

Museum Report to Warrensburg Town Board

October 12, 2011

Museum statistics:

	Sep'11	Aug'11	July'11	June'11	May'11	April'11	Mar'11
Scheduled Days open:	13	12	14	13	9	8	10
Visitor Attendance:	82	149	157	61	80	82	59
Student (group) visits:	0	0	56	70	0	0	
Director's Hours:.....	38	57	58	70	62	-	-
Volunteer Hours:							
Museum Guides: (hrs.)	76	80	85	72	45	47	54
Collections Management: (hrs.)	40	55	46	34	44	114	115
Maintenance/cleaning (hrs.)	11	16	8	8	8	5	7
Total Hours	165	208	194	184	159	166	176

Visitor attendance in September dropped considerably compared to August, as expected, but compares very favorably with September 2010, which had 30 visitors, vs. 82 this year, more than two-and-a-half times.

A committee consisting of Rosemary Maher, Paul Gilchrest and myself are meeting with 4th grade teachers and John Burns from Jr./Sr. High School to arrange for class visits this fall.

The Vets Appreciation Room display window is almost complete, awaiting the installation of glass shelves. The flat screen TV paid partially with grants from the Charles R. Wood Foundation and Warrensburgh Historical Society has been installed, just waiting for installation of electrical outlets by Town Parks & Rec personnel.

I am experimenting with LED floodlamps to determine their effectiveness. They appear to work well, although are very expensive. In one instance it replaced 100 watts with 6 watts. I hope to find a funding source to replace the entire lighting system.

The Quilt Show has come down. John Hastings and Mark Brown are assisting with the next exhibit, The Bear Waller Club and Hunting and Fishing in the Warrensburg area. That exhibit will open with a reception this Sunday, October 16 during normal museum hours and run through November.

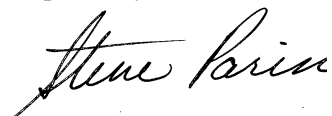
Delbert Chambers is having good success rounding up dolls for the "My Dolly" exhibit, to open December 3-4 for Christmas in Warrensburgh and the holiday season.

As of this week we will NOT be open on Saturdays until Memorial Day, except for Christmas in Warrensburgh, as we did last year. Statistically, that is the slowest of the three days. We will continue to be open the first Thursday of the month, 6-8 PM.

The Historical Society's Ghost Tour last Saturday was a great success, with about 56 people attending the two trolley tours. We owe Sally Feil and Maria Ligon a huge "thank you" for their research, organization and performance.

The perennial Graveyard Walks will occur Fridays, October 21 and 28, and the Dinner with the Dead at Grace's will take place on Sunday, October 23. I have tickets for the Walks. Reservation for the dinner can be made directly at Grace's.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Parisi, Museum Director.