient place to wait for the next wagon ride to come by. ☺

## Horse & Wagon Rides Thrill and Comfort Visitors

Generous teamsters provided welcome rides for visitors and volunteers at the June Exhibition, an increasingly important benefit as the Museum grows and buildings and exhibits spread out. Hats off and a warm giddup to Tom Aldous, John Castle, Bill Collins, Tim Hatch, and Monica Stone for bringing their beautiful teams and fancy rigs for all to enjoy. ☺

## Program to Feature Combining Rye July 28

A special program, **Harvesting 101, 1940s Style**, will provide instruction and demonstrations on harvesting the rye crops now maturing in fields at the Museum. The event will begin on Saturday, July 28 at 10:00 am at the field near the red Collection Building. After a lunch break the harvest will continue at the small field of rye next to State Hwy. 310. Our instructor will be John Mouthorp of Madrid and friends. Mouthorp will begin by explaining how the combine mows and threshes the rye, cleans the seeds, and pours the grain into bags. Featured will be the Museum's 1940 Model 40 Allis Chalmers Combine designed and built to serve small farms as WWII was getting underway over 70 years ago. The combine was restored about 1995 by member Gary Crowe of Heuvelton at the **Heuvelton Equipment Co.** shops. Gary passed away in 2011. In the event of rain, harvesting will be done Sunday, July 29 beginning at 1:00 pm, conditions permitting. The program is designed for people of all ages interested in learning how grains are harvested, and is open to everyone. Come and learn where the rye in rye bread comes from. The program will coincide with the regular openings at the Museum held every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. 🚧

## Museum Joins Norwood Parade

The Museum joined the Northern Empire Chapter of the Antique Truck Club of America to produce an exciting float for the 4th of July parade in Norwood. The exhibit promoted the forthcoming antique truck show. On Mike Caskinette's 48-foot truck trailer were Museum treasures including the recently donated hand-operated pumper from the Norwood Volunteer Fire Department. Repairs to the handles and pump by Terry Rookey and Dale Fockler have it working again. The pumper was joined by a Massey Harris tractor, and Economy gas engine, John Deere kiddy tractors, wooden school desks and chalk board, and an early washing machine. Mike Caskinette, Shirley Dickinson, and Kevin Finnegan organized the float with help from Wayne Hill, Dave Baker, Roger Austin, Wayne Day and Chuck Goolden. Shirley Dickinson and Bob Smith rode the float, washing longjohns. Members Wayne and Mary Day and Bob Bixby as well as Frenchie's Chevrolet brought antique trucks to the parade. ☺



Teamster Tim Hatch waits for passengers while giving wagon rides to Exhibition visitors.

**Shine up the  
old tractor for the  
22nd Annual Old  
Fashioned Harvest  
Days Exhibition  
Labor Day Weekend,  
September 1-2.**



After the Exhibition was over, John Mouthorp plowed and planted the Village Green with oats for a fall harvest.



The Museum and Antique Truck Club joined hands to build a float on Mike Caskinette's truck for the Norwood Parade. The exhibit promoted the Antique Truck Show coming August 17-19.

## Members Make Museum Exhibits a Success

Museum exhibits were open to the public during the entire June Exhibition. The number and variety of exhibits has grown. We have been fortunate to have members willing to prepare the displays and act as hosts for our visitors. We express our appreciation to the following volunteers.

**Farm House and Milk House:** First steps toward furnishing the Goolden-Mann farm house in a style reflecting the World War II period were directed by Shirley Dickinson and Lee Dezell. Alan Finnegan improved the rear entrance with a new concrete step. An exhibit of German army artifacts from Joe Gray were on loan. Many others helped clean, arrange, and act as hosts including Pat Bartlett, Betty Beswick, Fay Cambridge, Barbara Evans, Nancy Garrand, Gerry Grady, and Elaine McDonald. Lee Goolden had the Milk House looking exactly as it did more than 60 years ago.

**Old Barn:** To make it more suited for visitors, Kevin Finnegan led a clean up of the old wood-plank floor and replaced it with sand and gravel. Various farm animals were brought by the **C&M Dairy, LLC** - the Chester and Moulton families, Kevin and Laurie Finnegan, and John and Lisa Kingston. Members of the **Chipman Champions 4-H Club** with leader Amy Moulton greeted visitors and cared for animals. The members included Amy and Camryn Chester; Laurie and Adam Finnegan; Charlie, Chris, Hannah and Izzy Grant; John, Lisa, Sam and Lydia Kingston; Nathan Moulton; and Tim Thisse. Nearby were the alpacas from the Dear Alpaca Farm accompanied by Jim and Sharon Dear and aided by Roberta Blackmere and Taylor Simmons.

**Chicken House:** This year the **Northern New York Poultry Fanciers** hosted this exhibit with a crew bringing many varieties of birds organized by their president, Bill Wynne. Carol Austin had chicks hatching on schedule. Others with birds were Gena Gale, Bill and Makenzie Merrick, Carolyn Pinczes, and Rose Wynne.

**Maple Sugar House:** The **St. Lawrence County Maple Producers Assn.** continues to manage and operate this exhibit. A new shed on the back of the building has been added to house sleds used to bring in tubs of sap. Association president Doug Thompson had a grand crew there including Fred Henderson, Art Hurlburt, David Davis, Jim Hargrave, Hugh and Sally Newton, Eric and Julie Parkman, and Don Finen. Maple Princess Kilie McAdam and 1st Alternate Megan Parkman were there to greet their guests.

**Shoe Shop:** This 1950s building and exhibit had been moved to its new location near the corner of the Village Green. Entertaining visitors were Frank Adams, Tony Cooper, Bill Fisher, and Bruce Keiser.

**Schoolhouse:** Roger and Ted Austin unbuttoned the house wrap and installed two windows so visitors could see the progress of work on the building which had been relocated and partially reconstructed last fall. Judy Liscum prepared exhibits. Dressed in 19th century garb, she welcomed visitors to her "new" school. She was joined by Pat Dominie on Sunday. Several visitors signed up to join a new supporting group, **Friends of the Schoolhouse**.

**Saw Mill:** Chief sawyer Paul Moore with experienced help from Bill Bartlett, Reg Chester, Leon Cline, Dave Hebert, Ollie Sorrell, Lyle Sloan, and Reggie Stowe sawed logs into lumber on the No. 20 Lane sawmill. The lumber will be used in future construction. Two loads of logs had been purchased, and another was donated by Paul. During rests, the crew discussed how the vertical sawmill could be installed at the end of the sawmill building.

**Farquhar Steam Engine:** Gary Hargrave and Bill Clinger had steam up both days after a successful State inspection of the boiler only weeks earlier.

**Anderson Diesel Engine:** Bill Bartlett, Paul Moore, and Sam Morrison had the engine blowing smoke rings and huffing along during the Exhibition.

**Collection Building:** The building was open both days. Bert and Betty Beswick and Ron and Sheila Day were on hand to welcome a continuous parade of visitors. ☺



*The Chipman Champions 4-H Club hosted a very popular exhibit of farm animals up at the white barn.*



*Northern NY Poultry Fanciers had fancy breeds on display and chicks hatching in the Chicken House.*



*Judy Liscum (l) and Pat Dominie welcomed visitors at the Schoolhouse, a work in progress*



*Sam Morrison operates the Museum's giant Anderson 2-cylinder diesel engine.*

## Fiber Arts Exhibit Grows

**B**orrowing space in the new Horse Building, several ladies demonstrated their skills in the fiber arts at the June Exhibition. Andi Castle, Vanessa Church, Barbara Evans, and Carol Lama were spinning. Mabel Baker knitted. Martha Sinkeldam did weaving and crocheted hats. Rugs were hooked by Mary Day, crocheted by Grace Hargrave, and braided by Mary Jane Thompson. Ann Thomas and Marge Barney quilted, and Linda Jones counted cross stitch. With growing interest in fiber arts and inquiries made about lessons on how to perform them, plans are being made to create a permanent center for this activity. If interested contact any of the ladies listed above. 🏠



*The popularity of the fiber arts has the group considering a permanent facility.*

## Show Visitors Enjoy Great Food and Goodies

**K**itchen coordinators Bill and Alice Pharoah and co-coordinators John and Rosie Bartholomew with special assistance from Bob Marshall organized another successful weekend serving breakfast, lunch and dinner to many hundreds each day during the June Exhibition. The old smoke problem had been solved by the new hood over the grills built and installed by Charlie Alton and Wayne Day. Mary Jean Chester and the goodies crew served up 48 gallons of ice cream along with pies, cakes, cookies and other goodies generously donated by members and friends. Overall food sales grossed just shy of \$11,000. This was achieved by the tremendous efforts of many volunteers. In the kitchen were John and Rosie Bartholomew, Pat Bartlett, Bert and Betty Beswick, Claude and Barb Burdick, Sue Cameron, Lee Dezell, Barb Evans, Janet Favro, Mindy Fisher, Winnie Frary, Phyllis Gilbert, Carole Goolden, Linda Goolden, Gerry Grady, Mary Hebert, Pam Johnson, Barb Knauf, Lois Knauf, Helen Langford, Guy and Mary Lannis, Bob Marshall, Dennis McGaw, Julie McGraw, Judy Moore, John and Barb Parsons, Larry and Jeanette Rocker, Dave Sanford, Janice Sibbits, Carol Smith, and Jim and Doris Smith. In the ice cream corner was Paige Moulton this year's Dairy Ambassador. Joining here were Mary Jean Chester, Edna Cline, Bonnie Corse, Sheila Day, Barb Evans, Joyce Finen, Debbie Finnegan, Barb Fisher, JoAnne Hill, Dot Locy, Barb Lustyik, Connie McGaw, Lodine Pike, Janice Sibbits, and Carol Vinton. Bless warm sunny days. 🍷



*The food lines looked long, but the dedicated kitchen crew moved it along at the June Exhibition. The Pavilion Building has proved to be a great asset.*

## 225 Chickens Inaugurate New BBQ

**C**hef Marshall Pharoah kicked off the celebration of the new BBQ building with a one-second light and sound show as he fired up the charcoal. In a matter of hours, 450 chicken halves had been slathered with his celebrated secret sauce and grilled to perfection. Pharoah's crew including Gerry Clauson, Duke Geppner, Bob Smith, Ollie Sorrell, Wayne Hill, and Mike flipped chicken, inhaled fragrant smoke, and then hurried the golden halves to eagerly waiting customers. Um good! 🍷



*Under the new BBQ Shelter are (l-r) Mike, Bob, Chef Marshall, Duke, Gerry, and Ollie. The crowd at the June Exhibition went through all 450 chicken halves.*

## Old Iron Auction Draws Big Crowd

**A** large collection of old iron and other ancient items of inestimable value donated by members and friends drew an eager crowd at the June Exhibition. Water troughs, garden tractors, brass fire extinguishers and some really great items from Chris Rovers of Hannawa Falls were there for the highest bidder. Auctioneer Mike Livingston rattled off each item as Dave Baker, Duke Geppner, Mike Gillette, and Gary Hargrave held them high for all to see. Carol Coons, Lee Dezell, Shirley Dickinson, Donna McBath, and Elaine McDonald organized the list of items and recorded bids and bidders. At the end of the day the auction had netted \$2,574, and those attending went home with their new acquisitions. If you missed it, be there next year. ☺



*The Old Iron Auction drew a big crowd Saturday afternoon. Garden tractors, welders, bikes, construction materials, and other items were sold.*

## Record Gate Means More Traffic and Care

The good news is that there were 1,267 paid entrances at the 30th Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition. In addition there were the many children under 12 who entered free. And we should also count the hundreds of volunteers and exhibitors. Handling the constant stream of traffic, full parking lots, and those needing assistance after their arrival has become a major job. Fortunately, dust and heat were not a major problem, and we have the following to thank for volunteering: Bill Dumas; the Finnegan clan including Kevin, Debby, Joe, Alan, and Adam; Vernon and Dee Ford; Ralph Frary; Jerry Hobbs; Tom Manning; Connie Martin; Elaine McDonald; and Steve Millea and his grandson. Golf carts generously loaned by **Mid-State Golf Cars** provided transport for those with disabilities or otherwise walking long distances. Drivers included Frank Adams, Stan and Barb Alford, Bill Fisher, Marge Fisher, Vicki Gillette, Lee Goolden, Bruce Keiser, and Rudy Sinkeldam. 🚗



Kevin Finnegan (r) was one of 15 members welcoming visitors at the gate.

## Horse Pulls Add Excitement Saturday at Shows

Visitors looking forward to seeing teams of horses compete at the June Exhibition were not disappointed. In the morning six teams of miniature horses competed to see which had the strongest pullers. The champion miniature team belonged to Eric Trombley followed in order by Jim Moore with two teams finishing in 2nd and 3rd places and then those of Dakota Rabideau, Eric Trombley's with another team, and Gilbert Rabideau. The draft horse pull followed in the afternoon. The champion team belonged to the McNeil family followed by those of Bill Thomas, Bud Dufresne and Dan Hitchman, and then Jim Gordon. John Castle organized volunteers who worked at the pulls including Ted and Eleanor Austin, Don Beggs, Gary Bush, Bob Dalton, Myron Langford, Bob Smith, and Ken Tupper. Sponsors for these events were Bill Collins of **MacFadden-Dier-Leonard Insurance** of Canton, **H.A. Rogers Agency Insurance Co.** of Norfolk, **Evans Farm Repair** of Lisbon, Jim and Dot Locy, Dave and Nellie Stout of **Stout's Farm** at Briar Hill, and Anita O'Neill in memory of her husband Bernie. Thanks, everyone. 🐾



A powerful team of horses competes at the June Exhibition.

## Antique Tractors Always a Favorite at Show

The Antique Tractor pull at the June Exhibition had 111 paid hooks making it one of the largest ever. Trophies were awarded in 15 classes ranging from 3,000 to 11,500 lbs. Featured were Case, John Deere, Farmall, Ford, International, Oliver and other tractors. The youngest tractors allowed were built in 1960. The pull was managed by the **River Valley Antique Tractor Club** whose members include many belonging to the Museum. Many Museum members also brought their tractors just to be used in displays and parades. Among them were Andre' Charlebois, Dave Baker, Jim McGraw, Ivan Gordon, Steve Miller, John Mouthorp, Terry Mouthorp, Ed Sheppard, Ron Sheppard, Steve Smith, Wayne Stark, and Lee Williams. We are sure there were others. Let us know and we will note them in the next Newsletter. 🚧



The antique tractor pull on Sunday is a popular event at June Exhibitions.

## Raffles Offer Special Hand Made Crafts

Two unique items are offered in this late summer auction. The first is the **Life on the Farm quilt** made by Sheila Day of Heuvelton and quilted by Janice Duprey of Ogdensburg. And Frederick Peryer of Colton has donated two **Adirondack-style stools** with antique steel tractor seats. Pictures of each are on the back page. Raffle tickets are enclosed in this Newsletter. Mail in tickets to SLPEM, PO Box 400, Madrid, NY 13660. They must arrive before Saturday, Sept. 1. **OR** bring them to the Fall Exhibition where more will be available. Drawings will be at 2:00 pm on Sunday, Sept. 2. 📧



A pre-1917 1 3/4 hp air cooled United hit & miss gas engine donated by Mary Harrington of Carthage. Charlie Alton cleaned and made minor repairs to the engine and fabricated a new gas tank. The engine still runs very well.

## Nominations Needed for 2013 Elections

Half the year is barely over, yet it is time to begin planning for the election of officers and trustees next year. The official call for nominations will be on November 1 with actual submissions due before December 1. A nominating committee will review and certify the nominations during December. Ballots will be mailed out to members in mid-January and tabulated at the annual meeting of the members in mid-February. Positions expected to be open for election include the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer which are elected for one-year terms. The 3-year terms of three trustees will have been completed, and these positions will need to be filled. The past president may stand for re-election to the one-year trustee position generally reserved for him. To be nominated the subject must submit a statement of willingness to serve and a summary of their qualifications for the position they are considering. Those ultimately elected will help determine the Museum's future. Consider the aspects that you think are important such as area(s) of interest, leadership ability, compatibility, experience, education, and time to devote to the job. Now please go out and find those persons and ask them to serve in this extraordinary organization. It's important. ☺

## Pedal Tractor Races and Pulls Draw Kids

Seventy children participated in pedal tractor events during the June Exhibition. Children 2 to 12 completed for 1st to 3rd place in 5 age categories. On Saturday were the pedal tractor races organized by Al and Nancy Garand. On Sunday were the pedal tractor pulls. Placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in the 2-3 year olds were Faith Schulz, Lucas Oney, and Sierra Geppner. In the 4-5 year olds they were Danielle Middlemiss, Blake Collier, and Cheyenne Wilson. In the 6-7 year olds they were Tanner Smith, Colby Beldock, and Brayden Dutton. In the 8-9 year olds they were Nicholas Beldock, Joseph Burrows, and Guy Moore. And in the 10-12 year olds were Tyler Oliver, Dakota Niles, and Trenton Service. Participants were awarded medals commemorating the event. Wayne and Mary Day organized the pulls with able help from Mandy and Shawn Losey, Jim Mitchell, and Ted Schulz. The John Deere pedal tractors were donated by **LeBerge and Curtis** last year. ♣

## Raffle Winners

The bike and coffee maker raffles raised \$556 with the bike awarded to Holly Phillips and coffee maker to Helen Alton. Hats off to **Walmart** in Ogdensburg for donating the Next Power Climber Bike and to Dick and Helen Whitney for the Cuisinart coffee maker. ☺

## 50:50 Winners

Jim Locy and Bob Moulton made the rounds during the June Exhibition selling 50:50 tickets. Saturday's winner was Thom Crosbie, and Sunday's was Manya Margot. The drawings netted \$657 for the Museum, and the contributions begin to really add up. ☐

## Attic Treasures - Something for Everyone

Under **Willis Shattuck's** big tent at the June Exhibition were treasurers that had accumulated all winter. The Pavilion Building was stuffed with hundreds of items dropped off by Museum benefactors. Headed up by Helen Alton, the attic treasurers were moved by wagon to the tent and put in order. Setups and sales were managed by Kelly Bridge, Val Bowles, Beth Mitchell, Nancy Sorrell, Shirley Stein, Sean Tiernan and Helen. Customers selected the items they wanted, named their own price, and settled their accounts. By Sunday afternoon the ladies had netted \$884, a grand contribution to the Museum's well being. ★



*The Sustainable Living Project promoted green alternatives at the Exhibition.*



*Jim Mitchell (right) and Wayne Day (2nd right) built sleds modeled after the big ones so pedal pullers can compete.*



*Wayne Hill at the throttle of the Museum's Century Flyer. This 40s amusement park ride is due for a paint job.*



*Business was brisk at the Attic Treasures tent. The many items donated by members and friends made it quite profitable.*

## Exhibitors Share Rare Treasures and Knowledge

The original purpose of the spring and fall shows was to give members an opportunity to show off their favorite gas engines. Machines powered by engines - including tractors - were added over the years. Thanks to our collecting members an interesting array of power and equipment items can be seen.

**Antique Gas Engines:** Charles and Helen Alton, John and Val Bowles (power equipment too), Mike and Vicki Gillette (lanterns and power equipment too), Frank and Elaine McDonald, Ray Paige (Associate Engines), Don and Judy Shanty, Arnie Thompson (as well as his Case tractor), and Dick and Helen Whitney,

**Lawn Tractors:** Ollie Sorrell and Duke Geppner, Craig Smith (power tools too), and Steve Geppner.

**Tools:** Bill and Kelly Pitts (Stanley brand), Al J. Leshomb, and John Mitchell (along with great old radios).

**Machines:** Ivan Gordon and Ilene Cole brought a corn sheller and grinder along with their Farmall tractor and Randy and Sonya Goss brought their push mowers.

**Organizations:** Chelle Lindahl of **The Sustainable Living Project** had visitors pledging to do one good green thing to support sustainability.

**Vendors:** Providing purchasing opportunities were Ann Bechart with jewelry and tools; Fred Peryer with rustic creations; Dick Diriwachter with a variety of collectibles; the Kellisons with hats and caps; Ron Merithew and Barb Jacques with old iron, tools, toys, and vintage costume jewelry; Gary Niles with custom made treadle tables; Phil Phillips with kids' toys, jewelry, hats, collectibles; Bill and Sandy Russell with antique collectibles; Bill Steele with John Deere memorabilia; and Carol Venton with crafts and collectibles. ✂



*Engines doing work are always popular. This one drives a lathe.*



*Bonnie Peryer enjoys her BBQ chicken at her exhibit of Rustic Creations during the June Exhibition. She and Fred have donated tractor seat stools for the raffle.*

## Silent Auction Grows

An excellent collection of items was available at the silent auction during the June Exhibition. Items were provided by businesses, members and friends. Solicitations by Jim Locy, Bob Moulton, and Elaine McDonald provided an excellent selection of items. Carole Moulton, Gail Rookey, and Bob Marshall stood by as bidders made their selections and wrote down their offer. The auction netted \$1,182 with a thank you to donors and bidders alike. ☺

**The Museum has regular openings every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 10:00-2:00. Hosts are needed for each. Please call 344-7470 to help. It's easy and fun and having it open is very important. 🏛️**



*Frank Adams takes a lunch break between visitors at the Shoe Repair Shop.*



**An often asked question, who brought those beautiful teams of oxen?**

**Answer:** Anna Knapp and Anne and Len Robillard. 🐄

Photographs in this issue by Roger Austin, John Bartholomew, Shirley Dickinson and Chuck Goolden. 📷

Carol Moulton sold \$220 worth of items sporting the Museum name and logo including T-shirts, caps, and lapel pins. Be sure to get yours at the next Exhibition. Very cool! 😊

## Businesses and Groups Work the Exhibition

Several businesses and groups provided important support for the June Exhibition, some with minimal compensation and many with none.

- **AJ's Septic** in Lisbon has provided portable toilets for years and has come out and serviced them at short but critical notice.
- The **Dear Alpaca Farm** brings their dear alpacas solely for visitors to enjoy.
- **Jim Mitchell, Sawyer**, has sawn miles of lumber we have used in construction, accepting just enough to cover a little fuel and a bit of manpower.
- The **Madrid Rescue Squad** had their truck on standby during the tractor pull with Chief Dick McDougal Craig Ballard, Matt Carr, Jenn Collins, Tony and Karrie Cooper, Crystal Labath, and Bailey Wagner there to serve.
- The **Madrid Fire Department** had quite a crew available including its newly promoted chief, Brian Moulton, Greg Barney, Garnet Beckstead, Curtis Custaldo, Gordon Jackson, Homer Raster, and Adam Rutheford.
- **Mid-State Golf Cars** in Canton continues to loan us several vehicles that enable us to shuttle visitors with disabilities and volunteers needing assistance from one end of the Museum to the other. We can vouch for how well the cars run and their ease of operation.
- Peggy McAdam of **Honey Dew Acres** provided free pony rides for the kids on Sunday. A great treat from a great stable.
- The **River Valley Antique Tractor Club** has managed the tractor pulls for several years. They are mentioned on page 5.
- The **St. Lawrence-Adirondack Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America** and the **Seaway Cruisers Classic Car Club** put the Exhibition on their calendars, and many members brought their excellent vehicles.
- Members of the **St. Lawrence County Draft Horse Association** bring their teams and provide free rides for everyone.
- The **St. Lawrence County Maple Producers Association** have made the Maple Sugar House a popular place for visitors.
- **Willis Shattuck, Auctioneer**, has put up his big tent for us for many years. He personally puts up the tent and accepts a very modest sum to recover some of his costs. We appreciate them all! ☺

## Tons of Work and Then - Show Time!

A tremendous amount of work is done before every Exhibition, and the one in June was no exception. Even before exhibitors arrived, the kitchen was being thoroughly cleaned, buildings were swept clean, exhibits were dusted and put in order, the grass was mowed and re-mowed, the water system was flushed and tested, toilets cleaned and resupplied, grass planted and watered, and tons of equipment pulled out of storage and set in place. Benches were set up, roads were patched with gravel and graded, a ton of food was ordered, engines were inspected and run up, and urgent paint jobs were done. It all started weeks before the Exhibition and continued even after the first exhibitors arrived and on up until the gates opened Saturday morning. The Museum looked splendid and ready. Again, at risk of leaving out the name of anyone who helped with this great effort, here is a list of many of those who were there: Charlie and Helen Alton, Dave Baker, Bill Bartlett, John Bowles, Gary Bush, John Castle, Mary Jean and Reg Chester, Leon Cline, Bill Clinger, Wayne Day, Kevin Finnegan, Al Garrand, Francis Geppner, Lee Goolden, Ivan Gordon and Ilene Cole, Gary Hargrave, Dave Hebert, Wayne Hill, John Hough, Myron Langford, Don Listyk, Frank and Elaine McDonald, Jim McGraw, Dave McKane, Paul Moore, Ollie Sorrell, Wayne Stark, Rudi Sinkeldam, Sean Tiernan, Ken Tupper, and Lee Williams. 🙏



Members of the Madrid Rescue Squad stand by during the Exhibition. Having skilled care on hand is invaluable.



Don Finen (l) with maple products at the Maple Sugar House. Note the construction going on at the far right.



Members of the Seaway Cruisers Classic Car Club brought their classic autos and held their monthly meeting Sunday afternoon during the Exhibition.



Jean Tupper (l) and Marcia Oney at the Registration table. Chuck Goolden and Irene Hargrave worked with them.

## Area Businesses are Generous Auction Donors

Area businesses provided the Old Iron and Silent Auctions with great items to bid on at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition. The auctions were fun and of great benefit to the Museum. These friends are listed below.

**1844 House**, Potsdam  
**Aeon Heating & Air Conditioning**,  
Potsdam  
**Agway**, Potsdam  
**Alkie's**, Massena  
**Dr. Angela Rufa**, Ogdensburg  
**Best Western Hotel**, Canton  
**Blevins RV Center**, Potsdam  
**Bountiful Harvest**, Gouverneur  
**Carvel Hardware**, DeKalb Junction  
**Cascade Inn**, Canton  
**Coakley Ace Hardware Carpet  
One**, Canton  
**Community Bank**, Madrid  
**Community Bank**, Potsdam  
**Donut King Restaurant**, Ogdensburg  
**Emlaw's Tire & Auto Repair**,  
Potsdam  
**Empire Vision Center**, Potsdam  
**GT Speed Shop**, Waddington  
**Gray & Gray CPA**, Canton  
**Harris Medical Supplies &  
Equipment**, Potsdam

**Hotel Grande**, Norfolk  
**Hubie's Liquor & Wines**  
**Italian Affair**, Massena  
**Jreck Subs**, Canton  
**Jreck Subs**, Massena  
**Kinney Drugs**, Potsdam  
**Lawton Electric**, Lisbon  
**Minute Mart**, Canton  
**Munro Muffler**, Canton  
**North Country Auto Parts**,  
Canton  
**Northern Lites Grooming & Pet  
Care**  
**Pease & Gustafson**, Massena  
**Perry's Big M**, Norwood  
**Pickens General Store**, Heuvelton  
**Plant City**, Gouverneur  
**River Run Fitness**, Waddington  
**Rosario's**, Massena  
**Roto-Rooter**, Potsdam  
**Seaway Diner & Smoke House**,  
Waddington

**St. Lawrence Chocolates**,  
Potsdam  
**Scoopuccino's Bakery & Café**,  
Potsdam  
**SeaComm Federal Credit Union**,  
Potsdam  
**Simply U Hair Salon**, Waddington  
**Spanky's**, Massena  
**Sposa Bella**, Canton  
**Steven's Auto Repair**, Norwood  
**TJ Toyota**, Potsdam  
**Thai Cuisine Restaurant**, Potsdam  
**Tractor Supply Company**,  
Massena  
**True Value Hardware**, Waddington  
**Village Diner**, Potsdam  
**Village Engravers**, Massena  
**Village Wines & Liquors**, Potsdam  
**Vino Vici Vici**, Massena  
**Wendy's Diner**, Massena  
**Wood Chop Shop**, Canton  
**Woods Café**, Norfolk

**Thank You !!!** 🙏

## Fond Memories

Member Ben Cleaveland passed away on June 4, 2012 at age 88. Until just a few years ago, Ben joined the tractor pullers with his big Minneapolis Moline tractor. Always a smile and a good word, he left us his big road roller when he moved to Florida with daughter Sue Vought two years ago. We will miss him. 🙏

## Safety & Health

A few tips and reminders to share with Museum visitors and exhibitors: when riding tractors, one seat means one person. Fire extinguishers near engines are always a good idea. Leave hoses near hydrants. Drive slowly. Keep dogs on a leash, out of buildings, and carry a plastic bag and use it. Thanks! 😊



*Kids love ponies, and Honey Dew Acres has provided free rides for them at the June Exhibitions for the last several years. Thanks!*

## Museum Builds Collection Photo Index

One of the Museum's goals for 2012 is to begin development of a Photographic Index of all the non-paper items in the collection. The number of such items now approaches 700 and is rapidly growing. The Index will have both digital and print forms. Digital images can be inserted in existing computer-based records using our PastPerfect software. Printed copies will be available in albums for those without ready access to a computer. Work on the Index was recently accelerated as Ethan Merrill, a junior Museum member, recorded over 100 images of items currently stored in the Horse-Drawn Equipment Building and throughout the Museum's grounds. Digital images taken earlier will be combined with these. Film images can be converted to digital form or the items can be re-photographed. The Index will be made accessible to the public for reference use. It will also improve management of each item's identity. All images will have the Museum's catalog number for the item. Each item also will be described using appropriate terminology. If interested in helping please contact Julie McGraw at (315) 347-2362. 📁

**Saturday, July 28**  
**An important date!**  
**9:00 - noon, Work Day.**  
**10:00-2:00 special**  
**★ Threshing ★**  
**★ Demonstration ★**  
**with Museum open.**  
**1:00-3:30, Board Meets.**

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**Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition great success.  
Harvesting demonstration July 28.  
Antique Truck Show coming in August.  
Bluegrass Festival and Norwood Parade excitement.  
New raffle underway.**

**This is our most risky issue. With the names of hundreds of volunteers, it is likely we have overlooked a few, probably even some veterans. Please let us know of any. We will make it right in the next issue.** 

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## **Great Prizes Ready for Fall Raffle**

*Life on the Farm quilt is now being raffled. Sheets of tickets for both items are enclosed in this Newsletter. See info on page 5.*



**See more information on page 5. Good Luck!**

**Tractor Seat Stools being raffled. Mail all tickets along with your check to SLPEM, PO Box 400, Madrid, NY 13660.**