

Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum



"We are an equal opportunity provider"

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

April-June 2022

By Karen Donato

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mailing label.

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This could be yours....



Our spring fundraiser is underway. This year we will be raffling off an International Cub Cadet lawnmower that was purchased through Tractor Supply. The tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased by sending a check to: SAAM, 304 Campbell Road, Littleton, ME 04730. Tickets can also be purchased at the Littleton Pit Stop gas station, from any of the folks listed on the back of the newsletter and at the upcoming Houlton Trade Show the weekend of April 9 & 10 at the Millar Arena in Houlton. The drawing will be on or before our May 21st supper. We will be selling 500 tickets. Funds raised will help us with our building expenses. We have had some furnace repairs, chimney repairs and some roof issues this winter.

Roast beef membership supper

Saturday, April 23

4:30 to 6 p.m.

Finally, we are planning our annual membership supper. Your delicious roast beef supper is free with your 2022 paid membership or pay \$10 per meal for non-members. Our cooks are raring to go. We have missed seeing our friends who have supported us in the past and hope to see some new folks who may have moved to the area. Your meal includes the entrée, a side of baked beans, home-made rolls, a dessert and beverage.



A time of reflection ...



As we begin to plan for our summer season, we can't help but look back and reflect on how we got to where we are now. We are thankful to those folks who had a vision to preserve the many items significant to Aroostook County. The Littleton Consolidated School became the perfect home for this collection. As our collection has grown, so has our museum campus. For now, we have summer plans to create the George Smith Garden area near the Ross School and finish the snow-plow display in the Allie Cole Building.



We are certainly indebted to Emily and Cedric Shaw, who started us off filling the first three rooms in the museum. Then Luther Grass donated the tools that fill the south-west corner of the main building. With the help of Carl and Helen Hagan and Ralph and Justina Longstaff, we have a variety of collections and a barn to display them. Many other individuals have contributed to these displays, as well.

It has taken many hands to get to where we are and we are grateful to those who have given their time and energy to make the museum the showcase it is today.

As we greet our guests, we sometimes ask, "How did you learn about us?" Many times we hear that they live north of us and have gone by many times, not having the time to stop in. They are totally amazed by what we have to offer. The word "agriculture" in our name is misleading to many, however, here is something for everyone from 5 to 105. We hope this summer you might take time to stop by and see how we have expanded the displays since we opened in 2002.



Visit the museum virtually

Nancy Wright has been virtually touring other Aroostook County museums through the SAGE program offered by the University of Maine in Presque Isle. The program was hosted by Dennis Koch, who spent some time visiting several museums in person, including ours. SAGE participants were then invited to view his tours online with hosts from other County museums. Many are now planning an in-person visit to our museum. Several of our members are in the process of recording information and demonstrations of a variety of interests throughout the museum. These videos will be included in the next SAGE program. We will update you as this program develops and let you know how you might join the group to view the segments. We are being assisted by Virtual Tech from the Houlton area.



Digital sign update



We are getting closer to the date of installation of the roadside sign. Our thanks to Sloats of Houlton who donated the metal pieces for the frame of the screen. Rural Development is sharing some of the cost with us and has contributed about \$12,000. The cost of the sign will be more than \$30,000. We welcome donations for this project



Please send your 2022 membership dues to:
S.A.A.M. 304 Campbell Road Littleton, ME 04730.

Thank you for supporting us during these unique times.

Memory Corner

Our thanks to those who have given memorials to the museum.

Memorial donations received recently in memory of: Harry Currier, Sis Miller, Roger McBride and Earl Farrar.

We need your help ...

We hope some of our readers will consider helping us out this summer season. We need you. Through the years we have lost many of our original volunteers through aging or health reasons. 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. We also need someone willing to make sure the building is opened up and ready with supplies for a private function and locked with lights out at the end of the event. There are random computer projects and help with cleaning items to be put on display. There are several things that need to be framed, lawn mowing, maybe some outside painting, or organizing our repair room area. If you like to cook, please call Rae Johnston. 538-9402 to be added to our dessert list for suppers or to help with serving at our monthly suppers. 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.



Northland Hotel items

Opening for tours Saturday, June 25th
from 1-4 p.m. Then every Thursday, Friday and Saturday through Labor Day.



Bangor & Aroostook memorabilia



Barber shop tools

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 26 through Labor Day

For private tours call Francis Fitzpatrick 538-0050 or other officers 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 \$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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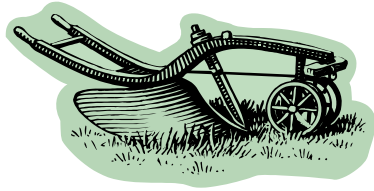
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