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Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum

"A museum by the people, for the people"

"We are an equal opportunity provider"

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Our 2026 season has begun ...

Our summer season began July 2. Just prior to that date we hosted about 45 retired educators from Aroostook County for a delicious turkey meal, including a variety of homemade pies. The gym was decorated with a patriotic theme in preparation for the 250th anniversary of America. For those attending the upcoming July 11, baked ham supper, you will also enjoy this décor.

The retired educators have been coming to the museum for more than 15 years and this time I was the keynote speaker. I was happy to share my 24 years with the organization. I had been an elementary teacher for nearly 30 years and after taking a seven-year break in 2001, I returned to the educational setting in 2009, as a Title I interventionist for reading and math.

I shared how volunteering at the museum filled a void when I initially left teaching and had extra time on my hands. The folks I met here were very welcoming and over time became family. I miss those volunteers who helped the museum get its start, but have now passed away. They included: Carl & Helen Hagan, Ralph & Justina Longstaff, Cedric & Emily Shaw, Dot Campbell, Dick Barker, Luther and Norman Grass, George Smith, Charles Upton and Charlie Johnston, among others.

I hope that our mission will continue to emphasize their vision in the years to come. Our museum, is just what our newsletter states, "a museum by the people, for the people". We continue to look for volunteers who would like to share an interest in what we are doing. Everyone has a talent: maybe it's in being a tour guide, cleaning, a fixer, doing a little of this and a little of that, cooking, helping at our suppers or during a private rental, selling tickets for our spring or fall raffle, washing a few windows, sweeping the barn floor, dusting the vehicles in the barn, weeding the flower beds, weed whacking, painting or helping clean donated items and cataloging.

We have accomplished a lot in these last 24 years from a new roof, siding, windows, furnaces, dishwasher, tables and chairs, two barns, a service station, general store, a cooper's corner with a blacksmith shop. We couldn't have done it without many hands.

I have found it very rewarding to volunteer and what is most rewarding is hearing from other volunteers and how much they appreciate being involved. I know that when you are out of the work force and a regular schedule it is easy to feel like a fish out of water. When folks offer to help at the museum, it gives their life a purpose. They find that the schedule can work with their free time and a few hours means a lot to us. These volunteers meet people they may have been acquainted with through the years, but never knew. Sometimes you meet people that are new to our area and volunteering helps them meet others.

Please let me know if you might lend a hand to maintain our museum. 207-694-6099.



Marty Quist, a Houlton summer resident hails from Louisiana. He and his wife Kathy help with many projects.



"Hats off to the Past"

Our number one tractor man, Floyd Munroe piloted this 1954 John Deere through the parade route with our float. It was originally owned by Jim McCain of Ludlow.



Riding on our float this year were, Amelia Schools, Carlie Cyr, Faith Watson, Autumn Schools and Rory Shaw.



Spring raffle winners

Dwight Cowperthwaite, left with Rory Shaw drew the three winners of the spring raffle. Winning the Cub Cadet lawn tractor was David Koehn of Monticello, Elizabeth Hagerman of Littleton won a \$100 gift card from Tractor Supply and Josh McGillicuddy of Hodgdon won the \$50 gift card from Tractor Supply. Our thanks for supporting this fundraiser. Proceeds are used for museum projects.

\$5,000 grant received from Maine Community Foundation

The museum received a \$5,000 grant from Maine Community Foundation. This enabled us to finish the installation of the windows in the Ross School and have the interior painted.

Laurie Miller is putting the finishing touches on the school.



We hosted about 30 members of the Windham Chamber Singers and their chaperones. They enjoyed lunch and a tour before presenting a concert at Houlton High School. Their director, Rick Nickerson, formerly of Houlton was retiring after 39 years of teaching.



The museum was represented earlier in May at the Lumberman's Museum in Patten, with a table with our brochures items of interest and at a documentary shown at the Temple Theatre in Houlton entitled Join or Die, relating to the low interest in volunteering and many longtime clubs and organizations are disappearing.

Visiting from Canada

These three gentlemen had an early tour this spring when they stopped by the museum one Saturday just after our meeting. Scott Caldwell, in the center, is from Greenfield, N.B. He often comes to our suppers. Charles Smalley, on the left is from Summerfield, N.B. and Chris Smalley on the right lives in Prescott, Ontario.



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.



New windows for school

The new windows are in the Ross School. They were made and installed by the Amish from Easton.

Our thanks to the following contributors: Putnam Trust, Robert Nagle, Michael O'Dell, Judy Grass, and memorials from David Henderson and Jane Nicholson.

This might be the Grass homestead on the Lake Road in Monticello.



Memorials

Memorials have been given in memory of Jane Nicholson, David Henderson, Raymond Wotton, G. Melvin Hovey, Tom Good, Carl Crawford, Gene Lenentine and Maynard Tingley. We also received a bequest from the late Betty Anderson, one of our very faithful volunteers.



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

Upcoming Events

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

July 11—Baked ham

August 22, Roast Beef

August 23—North Country Cruisers Annual Classic Car and Truck Show

September 19—Welcome Alumni from Ricker Classical Institute and Ricker College

September 19—SAAM Supper.



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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

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___ Thresher \$100

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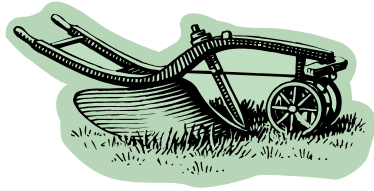
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