

Warrensburgh Museum of Local History

Annual Report 2011 to Town of Warrensburg

January 11, 2012

Museum statistics, January 1 - December 31:

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Hours:</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Scheduled Days open:	128.....	129	Volunteer Guides:	764.....	823
Visitor Attendance:.....	1017.....	566	Volunteer Collections Mgmt:	493.....	479
Student visits:	<u>192</u>	<u>101</u>	Volunteer Maintenance/cleaning	98.....	58
.....	Director's hours.....	676.....	661
Total Attendance	1209.....	667	Total hours	2031... 2,021	

I am pleased to report an 80% increase in adult attendance, 90% in student attendance, over 2010.

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 Columbus Day, except for Easter, Christmas and New Years Day. We were also open 6-8 PM on "First Thursdays" of every month.

Volunteers

As stated above, more than 2,000 hours were logged in by Warrensburg Historical Society volunteers. Additional unrecorded hours have been spent by volunteers at home preparing for exhibits or organizing Guide schedules. Special mention for those who assume responsibility: **Rita Ferraro**, creating special exhibits and upgrading standing exhibits, **Rosemary Maher**, Guide scheduling and serving as liaison with schools, **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. Special thanks also to **Delbert Chambers** for creating the Architecture exhibit and organizing My Dolly. A list of all who have volunteered on a regular basis is attached.

New Exhibits

New or upgraded exhibits during 2011 include **Architecture of Warrensburg** (by Delbert Chambers), and the **Richards Library**, **Wally Chester** and the **Warrensburgh Radio Show** and the **Civil War** (all 3 by Rita Ferraro).

Special Events in 2011

- Feb. 6 - 36 people attend Opening of **Stock Car Racing at Ashland Park**, on display until June 26.
- Apr. 17 - 50 people attend Stock car Racer's Gab Fest.
- May 15 - 40 attend Opening of Delbert Chambers' "**Architecture of Warrensburg**" - a permanent exhibit.
- May 29 - "See Us Now" summer kick-off reception.
- June 1 - Mr. Burns' seventh grade visits museum and takes bus tour of historic and geological locations in town.
- June 18 - Workshop for Museum Guides. 12 attendees.
- June 20 - Three fourth grade classes spend one hour each at museum.
- July 3 - 25 attend Opening Reception for "**Quilts from the Museum Collection**" exhibit. On display until Sept. 30.
- Oct. 16 - 16 attend Opening Reception for "**Hunting, Fishing and the Bear Waller Club**," on exhibit, thru Nov. 27.
- Nov. 21 - Morning: All fourth graders tour museum, focusing on the concept of "artifact."
- Nov. 21 - Afternoon: Mr. Burns' Environmental Sciences class, developing Then & Now scenarios for industrial sites.
- Dec. 1 - 30 attend preview of Delbert Chambers' "**My Dolly**" exhibit, 50 dolls/24 collectors. Displayed until Jan. 15.
- Dec. 3,4 - Christmas in Warrensburg Open House, **Dressed for the Holidays** theme by Rita Ferraro.

Improvements

- The north window of the Veterans Appreciation Room has been closed up and insulated for use as a display case. A

space for an air conditioner has been framed in at the top. The new flat-screen TV is mounted above the display windows.

- The iron nameplate from the top of the old woolen mill bridge was installed outside the museum's entrance, with the generous help of Wayne Anderson.

Grants

- Thanks to Gary Bivona we received \$2,000 from the **Glens Falls Foundation** for surveillance and security systems. A 12-camera system has been purchased. Installation will occur in 2012.
- Thanks to Sandi Parisi we received a \$600 grant from the **Charles R. Wood Foundation** for a 42" flat screen TV. The Warrensburgh Historical Society partially matched that grant to cover additional expenses for installation and a DVD player. Both have been installed in the VA Room.
- **Steve Blakely** of Lake Luzerne donated an air conditioner, which we will install in the VA Room.
- The **Warrensburgh Historical Society** contributed \$1,632.00 to the museum operation, including school programs, exhibits, events, and communications. (Of that, \$764 was received as cash donations at the museum.)

Accessions

Townpeople continue to contribute documents, photos and artifacts to the museum collection. These are all documented and formally acknowledged to donor. During 2011, 52 individuals donated a total of 509 items. A complete list of 2011 accessions will be given to the Town Clerk when completed.

Thank you!

We are grateful to the **Town of Warrensburg**, Supervisor Kevin Geraghty and Councilmen Dean Ackley, John Alexander, Austin Markey and Bryan Rounds, for their moral and financial support of the museum. Without that support over the past 35 years the museum would not exist. We look forward to working with the new board in 2012.

During 2011,

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve", written in a cursive style.

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 2011:

Char Bivona
Gary Bivona
Mark Brown
Delbert Chambers
John Cleveland
Jonnette Ermiger
Garry Ferraro
Rita Ferraro
Ruth Fruda
Paul Gilchrist
Marilyn Hayes
Steve Hoover
Bruce Irwin
Bob Knowles
Judy Korcz
Pat Leonard
Jackie Leonbruno
Rosemary Maher
Dennis Martinez
Marilyn O'Connor
Suzanne O'Dea
Sandi Parisi
Wendy Peluso
Jean Roush
Liz Sebald
Debbie Toolan
Barbara Whitford
Audrey Wilsey
Donne-Lynn Winslow