

Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum



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*"A museum by the people,
for the people"*

April – July 2021

By Karen Donato

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KLEIN TAKES ON PRESIDENT'S ROLE

Paul Klein, left, has been voted in as President of the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum. He and his wife Cathy live on the Ross Ridge Road. They moved here several years ago from New Jersey. Paul has been a very active volunteer, helping us with technology issues and keeping our lawns trimmed in the summer. He succeeds Jamey Watson. Francis Fitzpatrick, of Houlton will be taking the position of Vice-President. Francis is a lifetime member and was instrumental in the organization of the museum. He has served in many capacities over the years. Debbie Campbell of Littleton will be the treasurer and Debbie Melvin of Monticello, continues in her role as secretary.



Drive-thru supper planned for May 15

Rae Johnston and her crew have had a long enough vacation and are ready to get back to cooking. On Saturday, May 15 there will be a drive-thru pick-up your meal. The suppers will be \$10 each and the menu being planned is turkey and beef pot pies. We hope that you will mark your calendars and support the museum. The supper will be from 4:30 p.m. until 6 or when we sell out. We are looking forward to seeing you again. Hopefully by July, we may be able to enjoy a meal in the gymnasium and outside on the picnic tables.

If you haven't signed up or renewed your membership, this would be a great time to do it. Forms on the back page.

If you might be interested in helping with the preparation, serving of the meal or making a dessert, please call Rae at 538-9402.

Spring raffle



Tickets are on sale now for \$10 each. The winner will choose from a John Deere lawn tractor or \$1,000 cash. Please contact any of the officers listed on the back of this newsletter or send your check to: SAAM, 304 Campbell Road, Littleton, ME 04730. Please send a note with your check and we will complete the ticket information. Tickets are also on sale at the Littleton Pit Stop. Drawing on or before May 15.

Thank you for your support.

Summer season begins on June 26

The summer season for the museum will begin on Saturday, June 26. The hours will be from 1 p.m. until 4 or by appointment. The admission is free with your annual membership or \$5 per person. Open Thurs, Fri. and Saturday.

We hope that if you have some time on your hands, you might consider a few hours a month to greet our visitors. Guests can wander through the museum on their own, but we need volunteers to check in on them throughout the tour to provide information or answer questions. Don't worry about not knowing all the answers, none of us do, but we sometimes can find a way to get the information needed.

Don't forget when you have company and have run out of ideas, bring them in for a tour. There is something of interest for all ages.

Tentative Summer Schedule

Saturday, July 17—Public Supper

These folks enjoyed an outside meal with Colby Shaw last year.

From left: Jerry Dickison, Dwight and Linda Mills, and Doris Dickison.



Colby Shaw has been busy replacing several floors in the museum and they look great. Debbie Melvin and high school student, Bailey Melvin have been painting walls. Our thanks for all their time.



Memory Corner

Our thanks to those who have given memorials to the museum.

Memorial donations received recently in memory of: George Smith, Dana Wright, Joyce Shaw, Jerry Flewelling, Dick Britton, Gladys Henderson, Norman and Phyllis Hubert and David Cowperthwaite.

Maine Potatoes

One of a collection of hometown poems

Written by

Ronda Craigs Foss

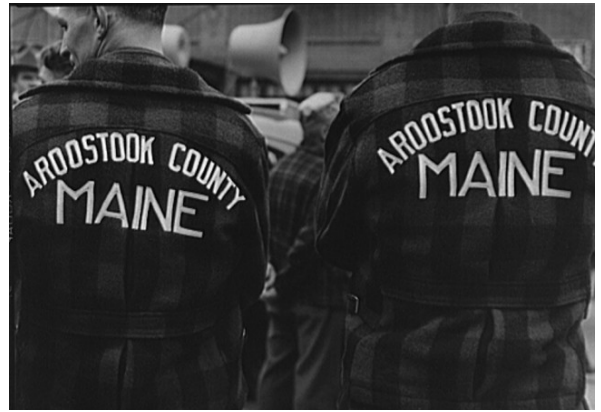
One potato, two potato, three potato, four
 Maine Potatoes can be fixed, a dozen ways or more.
 New potatoes, fresh string beans and tiny, tender peas
 Nothing in the whole wide world, tastes half as great as these.
 Bake 'em in the oven, when the winter winds blow cold.
 Fluffy, white and steaming hot ,inside their skins of gold.
 Mash 'em up with dairy butter and a splash of cream.
 I can guarantee you that the taste is pure supreme.
 Fry 'em in a pan, along with onions, sliced so thin
 Peel 'em first, or if you want, just leave 'em in the skin.
 Cold potato salad, makes a summer meal complete.
 Topped with homemade dressing, adds an extra special treat.
 Hot potato scallop is a hearty, autumn dish.
 Or put some in a chowder, adding either corn or fish.
 Skins of baked potatoes are indeed a rare delight.
 Once you start, you won't let up, until the final bite.
 Add 'em to last Sunday's roast to make a tasty hash.
 Toss in day-old veggies, like some peas or succotash.
 Nuking in the microwave is not the latest rage.
 Saving time is so important in this day and age.
 When you're cooking dinner on the backyard charcoal grill,
 wrap some up in tinfoil, taking neither time nor skill.
 No matter how you cook 'em up, folks always ask for more
 than one potato, two potato, three potato, four!

A former resident of Houlton, Ronda is the daughter of the late Julia and Ronny Craigs. She graduated from Houlton High School in 1965. She has written a book of poems related to her childhood in Houlton. It is called, "Shiretown Sentiments". A prior book she had published is called, " Shiretown Silhouettes." Ronda lives in Arizona now, but was able to have this book published at the Aroostook Print Shop with the help of the late Dan Tracy. (The poem reprinted with permission from the author.)

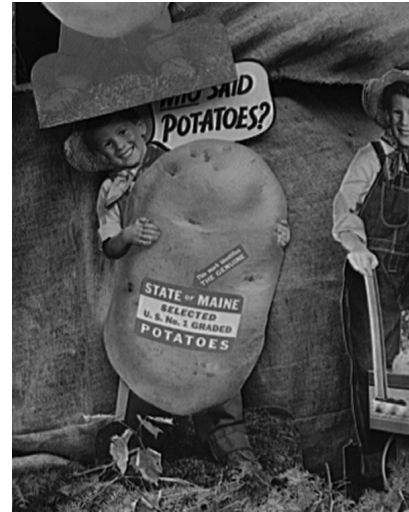
Vintage photos—Presque Isle



Wilders' Jewelry to the left and the Fred P. Stevens Co. to the right.



In front of the Northeastland Hotel



Upcoming Museum projects

We are looking for a portable microphone and speaker system to use at various museum events. If anyone has one they would like to donate or suggestions, please let us know.

We are also researching information on installing a digital roadside sign to advertise our hours and events.

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



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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 \$20

___ Family Membership \$30

___ Sodbuster \$50

___ Thresher \$100

___ Farmer of the Year \$250

___ Single Lifetime—\$500

___ Couple Lifetime--\$750

___ Additional donation for:

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c/o Barry Campbell

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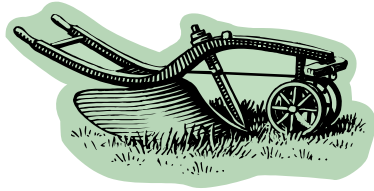
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