

Warrensburch Museum of Local History

Annual Report 2010 to Town of Warrensburg

January 10, 2011

Museum statistics, January 1 - December 31, 2010:

Scheduled Days open: 129
Visitor Attendance:.....566
Student visits:101
Total Attendance667

Volunteer Hours:

Museum Guides: (hrs.) 823
Collections Management: (hrs.)..... 1140
Maintenance/cleaning (hrs.)..... 58
Total Volunteer hours 2,021

Hours of Operation

The museum was open from 1 to 4 PM Wednesdays and Sundays from January 3 through June 30. From July 3 we added Saturdays, and maintained the three-day-per-week schedule through December 29, except for Easter, Christmas and New Years Day. In November we added evening hours (6-8 PM), on the "First Thursdays" of the month.

Volunteers

As stated above, more than 2,000 hours were logged in by Warrensburch Historical Society volunteers. Additional unrecorded hours have been spent by volunteers at home preparing for exhibits, organizing Guide schedules, and traveling to the museum and to various vendors.

Special mention is need here of the following: Rita Ferraro for creating special exhibits and upgrading standing exhibits, Rosemary Maher for assuming responsibility for Guide scheduling and serving as liaison with school teachers, Suzanne O'Dea for assuming full responsibility for the Artifact collection, Sandi Parisi for the Archival collection and Accessions, and Liz Sebald for the clothing collection. A list of all who have volunteered on a regular basis is attached.

Special Events

Jan. 24 - Factory Workers Forum, attended by 60 people

Jan. 28 - Mr. Burns' Environmental Sciences class of 16 juniors and seniors visits museum.

Mar. 31 - Mr. Leonbruno's Computer class of 16 sophomores visits museum.

Apr. 9 - Opening reception: 50 Years of WCS Sports.

May 15 - Workshop for Museum Volunteers, attended by 9 people.

May 18 - Mr. Burns' and Ms. Gildersleeve's 7th grade (50 students) visits museum.

May 30 - Summer Season Opening Reception, attended by 30 people.

May 31 - Memorial Day/VFW Reception, attended by 13.

June 3 - Ms. Hall's elementary BOCES class of 5 students visits museum.

Jun 17 - All 4th graders visit museum, approx. 60 kids.

July 12 - Warren County Historical Society History Camp, all day at museum and walk through historic district to Farmers' Market Park for lunch, 26 kids, 8-12 years old.

July 26 - Ms. Palermo's high school BOCES class of 6 students visits museum.

Aug. 4 - Dr. Michael Kudish delivers talk on The D & H Railroad and its Warrensburg Branch, 50 people attend.

Sept. 19 - Awards reception for 4th and 9th grade winners of Society's History Contest, 25 people attended.

Oct. 23 - Warren County History Day hosted by the Society at the Museum, with stroll through Historic Industrial District and lunch at Lizzie keays. 18 attend.

Nov. 4 - "First Thursday" evening hours, focus on Stock Car Races, attended by 1.

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day - official opening of the Veterans' Appreciation Room, with more than 40 people attending.

Nov. 23 - Mr. Burns' Environmental Sciences class of 20 juniors and seniors visits museum for "Then & Now" project..

Dec. 2 - "First Thursday" evening hours, focus on holiday exhibits, attended by 13 people.

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Dec. 4-5 - Christmas in Warrensburgh, museum open 10-4, "Dressed for the Holidays" and toy train exhibits, More than 40 people attended.

Dec. 21 - Mr. Burns' Environmental Sciences class of 16 juniors and seniors returns for follow-up visit.

Improvements

Veterans Appreciation Room During 2010 we renovated the front room, which is shared with the VFW. Walls, woodwork and ceiling were repainted, and new carpeting was installed over the existing floor. Exhibit panels were installed on the walls, with a raised platform along one wall. The room is dedicated to exhibits of military action by citizens of Warrensburgh, from the Civil War to present times.

Artifact Storage Room Additional steel shelving was installed, with new arrangement to simply access and retrieval, primarily of clothing and other fiber artifacts. Other categories of artifacts and workspaces were also rearranged. Lighting was installed in the clothing storage closet.

Accessions

Townpeople continue to contribute documents, photos and artifacts to the museum collection. These are all documented and formally acknowledged to donor. During 2010, forty-nine individuals donated a total of 243 items. A list of 2010 accessions is available on request.

Thank you!

We are grateful to the **Town of Warrensburgh**, Supervisor Kevin Geraghty and Councilmen Dean Ackley, John Alexander, Austin Markey and Bryan Rounds, for their continued support of the museum. Without that support over the past 35 years the museum would not exist.

During 2010, the **Warrensburgh Historical Society** contributed \$1,600.00 to the museum operation, primarily for school programs, exhibits, events, and communications.

We are also grateful to **Oscar's Smoked Meats**, **Ray's Liquor Store** and **Nettle Meadow Goat Farm** for supplying our refreshment tables during 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve", with a long horizontal stroke extending from the top of the first letter.

Steve Parisi,
Museum Director.

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Addendum: List of Volunteers

The following 28 volunteers served the museum on a regular or semi-regular basis during 2010:

Char Bivona
Gary Bivona
Chris Carlsen
Raymond Combs
Jeff Daniels
Gail Epstein
Jonnette Ermiger
Garry Ferraro
Rita Ferraro
Ruth Fruda
Paul Gilchrist
Marilyn Hayes
Steve Hoover
Bob Knowles
Judy Korcz
Pat Leonard
Jackie Leonbruno
Rosemary Maher
Dennis Martinez
Marilyn O'Connor
Suzanne O'Dea
Tom O'Dea
Sandi Parisi
Jean Roush
Liz Sebald
Debbie Toolan
Barbara Whitford
Audrey Wilsey