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By Karen Donato

# Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum

*"A museum by the people, for the people"*

*"We are an equal opportunity provider"*

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## Summertime at the museum

The museum volunteers have been busy this summer. The parade float that was entered in Houlton's Fourth of July parade received a trophy in the agricultural category. Our theme was "Days gone by". The following weekend we had a display at the Houlton Agricultural Fair. Visitors played old-fashioned games, made butter and ice-cream.



Volunteers from left: Karen Donato, Francis Fitzpatrick, Colby Shaw, Debbie Melvin and Nancy Wright.



Spinning and braiding, The Schools sisters, Amelia and Autumn rode on our float.



Nancy Wright, shows a young visitor and his mom how to make ice cream at our display at the Houlton Agricultural Fair.



Love that smile, Rory!

Rory Shaw was our number one potato picker on the Fourth.



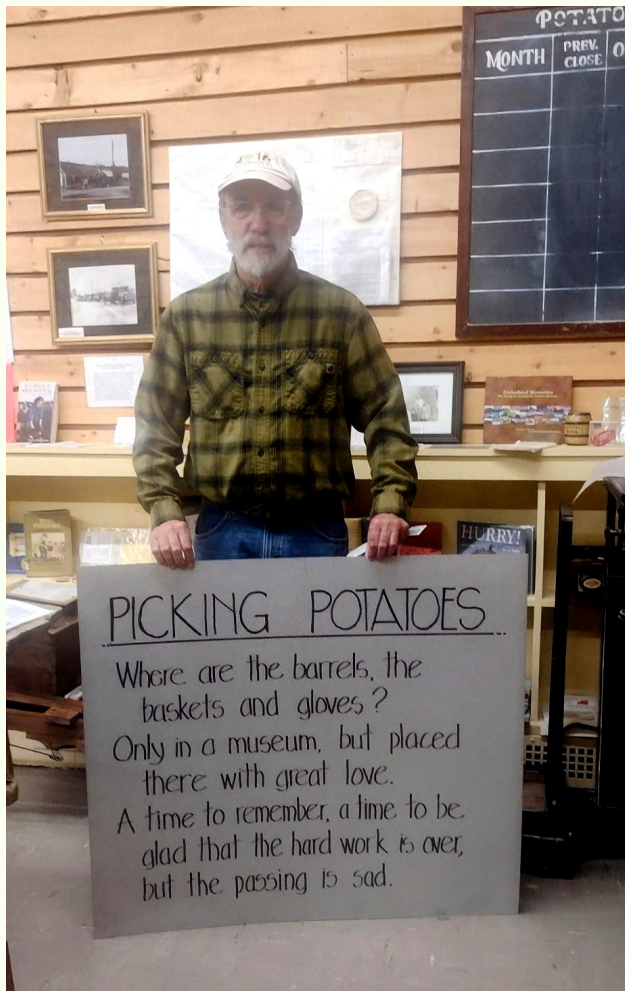
We had the opportunity to host guests from the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Potato Board and Frito Lay who were from various parts of the United States and beyond. Thanks to the Maine Potato Board for choosing our museum for their luncheon and tour.



## Picking Potatoes

By Judy Fitzpatrick

Where are the barrels, the baskets and gloves?  
Only in the museum, placed there with love.  
A time to remember, a time to be glad, that the hard work is over,  
but the passing is sad.  
From small beginnings, new generations have come.  
Let's hope they appreciate hard work on the farm.  
So we pass it on proudly to the amazing technology of now, and  
to see so much great progress our heads we still bow.



Greg Riggs, left and his wife, Kathy moved to Ft. Fairfield in 2021 from Waco, Texas where they had managed house museums for 16 years. Gregg offered to help us with signage for many of our larger pieces of equipment and delivered this metal sign that displays part of the above poem, written by Littleton resident, Judy McAfee Fitzpatrick. It will be hung in the Potato House room.





Ken and Julie Dow, right, brought friends, Gary and Cindy Dorman to see Ken's dad's collection of motors recently donated to the museum.

Ken Dow shared some background about his Dad, Herb who lived in Corinna all his life.

"My father worked in a woolen mill at a young age, then became an electrician and then a teacher. His interest in restoration began when he spent spare time in a friend's auto-body garage. Always interested in mechanical devices, he came across an old, single-piston gasoline engine once used to power a small saw mill at a local farm. The engine had not been used for many years and was sunk in the dirt out behind a barn. After a few minutes of negotiation, the owner agreed to sell the engine. Herb dug it out of the dirt, loaded up the parts and pieces and took it home. I asked, "What are you going to do with that load of junk?" Herb said, "I'm going to make it work again!"

Over the following years he found and restored a number of those "-lungers." The chug-a-chug of the engines running was a common sound in his neighborhood. Herb travelled with his engines to parades, local fairs and museum events. He always enjoyed starting them up and answering questions about the old style technology, once common on farms and homesteads.



Rae Johnston received a bouquet of flowers from Jay and Linda Andrews, faithful attendees at our monthly suppers. Rae has been organizing the suppers for 25 years.



Francis Fitzpatrick is with Frank Thompson, who helped us get our train up and running. The train brings many smiles and much entertainment for all ages to enjoy.

Fall raffle tickets on sale now. Drawing will be at our November supper. Tickets are \$10 each. Winner will receive a Henry Big Boy brass side gate 44 Magnum polished hardened brass lever action rifle or \$500 cash. Second prize is a \$100 gift card to Mac's Trading post with third prize, a \$50 gift card to Mac's. Drawing will be Nov.15.

Order online, purchase at Mac's, or contact any officer on the back page, or send your payment to: SAAM, 304 Campbell Road, Littleton, ME 04730.





We recently received this quilt that was made to raise money for the Littleton School PTC. It was auctioned off at the Littleton Fair in 1989 and the late Pat Chase won it. After her death this year, Pat's family gave it to the museum. Bernie McMann helped us by installing a rod to hang it on. Bonnie Upton sewed a sleeve on the back to make it easier to display. The quilt is embroidered with many student names and school employees. Take a look the next time you visit.

## Memorials

*Memorials have been given in memory of three of our faithful volunteers Ruth Ewings, Betty Anderson and Susan Nason, as well as, Sheila Bishop Steele and life-time member, Bob Anderson.*



Susan Nason



## New windows needed for school



We are working on replacing 12 windows in our Ross School. Each window averages \$700. Let us know if you would like to donate to this project.

We have gift certificates available for our suppers and memberships. Great birthday, Christmas gift or a just because gift.

## Upcoming Events

Suppers are served from 4:30 to 6 p.m. or until we sell out. \$12 per person. Take-out available.

Oct 18—Turkey Supper

November 15—SAAM Supper

January 17—Membership supper—roast beef

Please send your 2026 membership dues to:

S.A.A.M. 304 Campbell Road Littleton, ME 04730 or renew online.

Thank you for supporting our mission to preserve the past.

### Bits and pieces of information:

**Multi-Purpose Room:** Our gym & kitchen facilities are available to rent for reunions, receptions, parties or banquets.

**We are a non-smoking, alcohol free facility and handicapped accessible.**

**Gift Certificates** are available for suppers or memberships.. Great birthday, anniversary or "just because" gifts.

**Regular Museum meetings** are the first and third Saturdays of the month beginning at 9 a.m. Members and guests welcome

Open for tours Thursday, Friday and Saturday-1 p.m. to 4.  
Mid-June through Labor Day.

For private tours call Debbie Melvin or other members listed below.



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#### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Becoming a member does not obligate you to any volunteer position, but it does help us fulfill the dream of :

#### "Cultivating the Heritage of the County"

Please complete the form below to enjoy free admittance to the museum and help support a great cause. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, operated solely by volunteers.

\_\_\_ Single Membership \$25

\_\_\_ Family Membership \$40

\_\_\_ Sodbuster \$50

\_\_\_ Thresher \$100

\_\_\_ Farmer of the Year \$250

\_\_\_ Single Lifetime—\$500

\_\_\_ Couple Lifetime--\$750

\_\_\_ Additional donation for:

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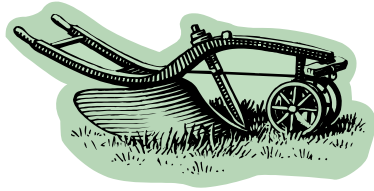
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