



1664 US Highway 1 Littleton, Maine

July-September 2024

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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## Volunteers reorganize displays

Volunteers have been busy this spring moving many of the items around so that they are more in chronological order. We now have all of the wagons in position with the Putnam Hardware Wagon in the lead. A story board will be added to the display to give the history of the Putnam family and their business.



Our kitchen crew hosted the Aroostook Retired Educators on June 25. We served about 60 attendees. Sandra Wotton, Odette Ouellette and Gemma Bartley enjoyed a chat with one of the committee members. Toys displayed above are from Anne Hanning Hutchinson, a local retired teacher.



# And the winner is, Rhonda Shaw!

Longtime member and volunteer, Rhonda Shaw held the winning ticket drawn by Pastor Wayne Robertson at our May public supper. Not sure if she is the chief lawn mower at her home or her husband, Colby, but happy mowing whom ever it may be. Our thanks to those folks who support our raffles even if they might not need whatever item we are raffling. A couple of folks who bought tickets requested us to write anonymous on the ticket and if that ticket was drawn they wanted it donated back to the museum for next spring. The proceeds help us pay our monthly expenses of electricity, phone, fuel for the furnace and insurance and as you know everything has increased. We appreciate your part in supporting the treasure of the County.



The George Smith sign has been placed over the new addition to the Carl & Helen Hagan barn. We are currently adding early equipment in the new space that was used before mechanical machinery was introduced to the farming world. We hope you will stop by and take a look next time you visit.



New "Welcome to Littleton" signs placed on the north and south borders of the town have our museum advertised at the bottom.



Russell Fitzpatrick donated his time to help Nancy Wright clean up and prune the roses by the road sign.



Open for tours: Thursday, Friday, Saturday from 1-4 p.m. Closed July 4th. Call for private tours.



## Visit the Esther Orr Faulkner Collection



Steve Dahlk, left with his son, David display a Covered Bridge print by Esther. Steve, along with Frank Sullivan are working on the Bridge project in the hallway across from the Esther Collection. At the May supper we honored Esther with tea cups in our lobby cabinet, lots of flowers and pink in and around the stage. We hope you enjoy our latest contribution from the Faulkner family.



## Memory Corner

Our museum appreciates donations in memory of friends and loved ones. We try to acknowledge those memorials, but sometimes we miss someone due to the names not being submitted until after the most recent newsletter has been printed or the fact that we are all volunteers doing a variety of jobs. I hope that you will contact me if you have given a memorial that is not listed during the year. These are memorials we have received since last fall: Neil Cowperthwaite, Susan Dow, Edna Evans, Tom Fitzpatrick, Thelma Henderson, Steve London and Mabel Walton.



### Please lend a hand

We hope some of our readers will consider helping us out this summer season. We have several jobs that we need help with: be a tour guide a few hours each week or once a month. One does not need to be a seasoned tour guide, you can just pop in on the tours to see if the guests have questions and lead them in the right direction to the next building. There are random computer projects and help with cleaning items to be put on display. We also need someone to clean the kitchen and common areas before and after our events. This would be about once a month. There are several things that need to be framed and maybe some outside painting. If you are interested in any of the tasks above please contact: Nancy Wright, 538-8905, Debbie Melvin, 538-9604 or Karen Donato 694-6099. Call Rae Johnston. 538-9402 to be added to our dessert list for suppers or to help with serving at our monthly suppers.



Students from Summit Academy helped with putting our picnic tables out in the yard, while they were touring. We appreciated the extra hands.

## Upcoming Events

July 20 ---Oven baked barbecued chicken supper

August 24---Roast Beef supper

August 25- North Country Cruisers Classic Car and Truck Show 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Suppers are served from 4:30 to 6 p.m. or until we sell out. \$10 per person

Please send your 2024 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.

June 24 through Labor Day

For private tours call Francis Fitzpatrick 538-0050 or other officers listed below.



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### SAAM appreciates your support!

#### 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 \$20

\_\_\_ Family Membership \$30

\_\_\_ Sodbuster \$50

\_\_\_ Thresher \$100

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

\_\_\_ Single Lifetime—\$500

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

\_\_\_ Additional donation for:

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Business \_\_\_\_\_

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#### OFFICERS

PRESIDENT.. .....Paul Klein.....521-1874

V.PRESIDENT.....Francis Fitzpatrick.....538-0050

TREASURER.....Debbie Campbell.....538-9583

SECRETARY.....Debbie Melvin.....538- 9604

#### COMMITTEES

**Buildings & Grounds..Colby Shaw.....694-0824**

**Paul Klein.....521-1874.**

**EVENTS / Rae Johnston.....538-9402**

**Contact Debbie Campbell to reserve museum.....538-9583**

**HISTORIAN /open for volunteer**

**PUBLICITY /Karen Donato..... 694-6099**

**Displays/decorating..NancyWright...538-8905**

**Karen Donato..694-6099**

#### **TRANSPORTATION OF DONATED ITEMS:**

Francis Fitzpatrick.....538-0050

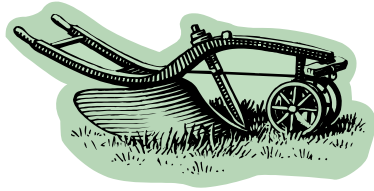
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