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January –April 2025 By Karen Donato

Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum

“A museum by the people, for the people”

“We are an equal opportunity provider”

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Membership Supper January 18, 2025

Our membership supper will feature a mouth watering roast beef meal, including sides, dessert and beverage. Your meal is free with your paid 2025 dues.

As we enter 2025 we are having to raise our membership dues and our fees for suppers and tour admission. Single memberships will be \$25, Family memberships will increase to \$40, other levels will stay the same. Our meal prices will be \$12 per person. Our admission to the museum for tours will increase from \$5 to \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under 10. The cost for renting the facility for a private function will increase to \$350 from \$250.

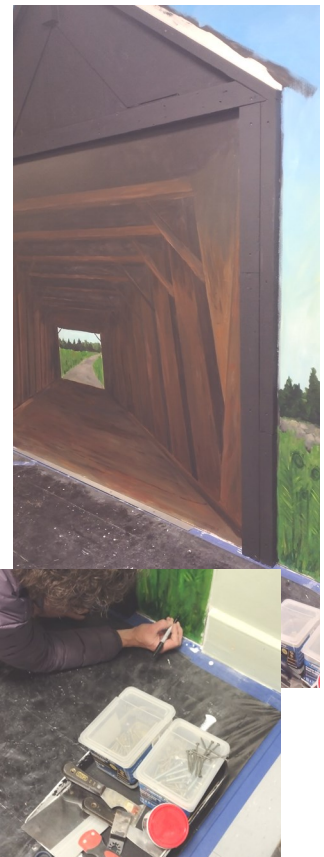
These past years we have experienced rising costs for our electrical bills, fuel, food for our suppers, paper products, and labor for repairs. We hope that you will understand the reasons for our increase.

Watson Settlement Bridge 1911



The bridge as it stood.

It’s been a labor of love this past year. The iconic Watson Settlement Bridge which was so beloved by people far and wide was lost to the act of an arsonist a few years ago. Since then we have had many discussions on how to honor the memory of this bridge. We have spent the last year working with carpenter, Stephen Dahlk and local artist Frank Sullivan. Our bridge is ready to debut for the January supper. We hope you will take a stroll down the hallway to view this completed project. Dee Cote of Littleton has made a replica of the sign hanging at the peak. We will accent the wall near the bridge with a variety of photos and paintings of the bridge through the years. The photo to the right shows part of the painted wall with artist Frank Sullivan signing his name in the bottom corner.





We are thankful for our little volunteers. This is Walter Lincoln, whose parents, grandparents and great grandparents have worked on the monthly suppers for decades.

Meet Mr. SAAM, the snowmobile man. He was created by Dee Cote, below. Next time you visit the museum, take a look at this guy who will be located in the Shaw Room. Dee is quite the talented individual who carved the wooden head for this project.



So far this winter we haven't needed this big snowplow, but years ago it was used often through the winter. Summer visitors are taking a look.

Our thanks to our many volunteers, without your willingness to volunteer our museum would not be the treasure it is for our County. Please consider lending a hand, even if it's just once in awhile. Ask what areas need some help. Volunteering provides an opportunity to meet new people, renew friendships and to lend a hand that fits your schedule.



And the winner is...



One of our frequent supper guests, Estelle Nichols, right, drew the winning ticket for our fall raffle. The winner from the 550 tickets sold was, Wambli Martinez of Houlton. He is pictured above with Francis Fitzpatrick, left, vice-president, and Curtis Johnson, right, owner of Mac's Trading Post. The second place winner was Crystal Hagerman of Littleton, the winner of \$100 and Christopher Cunningham of Texas, the \$50 third place winner. All proceeds support projects and expenses at the museum.



Thank you

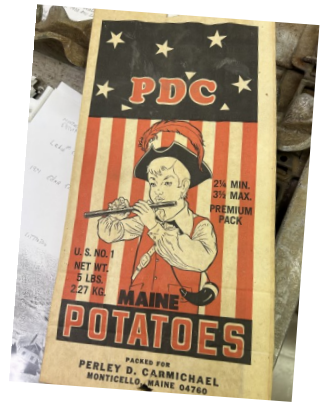
Thanks to several donors we have purchased a new fire proof filing cabinet. Donations were received from: The Putnam Trust, Michael Oswald, Deb Clark, Paul and Maureen Goodwin, Randi Bradbury, Ira Dyer and a memorial donation from Mel Hovey in memory of Nancy Fitzpatrick.

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

Memorials

It is with heartfelt sadness that we share the loss of Nancy Fitzpatrick, one of our faithful volunteers and wife of our vice-president, Francis. She will be missed by many.

Memorials: John Barker, Bobby Bartlett, Madolyn Boutillier, Nancy Fitzpatrick, Dean McCarty Sr. and Mark A. Smith.



Longtime volunteers Colby Shaw and Barry Campbell in the Shaw Room.



The Cole Building

Upcoming Events

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

Membership supper January 18, 2025—Roast Beef
February 15— SAAM Supper

March —TBA



Please send your 2025 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. 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
- Additional donation for:

Date _____

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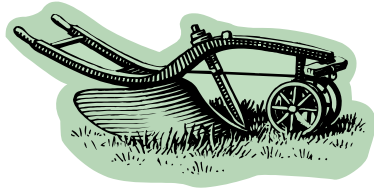
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