

Museum Report to Town Board

December 14, 2011

Museum statistics:

	Nov'11	Oct'11	Sep'11	Aug'11	July'11	June'11	May'11
Scheduled Days open:	9	11	13	12	14	13	9
Visitor Attendance:	49	98	82	149	157	61	80
Student (group) visits:	66	0	0	0	56	70	0
Director's Hours:	51	63	38	57	58	70	62
Volunteer Hours:							
Museum Guides: (hrs.)	52	58	76	80	85	72	45
Collections Management: (hrs.)	42	29	40	55	46	34	44
Maintenance/cleaning (hrs.)	8	6	11	16	8	8	8
Total Hours.....	153	156	165	208	194	184	159

The big "event" at the museum in November occurred Monday, November 21, when all three 4th grade classes visited in the morning and John Burns' Environmental Sciences 11/12 grade class visited in the afternoon. A total of 66 students were introduced to the museum that day!

The 4th graders focused on the concept of an "artifact" and how such objects inform about history. They were given tours in groups of 8-9 by Rosemary Maher, Rita Ferraro, Mark Brown and myself. Mark captivated the kids with a talk about hunting and fishing and how early settlers depended on both for their livelihood.

Mr. Burns' high school class focused on the industrial aspect of Warrensburg's history, developing team projects describing a particular industrial site and relating it to the current location. The museum visit was followed by a bus tour of these sites conducted by Paul Gilchrist. Our thanks are due to all involved with this service to the student population.

The Hunting, Fishing and the Bear Waller Club exhibit was taken down November 30 to make way for Delbert Chambers' "My Dolly" exhibit. Two dozen local people contributed more than 50 dolls of various ages and condition to this excellent holiday display. It will remain on view only through Thursday, January 5.

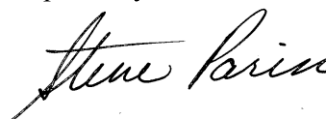
Rita Ferraro has once again created "Dressed for the Holidays," which will remain on view through the winter. Both exhibits met with acclaim at the My Dolly preview December 2, attended by more than 30 people, and the Winter in Warrensburgh weekend event, with an equal number of visitors. Both Delbert and Rita deserve our thanks and appreciation for their fine work that further increases the museum's impact on our community.

Chris McGuirk, former sheriff's deputy, gave us several hundred photos of the coal pocket fire, which can be seen on the 42-inch flat-screen TV in the Vets Appreciation Room.

Starting in January we will change open hours on Sundays to 1-3 PM and add 11-1 on Fridays (beginning December 23). We will continue to be open Wednesdays 1-4 PM and 6 to 8 PM on the first Thursday of the month.

On behalf of the Warrensburgh Historical Society I want to thank the Town Board for its continued support of the museum.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Parisi, Museum Director.