



St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum

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

36th Annual Spring Exhibition June 9-10

The 36th Annual Spring Antique Gas & Steam Exhibition will soon be here. Work is underway with volunteers getting things ready. The new Blacksmith Shop will be featured with Craftsmen from the Adirondack Chapter of the NY State Designer Blacksmiths creating a variety of items from fire and iron. Draft and miniature horses and garden tractors will again be pulling on Saturday, and antique tractors on Sunday. There's pedal tractor races for the kids, scarecrow making for gardeners and chicks hatching. Plowing will ready the garden for planting pumpkins. Heritage Fibers will be welcoming visitors. The Sawmill and Shingle Mill will be operating. A milk wagon from Glenwood Farm in Massena will be at the Carriage Barn. There's food aplenty: a giant breakfast each day, juicy burgers, yummy taters, pie and ice cream, the Saturday night meal and music, and Sunday's great BBQ chicken. More volunteers are needed than ever. Please call Barbara Fisher at 315-322-0501.



James Tiernan heats iron at the forge at last year's Fall Show. The Blacksmith shop is now nearly complete.

Collection Grows with Great Gifts

Accessions to the Museum's collection last year added 77 items ranging from tractors to feed sacks. Other items received are still being considered for accession. The collection has grown over the years and now includes 25 categories of items. The value of accessioned items in 2017 totaled \$32,586, bringing the collection's value to nearly \$400,000. It could also be considered priceless, as it preserves the region's past and would be hard to replace. Acquisitions are listed on page 3. Special recognition goes to Andrea Castle, Shirley Dickinson, Bob Marshall, Gary Hargrave, Dennis Eickhoff, Jim Morrison, and others who gather, record, clean and restore items received. Much work on the collection remains undone, and volunteers are needed to improve its preservation and use. We especially need a chairperson for the Committee. Please contact Joe Finnegan or Roger Austin if interested.



Mary Jane Watson, brother Ronnie Watson (above) and Bernard Buckley donated a wood splitter with engine last fall in memory of Gordon Watson.

Website Redesign Underway

In about 8 to 10 weeks you should see a complete makeover of the Museum's website. **North Country Design** will redesign and enhance the site to increase its exposure technically and functionally. The 4,000+ files from the old website created by Gary Hargrave will be incorporated in the redesign. Gary has been the site's webmaster for over 10 years and had expressed his desire to be relieved so he can get back to his engine restorations and other interests. The new website will utilize the latest internet technology with information modules across the top of each page for easy navigation. The new colorful front page will provide easy access to news, events, Newsletters, contacts, campus features, photo gallery and archives. It will accommodate the computer, tablet or cell phone addressing it. The new website will have increased browser priority for search engines like Google, making it more readily accessible for web surfers. Gary will help the redesign get underway. The site will change from a "dot com" to a "dot org" site giving us stronger museum credentials at no added cost. The Museum will own the website.



Bill Bartlett works on the 1926 Bay City Excavator. Where else can you see one?

Museum Events 2018	All Summer Open House , 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, 10:00 to 2:00 pm.
	All Summer Work Days , 4th Saturday of each month, 9:00 to noon.
	June 9-10: 36th Annual Spring Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition.
	July 7: Board Meeting, 8:00 am
	July 14: Annual Banquet.
Sept. 1-2: 28th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition.	

Great Raffle Prizes for Everyone

Three great prizes are offered for the Spring Exhibition's raffles. Eddie and Linda Newcomb have donated a very cool **John Deere 450 lb., 7 cu. ft.**

Tow-Behind Poly Utility Cart. It retails for \$199.99. Dave and Lora Gibson contributed their new **21 speed, 26-inch mongoose mountain bike.** It retails at \$119. **Walmart** in Potsdam provided **Lenovo 10-inch Tablet,** model TBX103F. Its retail value is \$120.

Raffle tickets are included in this issue of the Newsletter and will be available at the information desk during the Exhibition. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The drawing is Sunday afternoon in the Pavilion Building. You do not have to be present to win. You may buy your tickets ahead of time by mailing them in with a check payable to SLPEM, PO Box 400 in Madrid, but be sure to do so early so they arrive there by the Friday before the Show.



Heritage Fibers Dedication Planned

Co-Chairs Mabel Baker and Andrea Castle are pleased to announce the dedication of Heritage Fibers on Saturday, June 9 at 11:00 am during the Spring Exhibition. The new building is virtually complete and will be filled with experts tending their spinning, weaving, carding, knitting, caning, and sewing among others. There will be exhibits of quilts, feed sack towels and other items demonstrating the fiber arts. The big barn loom (see page 3) and other vintage machines will be on display. The building features a wood interior. With walls well insulated, the space can be heated to extend its service through more of the year. Exhibits, demonstrations, and classes are planned to make a vital contribution to those who enjoy the arts or are interested in learning how to perform them. Anyone wishing to participate in the dedication or programs should contact Andrea at (315) 322-5663 or email andreacastle22@gmail.com.



Fiber Arts were demonstrated during the fall show even while the smell of newly varnished walls was in the air.

Northern Neighbors Visit the Museum

Members of the **Beef Farmers of Stormont County,** Ontario visited the Museum in April. With time short and weather poor they were entertained in the Carriage and Tractor Barns. They were very impressed with the buildings, and one couple who had worked at Upper Canada Village said the displays were like theirs at home - a great compliment. The little racing sleigh drew quite a bit of attention. They were given brochures with hopes that we would see them again this summer. The group was part of a program supported by the County's Cornell University Cooperative Extension Service. The visitors were hosted by Joe Finnegan, Barbara Fisher, Reg Chester, Bob Marshall, and Marcia Oney.

Dollar General Land Purchase:
The Purchase Agreement has been extended to early June. By the time of the Spring Exhibition the sale will have been concluded or the Agreement terminated.

The Spring Exhibition Needs Your:

- Baked goods, especially those that go well with ice cream.
- Stuff for the Attic Treasures tent.
- Stuff for the Old Iron Auction.

Please

- Stop by the Information desk in the Pavilion Building and check your personal data - especially your address, phone, and email.
 - Park your car in the volunteer's area if possible.
- Thanks! ☺



School will again be in session during the Spring Exhibition.



Raffle tickets will be on sale at the information desk inside the Pavilion during the Spring Exhibition. You can update your address and other information there too.

Collection Grows with New Accessions

Accessions to the collection in 2017 included 77 items. Among them are the following with donors indicated. Please let us know of any errors.

Elizabeth Tanski: Book binder press, ca. 1900 kerosene can, garlic press, rice strainer, Dickson Bros., Waddington milk bottles, ca. 1850 wooden vice.

Vernon and Bonnie Gonyeau: Framed picture of Abraham Lincoln.

Owen and Kim Matott: 1920's Bunsen Company kerosene auto motor heater.

Winnie and Elwood Veitch: Driving goggles in case.

Thomas Fife: PE Kennehan double open end wrench.

St. Lawrence - Adirondack Chapter of the AACA: Antifreeze testers, Flying A emblem, oil measuring pitchers, Texaco oil can, tire gauge in case, oil can spouts, socket wrench set, fire extinguisher.

Jack Backus: Brass grease gun in wooden case.

Mike Martin: 10"x12" metal Calco sign.

Ricky Gilmour and Doug Daniels: Watson's Chevrolet Inc. yard stick.

Pat and Tina Holland: Metal jack for small hub, wood stepped wagon jack.

Dale Gonio: Ford script oiler.

Rich Brown: 75 lb. anvil.

John Hough: Flail, cant hook, wagon jack,

Judson and Jeffrey Mann: 1953 John Deere model 40 tractor.

James Monroe: Mower blade section sharpener.

Patrick Lavine for Chuck Duffy: 1938 John Deere model AO tractor.

Wayne Stark: Left hand corn sickle, 1952 Farmall Cub tractor and cultivators.

Roger and Conrad Cook: 1945 Ford 2N with Ferguson-type hitch.

Dr. Joseph Randi Estate: 1959 Farmall International 140 and an early 1950's Allis Chalmers CA tractors.

Don and Barbara Lustyik: 3-legged milk stool.

Ron Berry: 1958 Cockshutt 540 tractor.

Bill and Carol Venton: Log debarker.

Bernard Buckley, Ronald and Mary Jane Watson: Clark Foundry wood splitter with engine.

Rich Brown: Wire rug beater; skip jack, wooden store counters; 1928 Royce Bull-ock, Edwards, calendar (with Leona Baker).

Kenneth and Theresa Hill: ca. 1922 doll stroller.

Sonja Stark: 1903 wooden rocking baby cradle.

Rachel Stewart: Hand made cotton fishnet bed canopy.

Potsdam Museum: ca. 1928 Gas kitchen stove.

Beverly Page: Wooden shoulder yoke.

Gerry Grady: Student slate board.

Dick and Pat Urwin: Wooden warping board.

Mary Ann Catefares: Fabric, feedsack napkins, feed sacks.


Jim Carl: Shuttles, yarn bobbin, net needle.

Bob and Robert Marshall: 1907 crazy quilt.

Robert and Barb Evans: Flax equipment, barn frame loom.

Alyssa Curley: 1940 brass hinged, 4 panel chalkboard from Clayton.

Rich Brown: Beam drill.

Unattributed: Reaper-binder, wicker basket for corpse, wood paddle for washing clothes, drying racks, yarn winders, railroad track mower. 



A beautiful basket for a sad occasion - carrying remains to the undertaker.



A 1945 Ford 2N tractor from Roger and Conrad Cook.



Directly above is a hand made barn loom from Robert and Barbara Evans. Above left is the metal Calso sign from Mike Martin.



The beautiful gas kitchen range ca. 1928 donated by the Potsdam Museum.



A stroller ca. 1922 from Kenneth and Theresa Hill.



A set of early driving goggles for those enjoying the open road in an open car.

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At this writing the Blacksmith Shop nears completion. Last fall visitors found the building's timberframe completed and blacksmiths at work in the open air. Siding, doors and windows have now been added, and Blacksmith tools are being gathered. We look forward to smelling coal smoke and seeing the forge working during the Exhibition. ✨



We can't be certain who took the photos in this issue, but it could have been Roger Austin, Dave Baker, John Bartholomew, John Castle, Reg Chester, Ryan Coleman, Joe Finnegan, Barbara Fisher, Chuck Goolden, Gary Hargrave, Bob Jones, or Robert Marshall. We thank them for their support. 📸