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# Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum

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## George Smith Barn addition is complete



After many months of construction, the addition to the barn has been completed. This project was made possible by the generosity of George Smith, who left a substantial sum of money to support the ongoing projects of the museum. Other support was provided by Rural Development and individual donations.

George was a very dedicated volunteer from the beginning of the establishment of the museum in 2002. He attended our bi-monthly meetings and was always lending a hand to get the equipment out of or back into the barns.

George was always there at the annual North Country Classic Car and Truck Show, as well as a participant in the Fourth of July parades.

In 2019, George passed away. This past year it was decided to build this addition in his memory.

The addition to the Carl & Helen Hagan Barn will be dedicated on Saturday, October 21 at 3:30 p.m. The dedication will be followed by a turkey and beef pie supper beginning at 4:30 p.m. We hope you will join us for this event.



A new American flag has been purchased and solar lights added to the pole to keep it lit at night. Putting the flag up are Skylar and Barry Campbell.





The museum was host to several Maine educators this summer who were participating in a course sponsored by Maine Agriculture in the Classroom. The guests enjoyed a tour of the museum with Debbie Melvin, Karen Donato and Nancy Wright. Nancy is a member of the Maine Agri-Women and has presented many lessons relating to agriculture in local schools. Sue McCrum and Pam Townsend from Mars Hill, who also are members of the Maine Agri-Women joined the group and gave the participants information from their organization. The group enjoyed a home-cooked meal complete with Maine potatoes by Lorraine McCordic Clark.

We have had a very busy summer. Every day we welcomed at least 6-8 guests for tours. Becky Miller enjoyed showing this group around. One couple lives at Grand Lake in the summer and brought their friends from Massachusetts to the museum.



# Thank you volunteers

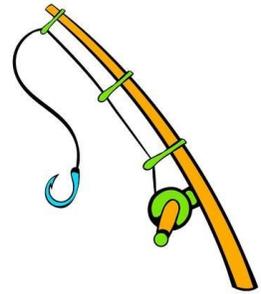
We want all our volunteers to know how much they are appreciated. We had several folks help through-out the summer by volunteering to be tour guides, mow the lawns, paint, help at our suppers, and lend a hand at the August Car Show. Please don't wait to be asked to volunteer. Our crew needs your help. It takes many hands to keep everything clean and organized.

We are looking for someone to tidy up the gym, kitchen and bathrooms before a scheduled event, to check in during the event and to clean after. Usually there is one event a month.

Our thanks to Jane Nicholson, who coordinated our volunteer tour guides throughout the summer. We hope she enjoys her winter in a warmer climate.



Bill Buckley's truck was our parade float in Houlton's Fourth of July parade. We featured our popular museum cooks on the back of the truck.



We are looking for an old fishing pole. Let us know if you would like to donate one.



Bowdoin College freshmen spent an afternoon helping clean at the museum. During their tour they posed for a photo in the Ross School and one of the students played a beautiful piece on one of our pianos in the hall.





A cool ride at the annual North Country Classic Car & Truck Show.



This little girl, from Vermont visited the museum with her parents. She thought the car was quite nice!



One of our latest donations, a Ricker College chair came from Henry Senatore from Pennsylvania. Senatore graduated from Ricker in 1969. Many former students visited the museum during the recent reunion held in Houlton celebrating Ricker 1848-1978.

## Please lend a hand

We hope some of our readers will consider helping us out next summer. 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.

### *Upcoming Events*

Oct. 21—Beef or Turkey pie supper

Nov. 18- Baked Ham Supper 4:30 to 6.....\$10 per person

Jan. 20—Membership Dinner /Roast Beef....free with your paid membership.

Raffle tickets on sale now.\$10 per ticket. Win a hunting rifle or \$500. Second prize, a \$100 gift certificate, third prize, a \$50 gift certificate to Mac's Trading Post.

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

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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
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- \_\_\_ Sodbuster \$50
- \_\_\_ Thresher \$100
- \_\_\_ Farmer of the Year \$250
- \_\_\_ Single Lifetime—\$500
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- \_\_\_ Additional donation for:

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