



St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum

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

Spring Show is a Go - June 12-13 GOTO Postponed Until 2023

The Museum made a difficult decision in March. Though plans for a Spring Show were being made, the Gathering of the Orange would have to be postponed. At that time it was not possible to guarantee that the State would allow such an event to take place. Subsequently, a cancellation by another organization made it possible to reschedule a GOTO for June of 2023. GOTO committee chairpersons Al and Nancy Garrand had stayed in touch with the GOTO organizers and found a new opportunity earlier than expected. Happily, things have improved since then. New State regulations now favor our having our usual June show after all. The show will take advantage of our abundant fresh air and wide open spaces. The only disappointment is not being able to organize the horse pulls. They will be back in the fall. State COVID rules will be in effect, so bring a face mask to be worn where required. ☺



The Nevin Memorial Church reveals how it was built in 1855 - hewn timbers, post and beam walls filled with brick, covered with clapboard on the outside and lath and plaster on the inside.

Church Demolition Uncovers Early Features

Work continues on relocation of the Nevin Church from Lisbon to the Museum. Work began with removal of all the furniture, stained glass windows, wainscoting, flooring, and patterned tin ceiling. These are now stored in a retired box trailer donated by **Kinney Drugs**. **Doug Dawley** moved the trailer with a truck from **Ron Bush**. All the interior has been removed, exposing the original hand-hewn posts and beams of the walls and roof trusses. Some are being saved to be incorporated and highlighted in the rebuilt structure. Built in 1855, the Church featured mortared brick between the stud posts. This kept the church cool in summer and more evenly warm in winter - no fiberglass insulation or house wrap back then. Grass is growing on the Museum's Village Green and around the new Church foundations after **Gary Sayer** spent days plowing, harrowing, and then seeding the ground after picking up a million stones. Fund raising continues including a \$25,000 matching grant for those wishing to support the project. 🏠



Demolition revealed hewn floor joists.

Annual Meeting and Election Results

The Annual Meeting in February used Zoom video conferencing to overcome COVID restrictions limiting gatherings. Twenty five members joined the conference on their computer or phone. A total of 85 members had sent proxies, sufficient for a quorum. Election results were announced with Ron Day and Gilbert Rivers joining the Board, replacing Wayne Day and Kevin Finnegan whose 3-year terms had expired. The officers were reelected as well as Joe Finnigan for another 1-year term. The complete board is listed on the back page. Hats off to Wayne and Kevin for their service. The Museum finished the year with a small gain in the operations accounts primarily due to the generosity of members who made donations and those who caught up dues or even paid ahead. The need for new members was reported. A full complement of events was announced. These are listed below. 🏠



Bob O'Marah (r) and Ted Ritzko are restoring a sign printing press that will join other machines in the new Print Shop.

Museum Events 2021	All Summer: Museum open every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 10:00 to 2:00.
	June 12-13 38th Old Time Spring Exhibition.
	July 24-25 Civil War Weekend in conjunction with the St. Lawrence County Historical Association.
	Sept. 4-5 Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition.
	Sept. 25 Craft, Food & Wine Festival by the SLC Chamber of Commerce.
	October 2 Kids Pumpkin Patch Party.
	October 24 Fall Meeting of the Members and Members-Only Tours.

Civil War Weekend Plans Take Shape

Plans to hold a Civil War Weekend at the Museum in 2020 were canceled due to COVID. However, plans are on track for an event on July 24-25 this year. Live camps will be set up in and around Ft. Tribute. They will feature a range of re-enactors, including those from the local Alexander's Battery and the 11th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Activities will include medical, supply and music demonstrations, historian presentations, a tintype photographer, and fort tours as well as skirmishes with sound and fury. The event is a cooperative project between the St. Lawrence County Historical Association, the Museum and several re-enactor groups. Previous events had been held at Robert Moses State Park in Massena. The Museum will highlight its Log Cabin, Schoolhouse, and Blacksmith Shop which were typical of the period. It will also provide food from the kitchen to hungry visitors. Construction of the third building at Fort Tribute is nearly completed. An Army supply wagon of the period has been purchased.



Ken Seymour of Lowville (r) presents the Civil War discharge certificate of his great grandfather to Scott Wilson and Roger Austin during our first Open House.

Help Needed with Museum Communiques

If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer locally or remotely, the Museum is in need of reporting and technology assistance. See if you fit one of these exciting jobs:

Website: With Bill Haenel now managing the website, we have a greater need than ever for a Coordinator to bring him previously prepared, packaged, up to date information. Contact Roger Austin if interested.

Mass E-mailings: We have over 200 email addresses of members and friends who can be kept up to date with news and announcements. As expected, there are rules that need to be followed to be sure that those listed are willing recipients. We need a manager to set up a functional system. The manager will be provided the information being released.

Photography: Dennis Barr of **Two Guys and a Camera** has been very generous. We still need help from others to assure coverage throughout the Museum and its many events.

Face Book: Manager Ted Schulz needs a regular stream of news and photos about happenings, visits, tours, repairs, picnics and other fun things. Send him your newsy items at ted.schulz@madridfire.org.

Reporter and Writer: Either or both can be you. Gather facts for the Newsletter and elsewhere so they can be shaped into a news story. This is your chance to join the exciting world of journalism. We need your help. 📷



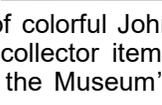
A third building is under construction at Fort Tribute. It will provide room for a Sutler and storage of the artillery piece. Upstairs will be the Non-Commissioned Officers barracks. The porch will be used for small period music concerts and other programs.

We Remember

Earle Gerald (Jerry) Amaral, DeKalb Junction, passed away on January 23, 2021. He and his wife had been supporters of the Museum for many years. He was 80.



William (Bill) Steele, Great Bend, passed away on February 15, 2021. His grand exhibit of colorful John Deere and other tractor collector items were a regular fixture at the Museum's shows going back many years. He was 88.



Timothy (Tim) Hatch, S. Colton and Camden, passed on May 3, 2021. He and his team of magnificent Percheron horses were very popular at the Museum's shows. He was 66.

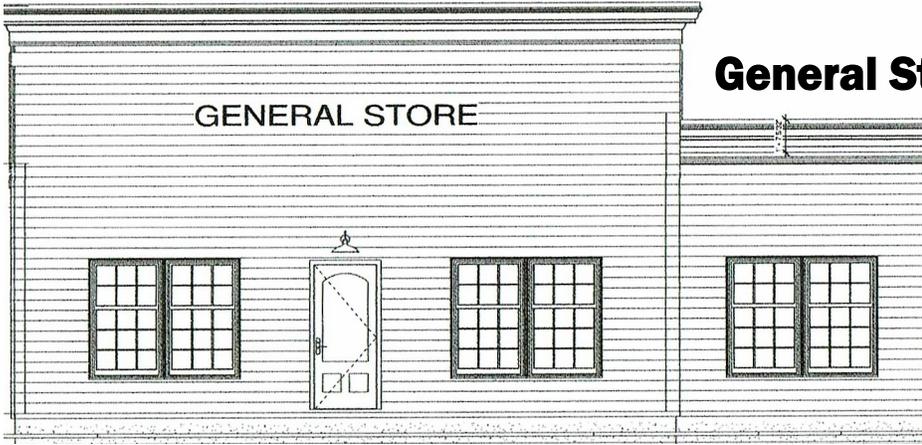


Needed for the Spring Show:

- Old Iron for the Saturday auction - engines, mowers, wagon wheels, etc. No tires please.
- A few really nice prizes to be raffled. Contact Bob Marshall.
- Baked goods individually wrapped.
- Lots and lots of volunteers for lots and lots of jobs. Some require standing or walking; some sitting and smiling. All day or half day. 🐾



What is a limber? It goes between a team of horses and a cannon.



General Store Construction Begins

Earth work has begun for construction of a General Store at the Village Green. It will sit on its northwest corner not far from the Schoolhouse. The Store will have 1,300 square feet of exhibit space including dry goods, butcher shop, post office and an apothecary/drug store in the main section and a barber shop in an annex. The building's façade will reflect those of many of the region's commercial buildings of the 1920s with a fancy cornice at the top.

Not shown in the drawing is an open covered area along the front. Bob Marshall is coordinating the project and is responsible for fund raising and collection of exhibit items. Already, \$30,000 has been raised through donations. Major support by **Dick McGinn** will provide labor, machine time and materials while also soliciting help from other builders and suppliers. If interested in helping, just contact Bob (contact information is on the back page).



Family Fresh Air Fun June 12-13

COVID Regulations will be followed

38th Old Time Spring Exhibition at the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum

Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM 1755 State Hwy 345, Madrid, NY

•Shingle Mill• Blacksmith Demonstrations• Plowing and Planting•Wagon Rides • Antique Tractor Building•Print Shop in the Collection Building•Carriage Barn



Tractor Pull on Sunday

featuring the Harden Collection•
•1850 One-Room Schoolhouse•
•1835 Log Cabin• Shingle Mill •
•Maple Sugar House•
Walker Granary •Farm House•



Farm Animals



Heritage Fibers

•Milk House• Chicken House• Small Granary•
•Windmill •

•Vendors' Displays•



Gas Station

Members' Exhibits•Antique Gas, Steam and Diesel Engines•
•Antique



1850 Schoolhouse

Farm Tractors• Antique Cars & Trucks•Early Farm Implements and Equipment•
•Farm Animals at the Barn & Chicks in the Chicken House•
•1950 Shoe Repair Shop •



Fort Tribute and Civil War Center

•1920s Gas Station•
•Scooped Ice Cream•

•Kids Pedal Tractor Competitions • Breakfast 7:00-10:00 •



Saw Mill

•20 Acres of Fun •
•Great Food All Day•



Carriage Barn

Goolden-Mann Farmstead

Saturday Features

2:00 - 4:00 **Old Iron Auction**
Raffle and 50:50 concluded
4:30 - 6:00 Dinner: Ham, scalloped potatoes, and all the Trimmings!

Sunday Features

7:30 - 8:00 Church in the Tractor Building
8:30 President's Breakfast Address - Food Pavilion
10:00 - 5:00 **Antique Tractor Pull**
12:00 - 2:30 **BBQ Chicken Dinner**
2:30 Raffle and 50:50 concluded

ADMISSION \$5.00 12 YEARS AND OLDER. Younger kids Free.
Vendors Welcome - No food. See contact information below. Dry Camping Only

The Museum is open every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM and by appointment.
For information contact: (315) 344-7470 or info@slpowermuseum.com. Visit www.slpowermuseum.com.



Kirke Perry (l) and Don Lustyik fill holes in the lawn. They were among the dozen volunteers who helped during the first Workday.

Photos courtesy of Roger Austin, Dennis Barr of Three Guys and a Camera, Bob Marshall, and Scott Wilson.

Dues and Donations:

Our operations financial sheet is still showing a positive balance as we move well into 2021. With pre-show expenses, that fund will be diminished. So, if you are thinking about paying dues or making a donation, now would be a great time to do so.

We are growing more optimistic about this year's shows and consequential financial outcome. We hope that everyone will be looking for a place with lots of pure fresh air, and we certainly have lots of that.

You can mail donations to SLPEM, PO Box 400, Madrid, NY 13660-0400. Those wishing to become members can use this address as well. Dues are \$25 for individuals and \$30 for couples. Thanks!

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During the long COVID winter the Museum remained alive with planning for the relocation of the Nevin Church and construction of another building at Fort Tribute, a new General Store, and construction of the Print Shop. This put us in great shape when COVID restrictions began to lift. The summer will see more events than ever with the two annual shows, the return of the Crafts, Food and Wine Festival sponsored by the S.L. County Chamber of Commerce and our first Civil War Weekend, a co-operative effort with the S.L. County Historical Association. Look for more visitors than ever as folks look for fresh air and fun - and we have plenty! 🍷