



1664 US Highway 1 Littleton, Maine

# Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum

*“A museum by the people, for the people”*

July –Oct. 2023

By Karen Donato

*“We are an equal opportunity provider”*

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## Volunteers spend hours painting and cleaning

These three volunteers, from left, Nancy Wright, Colby Shaw and Debbie Melvin have spent countless hours readying the museum for opening day, June 22. Debbie took on the project of painting the ceiling in the “Old House”. It was a huge undertaking with lots of items being moved out, while other items had to be covered. Just recently she and college student, Bailey Melvin have spent many more hours cleaning through the museum and the outside buildings. Colby wears many hats. He is the Mr. Fix-it. Through the winter he helps plow with Barry Campbell, helps in the kitchen and keeps our floors shining with his experience of being a retired school custodian. Nancy decorates for all our events attending to every detail. Each supper has new table coverings, centerpieces and other displays for our guests to enjoy. We appreciate all our volunteers who keep the museum ongoing. Francis Fitzpatrick, Barry and President Paul Klein are overseeing the addition to the barn. The floor has been poured and the walls are ready to go up.



# And we have a winner ...



Adam Henderson, of Littleton had his name drawn from 599 other tickets at our public supper in May. He is shown here on the left with Francis Fitzpatrick, vice-president of the museum. Happy Mowing, Adam. Nice ride for \$10.



A John Deere one row digger



During our May supper Jeannie Chabot, left, was touring through the museum and noticed the medical items in the hallway. She also noticed the lovely display we have with Dot Campbell's navy cape, her nursing cap and stethoscope. She recalled working with Dot at Aroostook General Hospital. That same evening Dot's daughter Sheila Cowperthwaite and her granddaughter, Kelly Little were working on the supper. It was interesting to learn that Jeannie was in the delivery room with Sheila when Kelly was born in 1970. They had a little time to meet each other again and recall the memories.

# Native American baskets donated by Frank Bell

These three native American baskets were donated by Frank Bell of Houlton. The baskets had been passed down through several generations and he recently decided to pass them on to the museum, so others could enjoy the craftsmanship.



# Calliope makes its way to museum

This handmade calliope was given to the museum by Dr. & Mrs. Ted Sussman of Houlton. They had acquired it through a fund-raising auction for Houlton Regional Hospital. While their children had enjoyed it over the years, it was time to let it go. Lucky for us, as it was made by the late Paul Porter who had been one of our earlier volunteers.



This Houlton Sesquicentennial Banner from 1957 was recently donated by Jim Thompson of Houlton.



## 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. 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.



Just for laughs. Here is the late Cedric Shaw, a major contributor to the museum. He was hosting friends from the community at his own Pastime Museum. Cedric was a great tease and he has our own Paula Woodworth in the hot seat ready to give her a gas mask. Cedric was a great tease and loved to get kids all excited about something. We miss him!



## Memory Corner

Memorial donations received recently in memory of:  
Bob Bartlett, Herschel Conlogue, Neil Cowperthwaite, Lois Eleiott, Jean Henderson, Tom Henderson, Clarence Jacques, Dean McCarty, Nan Miller and Paul Swimm.  
Thank you for your donations.

## Upcoming Events

- July 15—Baked Ham Supper 4:30 to 6.....\$10 per person
- July 22.....Littleton Playground Event
- July 29—Private Rental
- August 26 –Roast Beef Supper 4:30-6 p.m. \$10 per person
- August 27-Classic Car & Truck Show 9 a.m. –2:30 p.m.
- September 16—SAAM Public Supper
- October 21—SAAM Public Supper

Please send your 2023 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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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
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- Farmer of the Year \$250
- Single Lifetime—\$500
- Couple Lifetime--\$750
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- VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR...Jane Nicholson 207-538-9300 or 538-8206 and Nancy Wright 538-8905**
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