



St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum

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

Old Time Spring Exhibition Coming Soon

Warmer days bring our 39th Annual Spring Exhibition. On June 11 - 12, members bring their favorite antique engines, classic autos, and other wonderful and rare treasures. Others become schoolmarms, soldiers, and sawyers. Volunteers bring in tons of groceries and feed the thousands of visitors. There are vendors offering old iron and fuzzy pillows for sale. And this year there will be more music and dancing than ever (see page 2). If you want to learn how to saw logs, make shingles, cook hamburgers, or grill chicken, the shows provide the opportunity to learn. Just offer to help and state your interest. We need apprentices. Spring cleaning is already underway at the Carriage Barn and Schoolhouse. Repairing the Corn Crib, and rebuilding part of the Village Green road too. Many more showed up on Work Day (4th Saturdays) or on their own time. The gate and camping fees are waived for members who are volunteers or exhibitors - such a deal! Look for the Exhibition Poster in this issue. There's something for everyone. ☺

NNYCF Youth Council Awards Museum

In April, the Northern New York Community Foundation approved a grant of \$1,000 from its Youth Philanthropy Council, to support the Museum. Ron Sheppard and Kirke Perry met and made a PowerPoint presentation with the Council. The Youth Philanthropy Council is an advisory committee of the NNYCF. It was chartered in 2010 to promote positive youth development and engage young people in meaningful activities that build their skills while deepening their understanding of community needs and educating them about community philanthropy and its impact on Northern New York. Council members grow to become critical thinkers as they engage in lessons that may never be taught in a classroom. The Council consists of about 15 members. It plans to visit the Museum in late May. The Northern New York Community Foundation has been a great supporter of the Museum since 2012 when they began management of the endowment fund established by the Museum.

Construction Resumes as Spring Returns

Work resumes on the several projects that were underway last year including electrical facilities in the Church. By summer's end, siding will be completed and walls will be insulated and covered with sheetrock. Siding is about to be put on the General Store. Flooring in the Print Shop will be finished this summer. We hopefully will move in the presses and other equipment before fall. Work on floors and doors at the Log Cabin will complete all but the shingle roof this year. The road in front of the Print Shop and General Store is being shifted about 15 feet closer to the buildings to square up the Village Green. The old gravel will be reused. More fill and grading are planned around the Church. Anyone wishing to help with the projects should contact Roger Austin or Bob Marshall. As always, opportunities to provide financial support still remain.



Marcia Oney (left) Connie Martin and Bob Marshall (not shown) did spring cleaning at the Carriage Barn, one of a thousand chores performed each spring.

To sign up new members, update your address or phone number, or make a donation to the Museum, go to the slpowermuseum.com home page and click **Become A Member** . Thanks!



The sutler's store on the lower story will move to a new building just outside of the stockade near the north corner. This will make room for more exhibits. See pg. 2.

Old Iron is needed for the auction on Saturday. But please wait until the week before the show to bring it. Thanks!

Museum Events 2022	June 11-12	: 39th Annual Spring Exhibition.
	July 30-31	: Civil War Reenactment Weekend with SLCHA at Ft. Tribute Civil War Center. Set up Friday.
	September 3-4	: 31st Old Fashioned Harvest Days Exhibition.
	September 24	: Craft, Food and Wine Open Air Market with the SLC Chamber of Commerce host.
	October 1	: US Military Time Line Meet. Saturday at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Fort Tribute.
	October 1	: Kids Pumpkin Patch Party, rain or shine.
	October 23	: Fall Meeting of the Members. Sunday at 1:30.
<i>Gathering of the Orange-Meeting of Allis Chalmers Fans and Spring Show, June 9-11, 2023.</i>		

GOTO 2023 Meeting Saturday at the Spring Show

During the Spring Exhibition, there will be a meeting to discuss next year's Gathering of the Orange (GOTO), a special event for fans of Allis Chalmers equipment. The meeting will be Saturday, June 11, at 11:00 in the Tractor Barn. The GOTO will be held in conjunction with our regular Spring Show, June 9-11 in 2023. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and meet the committee. Discussions will include the GOTO program, improvements to accommodate the large crowd, volunteers, and other topics.

Spring Show Features Music, Dancing, Singing - Y'all Come

It will be a grand festival of music at the Old Time Spring Exhibition. Visitors will enjoy the Square Dance Workshop on Saturday at 3:00 pm in the Antique Tractor Barn, presented by Dale and Rick Streefer **Adirondack Playboys**. After Saturday night's dinner of ham, scalloped potatoes and all the trimmings, music returns with Round and Square Dancing. Folks will enjoy the combined talents of Steelin' Country and Adirondack Playboys bands. Dinner will be served from 4:30-6:00, in time for the big dance at 6:30 in the Tractor Barn. Snacks and beverages will be available. Admission to the evening's dance will be \$3.00. Music continues on Sunday. At 2:00 there will be a Gospel Singalong with music by **Steelin' Country**. The whole project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re-grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, with the support of Office of the Governor and New York state Legislature, and administered by the St. Lawrence County Arts Council. These arrangements were made through the thoughtful efforts of Kirk and Michelle Robinson.

Nancy Garrand announces that there will be a new line of children's clothing in the tractor barn along with a full line of regular clothing and hats.

Family Fresh Air Fun June 11-12 39th 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 . Wagon Rides . Antique Farm Tractors . Print Shop . Carriage Barn . 1850 One-Room Schoolhouse . 1835 Log Cabin . Shin-Walker House . Vendors' Displays . Windmill . Members' Exhibits . Antique Cars & Trucks . Early Farm Implements and



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Equipment . Farm Animals at the White Barn and Chicks in the Chicken House . 1950 Shoe Repair Shop . 1920's Gas Station . Attic Treasures . Raffles . Auction . Baked Goods . Scooped Ice Cream . Get a Museum T-Shirt or Ball Cap . Tractor Parade . Kids' Pedal Tractor Competitions . Breakfast 7:00-10:00 . 20 Acres of Fun . Great Food All Day .



Saturday Features

- 9:30-11:30 Sawmill and Shingle Mill Operating
- 11:00 GOTO 2023 Meeting
- 12:30 Antique Tractor Parade
- 1:00 - 3:00 Garden Tractor Pull
- 1:00 - 3:00 Team Roping in the Equine Pavilion
- 1:00 Kids Pedal Tractor Races in the Tractor Barn
- 1:30 - 3:30 Sawmill and Shingle Mill Operating
- 2:00 - 4:00 Old Iron Auction
- 2:30 Raffle and 50:50 winners announced
- 3:00 Square Dance Workshop by Dale and Rick Streefer Adirondack Playboys Band in the Tractor Barn
- 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
- 9:30 - 11:30 Sawmill and Shingle Mill Operating
- 10:00 - 5:00 Antique Tractor Pull
- 11:00 Women's Skillet Toss - Equine Pavilion
- 12:00 - Gone BBQ Chicken Dinner
- 12:30 Antique Tractor Parade
- 1:00 Kids Pedal Tractor Races in the Tractor Barn
- 1:30 - 3:30 Sawmill and Shingle Mill Operating
- 2:00 Gospel Singalong, music by Steelin' Country in the Equine Pavilion
- 2:30 Raffle and 50:50 winners announced



The St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum is a wholly volunteer organization. New members are always welcome. Dues for individuals are \$25; couples are \$30. Junior membership (under 18) is \$5.

Round and Square Dancing - Saturday 6:30-8:30 - with music by Steelin' Country and Adirondack Playboys Admission \$3.00



EXHIBITION ADMISSION \$5.00 12 YEARS AND OLDER. Younger kids Free. Vendors and exhibitors welcome - (No food). Dry camping only, \$10.00/night for visitors. If you need electricity, please bring your own generator. The Museum is open every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM and by appointment. For information contact: (315) 250-9141 or info@slpowermuseum.com. Visit www.slpowermuseum.com. Facebook: St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum and Fort Tribute.

On the Drawing Board

The Board has approved moving forward on three projects depending on adequate funding. The first is construction of an Open Pavilion on the northeast side of the Pavilion Building, about where the Attic Treasure tents are located during shows. The second is expansion of the White Barn with the addition of an enclosed shed about 20 feet wide on the side toward the windmill. A Suter's store will be built just outside of Fort Tribute near its northwest corner. This will allow use of the current store inside the Fort for more exhibits. In addition, attention is also being given to the long-term expansion of basic utilities at the Museum including water, sewage, and electrical service. These are not very exciting, but necessary. Engineering analysis and plans must be sought.

Help! The Students and Teachers are Coming!

Students from Lisbon Central School are coming on June 15th and from St. James School in Gouverneur on the 16th. On June 20th retired teachers, members of the NY-SUT, are also coming. Each group will arrive in the morning, eat lunch, and stay a bit longer before heading back to school. We will need a few hosts to welcome them at various exhibits, set tables for lunch, and provide transportation across the campus. If you can help, please contact Roger Austin. Thanks!

Needed: Writers, photographers, and proofreaders for the Newsletter

Civil War Reenactment Weekend July 30-31

Several Union and Confederate infantry and artillery units will be encamped in and around Fort Tribute on July 30 and 31. Visitors will be invited to tour and witness camp life and enjoy camp music from the regiment of Massachusetts volunteers. Both days will have loading and firing demonstrations of artillery and infantry. There will be opportunity to meet with President Lincoln and visit the fort sutler. There will also be lectures including 1860's women fashion. Watch the surgeon as he tends the wounded of both armies. Skirmishes are expected each day as the Federals pitch in and attempt to dislodge a dug in Confederate Battery. Expect smoke and thunder as 6 field pieces are brought to bear on the combatants. The Weekend is a cooperative effort between the Museum, the St. Lawrence County Historical Association, and several groups of reenactors. Buildings with exhibits featuring the Civil War period will also be open to the public. 🦋

Host, Docent, or Guide - We Need You

The Museum is only open between 10:00 and 2:00 every 2nd and 4th Saturday from May through October (not to mention our six major events). More openings would be possible if more members were available to welcome visitors. Call them hosts, docents, or guides, they are essential to the success of our mission - sharing the history of how events and new technologies shaped lives of the people of the North Country. The Museum will hold training sessions, beginning in July. These will provide our hosts with knowledge about the exhibits, how to interpret them in the context of their eras, and how to promote support for the Museum. There will be at least two or more sessions to provide depth needed by our hosts. Reference materials will also be provided. Hosts are not expected to know everything about the Museum, but at least more than the average bear. Contact Roger Austin or Bob Marshall if you wish to participate. Those already acting as hosts are also invited to learn more and to help share their experiences. 🍷

Election Results Announced at Annual Meeting

Election results were announced at the Annual Meeting of the Members in February and reflect excellent return of ballots and proxies. This year's board is listed on the back page. Alexandria Rivers and Scott Wilson are new three-year Trustees. President Ron Sheppard, Vice-President Kirke Perry, Secretary Roger Austin, and Treasurer Lee Dezell were reelected to their one-year positions. Connie Martin and Joe Finnegan completed their terms in 2021. Dave Gibson will serve one additional year. Contact information about all the Board members can always be found on the back page of the Newsletter. 🦋

Museum Expands into More Social Media

The Museum's social media exposure has taken off! Communications Chair Alie Rivers reports that revamping the website, slpowermuseum.com, has developed better ways to help you navigate through the pages. A chat box has also been added for people who have questions. They can also connect with the Museum through the Museum's Facebook page, *St Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum*, which has become more active with articles, photos, and more. Scott Wilson, Chair of the Civil War Interpretive Center, oversees the Facebook page, *Fort Tribute*. Between the two, the Museum now reaches more people with more information than ever. Members can help us grow the Facebook pages by clicking their *like button* (photo right), giving us a *share* or *inviting* your friends to like the page. 😊

Photos courtesy of Roger Austin, Dennis Barr of Two Guys and a Camera, Eowyn Hewey, Bob Marshall, Kirke Perry, and Alie Waters

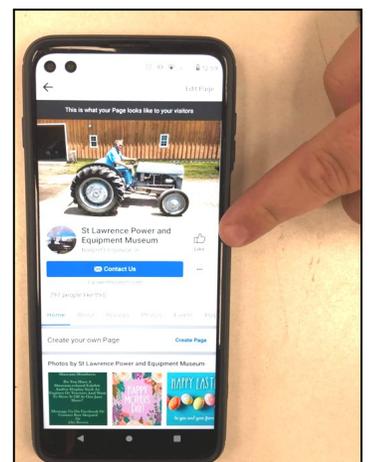


The surgeon did a brisk business during last year's Civil War Weekend.

Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to the Museum and to become new members.



New Trustees Scott Wilson and Alie Rivers. Scott chairs the Finance and Civil War Interpretive Center Committees and Alie Chairs the Communications Committee. Both have already left their marks on the Museum.



Touching the Like button on Facebook is easy if you have an account.

Calling all cooks. Please bring yummy baked goods for our show visitors to enjoy!

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Arconic Massena LLC has donated a rubber cushioned helve trip hammer made by Bradley Mfg. Co. of Syracuse. It was used in forging and shaping metal parts. The design dates to 1875. Its rubber cushions and elastic helve (wooden handle) reduced wear on the hammer's moving parts. This model had been used during its earliest days. Kevin Kitzman, a member of the **National Aluminum Production Heritage Assoc.** in Massena brought the hammer to the attention of Kirke Perry. Eowyn

Hewey,
Arconic
Plant Manager, facilitated

preparation and transfer of the hammer to the Museum. Arconic consultant, Bill Boyea, helped ready the machine for the move. James Tiernan brought a truck on which Arconic contractors Corey Heald and Tyler Ward loaded the machine. Wayne Taillon unloaded it at the Museum. 

