



St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum

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

Great Weather, Great Crowd, Great Show

The June Exhibition was enjoyed by over 2,000 visitors, exhibitors, volunteers, vendors and competitors - a near record crowd generating near-record revenue for the Museum (page 2). Great weather, new attractions, yummy food and accommodating volunteers made it a great success. The new Equine Pavilion (below) was a hit. Restored printing presses made souvenir cards for visitors at the Collection Building. More tractors than ever were on display. Mannequins in period dress added "life" to the Carriage Barn. The sawmill and shingle mills fascinated everyone. Chicks hatched in the chicken house. The new pull track had a few wet spots, but all enjoyed the new concession stand nearby. Maple sugar, burgers and fries, pie ala mode, and BBQ chicken fed the multitudes. The school bell rang, Model T's ooga'd, tractors plowed, the steamer whistled, and the diesel blew smoke rings. Wagon rides for kids, pigs and bunnies, and lots of engines - who needs more? ☺



The first event in the new Equine Pavilion was the Miniature Horse Pull. The building provided welcome shade and no worries about rain.

New Equine Pavilion Hosts Pulls and Music

The Equine Pavilion began work during the June Exhibition by hosting the miniature and draft horse pulls. Entirely inside. The teams were hitched to one side of the building, the pulls were held in the middle, and audiences filled the bleachers. The big horses attracted so many that fans lined up outside the east windows to watch. Proving its versatility, the Pavilion then hosted the **Potsdam Community Band** a couple weeks later. The 80 piece concert band directed by Theresa Witmer set up on the arena floor, and the audience again filled the bleachers. What a wonderful sound! The acoustics of the high roof added an unexpected bonus to everyone's great pleasure. Anna Campbell, organizer of the **Madrid Dam Concert Series**, had sought an all weather venue for the Band, and the Museum was pleased to provide it. There is more! The **Equine Expo** sponsored by **Pro-Equine** and benefiting the **St. Lawrence County Cancer Fund** will be held October 7 from 10:00 to 4:00. Riding demonstrations and discussions on equine health care will be featured. There will be vendors and groups with promotional literature and food in the Museum's Pavilion Building. Scott Loomis is program organizer. Contact him by email at proequinegroup15@gmail.com or phone 315-212-1696. 🦿



The Potsdam Community Band played in the Equine Pavilion as part of the Madrid Dam Concert Series. A great concert of music by Sousa, Webber, and others.

Early Textiles Building Going Up

At this writing, the Early Textiles Building is up and being finished on the inside. While much work remains, the building committee is optimistic about its being ready for use at the Fall Show. The 32 X 40 structure will have a 9-foot front porch covered with shingles produced at the Museum's mill. The interior will have wood floors and be paneled with knotty pine. There will be a large functional balcony to further increase useable space. Several new antique items will be on display and in use when it opens. Among them is a barn loom seldom seen because of their size. The Early Textiles Committee is still seeking funds to support the building's construction. A member has provided the Committee a bridge loan enabling construction to get underway. A member has also donated a beautiful, large Bow Tie Quilt which is being raffled to help raise money (page 4). Stop by during the show and show your support. ➔



The Early Textiles Building takes shape with electricals and insulation completed. Paneling was underway with the hope of completing work before the Fall Show.

Museum Events 2017	August 26	Saturday: Work Day 9:00-12:00; Open House 10:00-2:00.
	September 2-3	Saturday-Sunday: Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition.
	September 16	Saturday: Board Meeting 8:00. Pavilion Building.
	October 7	Saturday: Equine Expo benefiting the St. Lawrence County Cancer Fund.
	October 14	Saturday: Board Meeting 8:00. Pavilion Building.
October 22	Sunday: Members Meeting 1:30. To be announced.	
Open House every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00. Bring your friends and family. Group tours by arrangement.		

Distinguished Service Awards Presented

Two couples were honored at the Museum's 14th Annual Banquet for their distinguished service to the Museum. Each was presented with a plaque recognizing their efforts. The recipients included

John and Rose Bartholomew: John and Rose have been a mainstay in the kitchen during exhibitions, contributing to the provision of quality food and service. This begins with preparations before the events and ends when the last pot and pan are put away for the next show. John has volunteered during work days and on projects. His advice and counsel are assets we are privileged to enjoy.

Myron and Helen Langford: Myron can be found at every exhibition and working on projects throughout the summer months. If a building was painted he has been there. If you need an equipment operator you can call on him, whether to drive the Century Flyer or lift logs or beams with a loader. He has watered the dusty roads and pounded nails. Helen can be found in the kitchen during some events and had baked the excellent rolls for the Banquet dinner. The awards were presented by Al Garrard and Wayne Day, both former Museum presidents. Thanks and congratulations to our newest awardees. 🍷



John and Rose Bartholomew holding their Distinguished Service Award while presenter Wayne Day looks on.

Schoolhouse Receives Landmark Designation

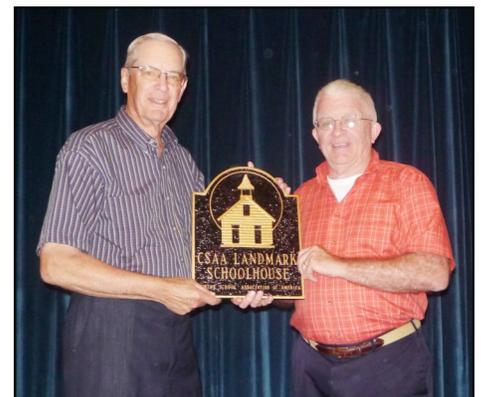
During June the **Country School Association of America**, National Schoolhouse Registry Committee met and approved the *No. 12 Schoolhouse* from LeRay for inclusion in the CSAA Schoolhouse Registry. The National Schoolhouse Register is a listing of schools determined to be significant and contribute in some positive way to the appreciation and understanding of the country school experience and their unique architectural and historical heritage. The announcement noted, "We are pleased that you were able to preserve this part of American educational history." At the recent annual conference of the CSAA in New London, NH, Roger Austin accepted the metal plaque signifying the elevated status of No.12 Schoolhouse on behalf of the Museum. The plaque will be mounted on the front of the Schoolhouse. Its unveiling will take place at 9:30 AM on Saturday, September 2 during the Fall Exhibition. Application for registration including full documentation of its known history had been made earlier this year. Austin and Judy Liscum had introduced the Schoolhouse to the CSAA in 2015 during its conference in Saratoga Springs, NY in a presentation describing its relocation, restoration and new use. See you at school next month. 🏫



Dave Baker presented the Distinguished Service Award to Myron and Helen Langford at the Annual Banquet.

Spring Show Returns Reflect Volunteer Efforts

Museum volunteers are the backbone of our Exhibitions. Not only do they bring history alive, they also generate income essential to the continued operation of the Museum. The Spring Show was no exception. With a record gross but relatively high expenses, we still netted an excellent \$13,600. The Kitchen and Ladies Corner netted \$9,050, a record for a Spring event. Paid entrances collected \$5,200. Raffles netted nearly \$2,000. The Old Iron auction netted \$1,200 but the Silent Auction was lower than usual at \$600. Good auctions can make a real difference to the overall net. There are the usual expenses that take their toll including portable toilets, tent rental, and advertising. Entry fees received for pulling competitions are offset by prize expenses with each event having its own financial setup. These are being reviewed by the Finance Committee, remembering that many come just to see these events and help the food sales. During the last four years the Spring Show has netted more than the Fall with one exception, last year's cold, wet and windy Spring Show. Members can help the bottom line at our forthcoming Fall Show by distributing copies of the poster inviting friends, and by contributing items for the Silent Auction and bake goods for the Ladies Corner. See you there! ✍️



Roger Austin (l) accepts the Landmark Schoolhouse plaque at the Annual Conference of the Country School Association of America in New Hampshire.

White Paint Work Day will be held Saturday, August 26 from 9:00 until Noon. We will touch up doors and windows. Bring a brush and rag. We will provide paint; brushes if you need one.

Please be sure to stop by the Registration Desk to catch up on dues and check to be sure your address information is current - especially if you winter away.

New Lumber Shed Solves Old Problem

Lumber from our Sawmill now enjoys dry storage in a new building. It was donated by the **Madrid Rescue Squad** where it had served as a concession stand but had not been used for many years. The building is approximately 48 X 18. Project leader Bob Tracy worked with Reg Chester, Bill Dalton, Kevin Finnegan, Joe Finnegan, Tom Lee, Don Lustyik, Connie Martin, Paul Pryce, Jr., Jeff Tiernan, and Jim Walker. The crew disassembled and transported the building to the Museum on Kevin Finnegan's round bale wagon and Joe Finnegan's tandem utility trailer. Kevin Finnegan and Bill Dalton attempted to drill holes for the new 6 X 6 posts with Kevin's Bob Cat auger but hit hard pan at about 30". Jeff Tiernan of **KT Power Inc.** in Waddington, furnished an auger truck which he operated and finished the job. The auger truck was also used as a crane to set the trusses, making the operation safer, easier, and faster. The building is already in business next to the sawmill. Hats off and many thanks to the Madrid Rescue Squad for thinking of the Museum. ☺



The Lumber Shed construction underway thanks to a willing crew. It is now finished and full of lumber.

Sewage Project Back on Track

After several delays, progress has been made toward completion of the Museum's Sewage Project. Engineering drawings for the balance of the work have been completed by **Smith Civil Engineering, PLLC** and approved by the NYS Dept. of Health. Application for a Permit from the DEC in Watertown has been submitted. Pumps and electronic controls previously purchased have been tested and deficiencies corrected. Most of the remaining required materials have been purchased, and the ground has been prepared for the final installations. Work to complete the Project can begin as soon as our SPDES Permit is approved, and we are told that this should not take long. We are fortunate to have Paul Moore of **Moore's Excavation and Construction Co.** leading the completion work. He has installed many home and commercial sewage systems and brings this experience with him. When completed, we will no longer have to worry about our holding tanks overflowing from someone letting the water run in the showers or a toilet failing to shut off. Best of all, a member will be able to camp at the Museum and be available to raise the flags and host visitors each day during the long summer. 🚫



Piles of gravel ready for use in the large leachfield that will complete the Sewage Project.

Annual Banquet Celebrates 13 Years

A warm July evening and the wonderful smell of cooking ham and turkey welcomed a hundred Museum members celebrating 13 years of growth for the Museum and 10 years of building at the Museum's campus. It also had been 40 years since the founding of the St. Lawrence Gas & Steam Engine Association, our Museum's predecessor organization. A fine meal prepared by the United Church of Madrid was followed by updates by Roger Austin on the Spring Show and projects underway. Distinguished Service Awards were presented by former presidents Al Garrand and Wayne Day (page 2). Austin announced that the Schoolhouse had received the CSAA Landmark Schoolhouse Award (page 2). Jim and Julie McGraw were presented Museum caps and wished farewell as they leave for a new home in the South. They returned the compliment by presenting a \$500 check to the Museum to be used to purchase cakes for future Banquets. The couple had donated them for several years, a sweet tradition. Austin called for those who had supported work days, hosted open houses, contributed gifts or financial donations, volunteered at exhibitions or had an exhibit at one to stand. Almost everyone stood to grateful applause. Thanks go to Barbara Alford and Dave Gibson who had the campus lawn looking great. Andrea Castle and Jean Tupper had collected reservations. Andrea and husband John had set up tables. Shirley Dickinson and Bob Smith provided lovely decorations. Roger Austin prepared the PowerPoint presentation shown using Amy Moulton's digital projector. Wayne Day and Lee Dezell had the kitchen ready for the cooks. Carol Austin showed Roger how to sweep floors. A grand evening! 🎉



Museum members enjoyed great food and fellowship at the Annual Banquet.



Jim and Julie McGraw were wished bon voyage at the Banquet. They are headed to new adventures in the South.



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Fall Raffle Features Two Excellent Items for the Home



Textiles are the focus of this Fall's raffles. The first item is a pink, queen-size, **Bow-Tie Quilt** (left) from Tennessee finished by Elaine Day. It is 90 X 102 inches, has pink with blue floral bow tie blocks with a border of pink floral and solid blue strips. It has a pink back and low-loft, 100% poly batting. All the fabric was laundered before assembly, and the finished quilt is machine washable. A \$325 value. Proceeds of the raffle of this item will benefit the Early Textiles Building.

The second item is **10'2" X 12' carpet** (right) of DuPont fiber treated with Stainmaster. It is tan with bound edges. The carpet was donated by Randy Robillard at **Robillard Flooring** in Mas-



sen. A \$525 value. See these items at the Early Textiles exhibit at the Fall Exhibition. Raffle tickets can be found in this issue of the Newsletter or can be obtained during the Exhibition at the Registration Desk in the Pavilion Building. Drawings will be on Sunday at 2:00 PM. 🐾



★★★★ ATTENTION SHOW CAMPERS ★★★★★

Electrical demand during shows has increased to the degree that individual hookups will no longer be possible. Please consider providing or sharing a portable generator for your needs. If this creates a hardship that could compromise your health, please contact Don Lustyik at 315-353-2749 or email barbdonlustyik@yahoo.com . 🐾

Unveiling of the *Landmark Schoolhouse* commemorative plaque will take place on Saturday at 9:30 AM during the Fall Exhibition at the No. 12 Schoolhouse.

Photos in this issue provided by Roger Austin, John Bartholomew, Barbara Fisher, and Gary Hargrave

Amazon Smile Contributions Grow

We have received \$53 from the **AmazonSmile** Foundation so far this year. Join in by going to **smile.amazon.com** and nominate the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum as your preferred organization **before you start shopping**. Amazon covers all the costs of administration. Cool. ☺

School Classes Visit Museum in June

As the school year ended, 4th grade classes from the Madrid Waddington School District visited the Museum. Tours were provided by John and Andi Castle, Mary Jean and Reg Chester, Pat Dominie, Barbara Fisher, Lee Goolden, Barb Lustyik, Connie Martin, Marcia Oney, Ted Ritzko, Carolyn Sheppard, Wayne Stark, Jamie Tiernan and Lee Williams. The students rode on the train or in a tractor wagon while going from one stop to another. Students used the tread mill and the old corn sheller in the Collection building. There were 49 students who were served ice cream and milk during lunch. Lee Goolden gave a nice history of the farm at that time. 🐾



Ted Ritzko demonstrates the letter presses for visiting 4th graders in June.

WE REMEMBER

William S. "Bill" Mousaw, Colton, passed away July 19. Bill played a key role in the construction of the Museum's gas station built by the St. Lawrence-Adirondack Section of the Antique Automobile Club of America. It is a faithful replica of one in Madrid built in the 1920's. Bill is survived by his loving friend, Barbara Peters and his large family. 🐾

27th Annual

Family Fun!

Old Fashioned Harvest Days

September 2-3

Sat.-Sun., Labor Day Weekend

At the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum

Miniature horse, draft horse and antique tractor pulls !

1755 State Highway 345, Madrid

- Horse Pulls in the new Equine Pavilion▪
- Demonstrations in the new Early Textiles Building▪
 - Antique Tractor Building ▪
 - Print Shop in the Collection Building▪
- Carriage Barn featuring the Harden Collection▪
 - 1850 One-Room Schoolhouse▪
 - 1850 Log Cabin Reconstruction ▪ Shingle Mill ▪
 - Sweets in the Maple Sugar House ▪ Vendors▪
- Early Textile Demonstrations ▪ Walker Granary▪
- Farm House, Milk House and Small Granary▪
- Windmill ▪ Saw Milling ▪ Members' Exhibits▪
 - Antique Gas, Steam and Diesel Engines▪
 - Antique Farm Tractors, Cars & Trucks▪
 - Early Farm Implements and Equipment▪
- Farm Animals at the Barn & Chicken House▪
- Paint pumpkins & gourds at the Small Granary▪
- Shoe Repair Shop ▪ 1920s Gas Station▪
- Crafts, Attic Treasures, Raffles and Auctions▪
 - Baked Goods and Scooped Ice Cream ▪
 - Breakfast 7:00-10:00 ▪ Great Food All Day▪



Harvesting and Threshing Oats !

Saturday Events

- 10:00 - 11:00 Fall Harvesting behind log cabin
- 10:00 - 4:00 Antique Auto and Truck Exhibit
- 10:30 - Miniature Horse Pull (indoors)
- 11:00 - 12:00 Sawmill and Shingle Mill operating
- 12:30 - Tractor and Horse Parade
- 1:00 - Draft Horse Pull (indoors)
- 1:00 - 2:00 Fall Harvesting behind log cabin
- 1:00 - 2:30 Kids Pedal Tractor Races
- 2:00 - 3:00 Sawmill and Shingle Mill operating
- 4:30 - 6:00 Dinner: Roast Pork & All the Trimmings
- 6:30 50:50 and raffle winners announced
- 6:30-8:30 Music by **Steelin' Country**

Sunday Events

- 7:30 - 8:00 Church in the Tractor Building
- 10:00 - 11:00 Sawmill and Shingle Mill operating
- 11:00 - 12:00 Fall Harvesting behind log cabin
- 10:00 - 4:00 Antique Auto and Truck Exhibit
- 10:00 - 5:00 Antique Tractor Pull
- 12:00 Horse and Tractor Parade
- 12:00 - Gone BBQ Chicken Dinner
- 1:00 - 2:00 Sawmill and Shingle Mill operating
- 1:00 - 2:00 Fall Harvesting behind log cabin
- 1:00 - 2:30 Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
- 2:00 - Raffle, Silent Auction, and 50:50 concluded

Free Wagon and Century Flyer Rides and Golf Car Shuttle Service for tired feet

ADMISSION \$5.00 12 YEARS AND OLDER. YOUNGER KIDS FREE.

**For information contact: (315) 344-7470 or email info@slpowermuseum.com.
Visit www.slpowermuseum.com.**

The St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum has OPEN HOUSE the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month thru October from 10:00 until 2:00 PM. Free admission.

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During June the Girl Scouts held an encampment at the Museum. Troops present for the overnight were from 5 different local school districts: Potsdam, Parishville-Hopkinton, Colton-Pierrepoint, Madrid-Waddington, and Norwood-Norfolk. Girls ranged in ages from 5 to14, with 75 girls and 25 adult volunteers present. Their theme was "A Visit at the Museum" and included tours and activities that children from earlier times would have enjoyed such a making kites, Jacob ladders, button flower hair pins, weaving, and whirly gigs. Most of the girls spent the night after a campfire with stories and s'mores.

