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Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum

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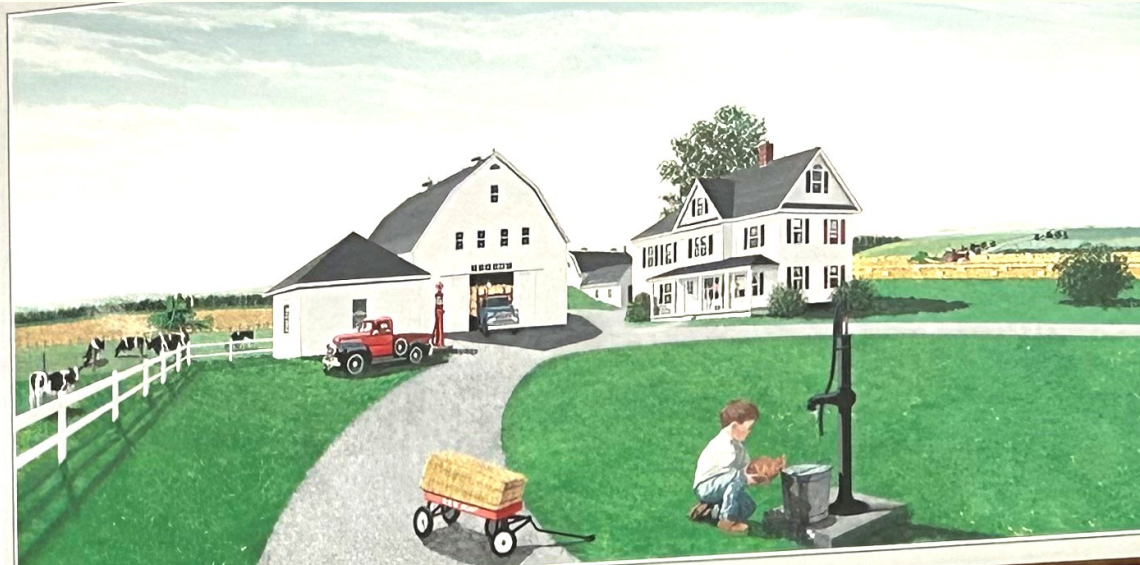
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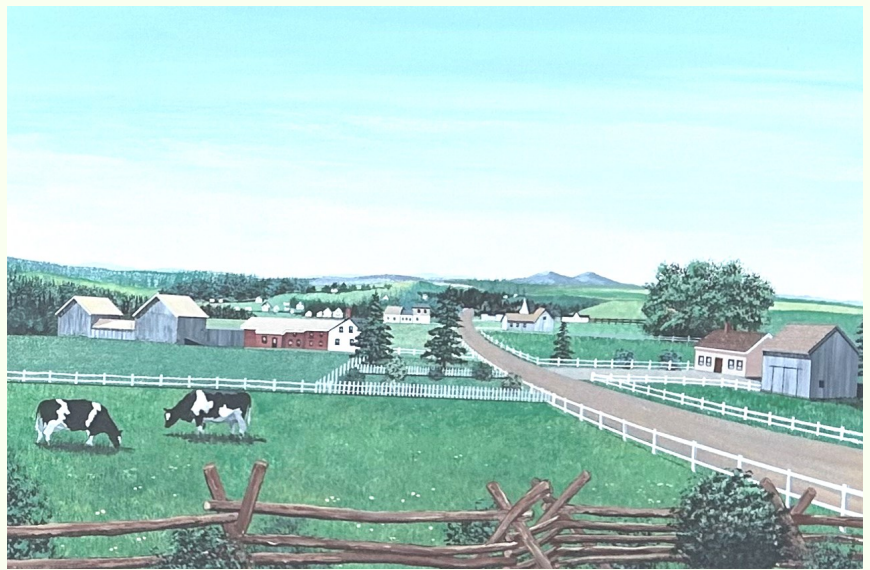
Our quilt collection

Our quilt collection is growing and many of them have a story to tell. Next time you visit, take some time to locate the quilts in a variety of places throughout the museum. Attached to many are notes of history, making a very interesting read. Here are a few of the ones you will find. Some are made by one person, others are a group effort by members of various clubs.





Our thanks to Al Butler, formerly of Houlton and now of Brunswick, who was instrumental in saving several dozen Mark Edgecomb paintings from finding another home. The paintings had originally been displayed in several First Citizens Banks. The bank opened in 1990 and in 2007 was bought by Gardiner Savings Bank. Since that time the paintings had been in storage. Recently, the decision was made to dispose of them and Butler who had been associated with the bank was able to have them donated to us. Several of the paintings were of local town landmarks throughout the County and those that we could identify have been donated to the town or school. We hope you enjoy seeing our collection the next time you visit. Here is one in the picture below behind our kitchen crew.



Our crew is all dressed for our St. Patrick's Day supper. From left: Linda Bailey, Rondise Watson, Wendy Lynds, Barbara Brown, Ravina Hoyt, Rae Johnston and Ada Homchuck.

Remembering Richard Barker and Jane Nicholson

Our longtime volunteer Dick, came with our museum 24 years ago. For several decades he faithfully attended all our Saturday meetings and stayed to volunteer as a tour guide in the afternoon. Dick grew up in Houlton, but lived most of his adult life in Easton. He enjoyed being a member of a local Barbershop Quartet and sometimes entertained during our monthly suppers. Dick made us many children's toys for our display. He also helped us out at the Northern Maine Fair Historical Pavillion. He was always willing to help out. Dick passed away in February and he will be missed.

Jane Nicholson was our tour guide coordinator for a couple of years. She scheduled our volunteers and was a great asset in our office. Jane passed away in North Carolina, also in February. Our condolences to her husband, Larry and to Dick's nieces and nephews.



Spring raffle tickets on sale

Tickets are available for \$10 each. You can win this Cub Cadet or take \$1,500 in cash. 2nd place is a \$100 gift card to Tractor Supply and 3rd place of a \$50 gift card. Drawing will be on May 16 at our supper.



Don't forget to renew your membership. It provides a free membership supper, four newsletters during the year and free admittance for tours during the year.

The memberships are: Single, \$25; Family, \$40; Sodbuster, \$50; Thresher, \$100; Farmer of the Year, \$250; Single Lifetime, \$500 and Couple Lifetime, \$750.

Please send your membership dues to: SAAM, 304 Campbell Road, Littleton, ME 04730 or go to our website and renew with a credit card.

Busy summer ahead

Spring is on its way, and there has already been some updating at the museum. The ceiling in the lobby has been painted and some items have been repaired and put on display. Tours will begin the first part of July. We have several weekends booked for private events, so please check with us to make sure we are open for regular tours on Saturdays. The annual North Country Cruisers have also scheduled their weekend for August 22 & 23rd.



New windows for school

Work has begun by Colby and our crew replacing the Ross School windows. One of our neighboring Amish families have built the windows for the school. Each window costs approximately \$500 and we need one dozen.

Our thanks to the following contributors: Putnam Trust, Robert Nagle, Michael Oswald, Judy Grass, and memorials from David Henderson and Jane Nicholson. If you would like to donate to this project, please send your donation to the SAAM address.

Memorials

Memorials have been given in memory of Jane Nicholson, David Henderson and Raymond Wotton.



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

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 11, 7 p.m.: Enjoy a free concert at Houlton High School featuring The Windham Chamber Singers under the direction of Rick Nickerson, formerly from Houlton. Donations accepted for Houlton's Music Department.

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

April 18—Baked ham

May 16—SAAM supper

Please send your 2026 membership dues to:

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

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

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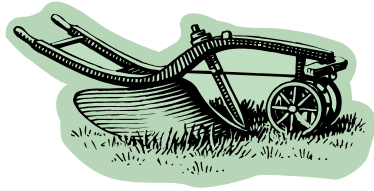
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