



# Power & Equipment Museum

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

## Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition June 13-14

Plenty of engines and tractors will be seen at our forthcoming June Exhibition. You will find many of these in the new Antique Tractor Building and throughout the Museum's grounds. But there will be much more - something for everyone. The recently acquired Harden Collection of horse-drawn vehicles will be featured in the Horse Building. The No. 12 Schoolhouse will be open for students young and old. Chicks will be hatching. Maple cotton candy will be spinning. Garden tractors and horses big and miniature will be pulling on Saturday. Antique tractors will pull on Sunday. Kids' tractor races and pulls will entertain both days after lunch. The old iron auction Saturday afternoon and silent auction will feature great items. Tractors and horses will be pulling wagons for all to ride, and the old amusement park train will be there too. Spaghetti and music Saturday evening. You can just sit and enjoy great food and watch the excitement. It is all possible because of the work of our many exhibitors and volunteers. This esteemed group gets a free pass at the gate. For the rest it's still a bargain at \$5.00 a head, and kids up to 11 years old enter free. See more information in the inserted poster. Share it with friends. ☺

## School Students to Visit the Museum

Three days before the June Exhibition, 40 4th grade students from the Madrid-Waddington School will visit the Museum. After dividing into smaller groups, the students will visit the Horse-Drawn Equipment, Antique Tractor, and Collections Buildings and particularly No. 12 Schoolhouse. Judy Lisum will welcome students at the Schoolhouse where they will have a small taste of school days around 1900. In the days following the Exhibition, 100 students from the Canton Central School District will visit the Museum. Mary Jean Chester has coordinated these important events. For the first time the Museum will be able to answer "Yes" in its annual report to the NY State Office of Cultural Education to the question "Did you serve K-12 classes during the past year?" They also ask for the number served. Mary Jean is looking for volunteers to help host and manage these events. Reg Chester's contact information is on the back page. Hosts and escorts are needed to cover the several places the students will be visiting. Please help fulfill this vital aspect of the Museum's mission. Join the fun. ☺

## Intern Program Continues to Make Impact

Taylor Grant, a senior at SUNY Potsdam has joined us for a 120 hour internship. She is assisting in the relocation of the Log Cabin by providing photographic and written documentation while also labeling logs and boards. The balance of her time will involve helping to bring disassembled barn timbers acquired several years ago out of storage, documenting new offerings to the collection, and preparation of an interpretive exhibit. Former Potsdam intern Celina Patterson successfully completed her work and recently graduated. The Museum is benefiting significantly from this exciting joint venture. ☺



*At last year's June Exhibition, Bill Pharoah (l) and Duke Geppner have belted up the engine to a wood splitter. All they have to do now is get it started.*



*Taylor Grant, a student intern from SUNY Potsdam, has spent many hours documenting features of the log cabin as part of her Museum Studies Program.*

<b>Museum Events 2015</b>	June 13&14 Sat.-Sun.:	<b>33rd Annual Antique Gas &amp; Steam Engine Exhibition.</b> Help is needed before and after the show.
	June 27 Saturday:	<b>Work Day 9:00-Noon</b> (4th Saturdays).
	July 11 Saturday:	<b>Open House 10:00-2:00</b> (2nd and 4th Saturdays).
	July 11 Saturday:	<b>Annual Banquet</b> at 6:00 PM in the Museum's Pavilion Building.
	Sept. 5 & 6 Sat.-Sun.:	<b>25th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition.</b>

## Samsung Galaxy 7-inch Tab 4 to be Raffled

Bob Moulton reports that Walmart in Potsdam has donated a new Samsung Tab 4, 7-inch tablet with 8GB of memory. The tablet will be raffled during the June Exhibition. It has a 1.2GHz Quad-Core processor, 1.5GB DDR2 of system memory, 7.0" touchscreen, 1280 x 800 resolution, a built-in 802.11a/b/g/n WiFi, and Bluetooth v4.0. Additional features include back 3MP webcam and front 1.3MP webcam, microUSB 2.0 port, 8GB onboard storage memory, additional memory via microSD card slot, built-in speakers, GPS with GLONASS, and a rechargeable lithium-ion battery. It weighs 1.6 lbs. and its dimensions are 10.75" x 0.62" x 6.97". Its approximate value is \$185. Raffle tickets will be available at the exhibition desk and elsewhere. Just \$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00. *To translate this article, talk to your kids or grandkids.* ☐



John Hough (r) visits with steam engine operators Gary Hargrave (l) and Bill Clinger during last year's June Show.

Chuck Gooden is still seeking a Viridian Green Energy Associate to take his place. The job can generate income for the Associate while creating a revenue stream for the Museum through grants from Viridian. Chuck has donated his income to the Museum, but this is not expected of the new Associate. If interested, please call him at (315) 262-2525 or email cgooden at gmail.com. ✎



Pure Country has provided very popular music entertainment for several years and returns in June.



Andrea Castle (l) and Vernice Church were among several demonstrating early textile techniques last June.

## Stuff Needed for the June Exhibition

**Old Iron Auction:** Garden tractors, engines, plows, wheelbarrows, tools, mowers, wagon wheels, milk cans, bikes, compressors, and yup, old iron. Please, no tires.

**Attic Treasures Tent:** What is in your attic? Please, no clothing.

**Silent Auction:** Nice items such as baskets of goodies, choice edibles, Christmas gifts that need re-gifting, statues, new appliances, nice antique items, paintings, or anything special.

**Raffle:** If you have anything really special that would be attractive to a large segment of our visitors, please consider donating it for the raffle. ✂

## How Could We!

We really messed up the information on two generous business members in the last issue. Everybody knows that **The Ole Smokehouse is located in Madrid, NY!** For barbeque ribs to roasts visit [olesmokehouse.com](http://olesmokehouse.com) or call Robin Barkley at 322-4125.

**All Northern Construction** located in Massena, NY is the business of **Dale Tucker**. He can be reached at 764-0552. We regret the errors and will try to do a better job of proofing in the future. Thanks to both businesses for their support. ☪

## We Must Mention Other Opportunities to Help

**Baked Goods** are needed for the June Exhibition. Cookies, brownies, pie sure goes good with a dollop of ice cream. Yum.

**Exhibit Hosts** welcome visitors to the Museum during open houses, special events, and exhibitions. A cordial attitude is all that is needed. Why not let the folks know you are interested and willing during the June Exhibition or call any member of the Board of Trustees (see last page). ☪

## MUSEUM FINANCIALLY SOUND

The Museum's budget for 2015 forecasts \$34,000 spent on special projects and an operating budget that projects income of \$99,000 including \$36,000 in donations, show income of \$46,000 and \$8,000 in dues. Expenses are projected to be \$104,000 which includes \$4,500 spent on collections, the cost of projects, show expenses of \$25,000, \$12,000 for insurance, \$6,000 for professional fees, \$6,000 for supplies and materials. Checking and savings accounts held \$37,000 at the beginning of the year. There were also nearly \$34,000 in receivables in grant monies for projects underway. Assets at the beginning of the year totaled about \$1.14 million not including the value of collection assets acquired during 2014. The Museum still carries no debt. The Museum's treasurers have maintained a healthy balance in checking and savings accounts to provide the equivalent of a cash reserve for emergencies. Thus far, circumstances have not required us to seriously tap these funds. A meeting will soon be held with Hoffman, Eells & Gray, CPAs, PC. They will review the Financial Statements and Federal and State Tax Returns for 2014 with members of the Museum's Board of Trustees. The Audit Committee will look at the Museum's financial records in more detail following this meeting. ☞

## Log Cabin Relocation Making Progress

At this writing the log cabin's rear lean-to and its roof have been removed. The building is being stabilized with strapping and readied for its relocation to the Museum. The original builders used virgin, slow-growth timber. Some of the trees had to be very large as indicated by boards up to 25 inches wide and their dense grain. It is possible that the log walls originally were not covered. It appears that the cabin was abandoned for a period of time as the bottom of the south wall was left to rot. After many years at least one new shingle roof was applied, and soon after a lean-to room was added on. The current exterior cladding of vertical board was added at about the time the lean-to was built. A scrap of newspaper dated March 29, 1861 was found attached to one of the logs in the loft. A cursory inspection found no opening for a cooking hearth, suggesting that the cabin dates after stoves for cooking and heating became locally available. Lots of questions. Lots of fun. ☞

## Museum Improvements Already Underway

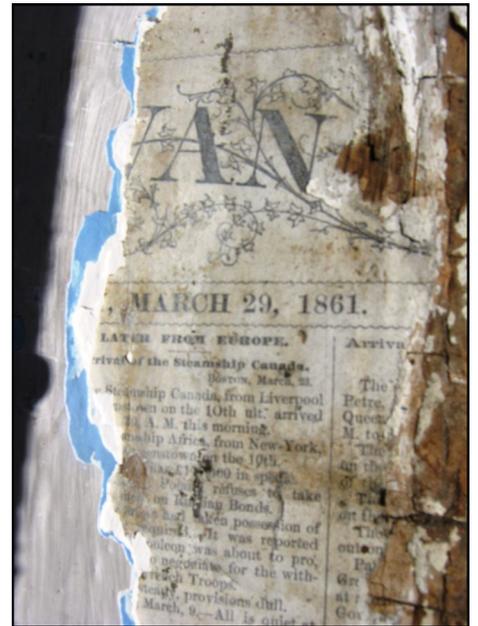
Museum improvements started early this year. Eric Warner made great progress bringing the collection accession records up to date. Intern Celina Patterson, Shirley Dickinson, and Bob Smith have done extensive labeling of collection items. Chuck Goolden, Joe Finnegan, Roger Austin and Patterson have been working to update the By-Laws and the Collection Management and other policies. Myron Langford and Kevin Finnegan moved some of the apple trees to improve their spacing. Bob Marshall, Wayne Hill, Myron, and Don Lustyik expanded exhibit space in the Horse Equipment Building. Dave McKane has been making stands for signage in the Antique Tractor building. John Mouthorp and Dave Baker prepared a field for planting. Dave Gibson mowed the grounds. The Museum looks great. Wow! ☞

### *We Remember*

James H. Smith of Russell, NY passed away at Leesburg Regional Medical Center in Florida on March 24, 2015. Jim was 79 and is survived by his wife, Doris, whom he married 58 years ago. He was a member of the Museum's predecessor organization for many years before the Museum's founding and had continued being an active member until his passing. Jim helped gather collection items and volunteered at the Museum's shows. You could find him and Doris in the kitchen or elsewhere helping out. He will be missed. ☞



*The log cabin after the lean-to section was removed. Removal of the roof is in progress. Most of the building materials have been salvaged for reuse after the structure reaches the Museum.*



*Found beneath 3 layers of paint and three applications of chinking, this scrap of a March 29, 1861 newspaper was found. Two weeks after this date, the Confederacy fired on Ft. Sumter.*



*Large shelves have been added to the Horse-Drawn Equipment Building to provide needed exhibit space. (See Improvements article above left.)*

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## **PROJECTS STILL NEED SUPPORT**

Even though the Antique Tractor Building appears to be complete, interior work remains. A garage door is needed to enclose the shop area and insulation and wall board are needed to make the shop the year-'round facility as planned. A shop heater and electrical fixtures will complete the area. Members are encouraged to donate funds or materials to complete this work. At the Schoolhouse we plan to install a lift at the rear door. Anyone having a good used unit or wishing to support its purchase is encouraged to do so. Thanks.



*The miniature horses make an impressive showing each show.*