

Museum Report to Town Board

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Museum statistics:

	<u>Mar'12</u>	<u>Feb'12</u>	<u>Jan'12</u>	<u>Dec'11</u>	<u>Nov'11</u>	<u>Oct'11</u>	<u>Sep'11</u>
Scheduled Days open:	8	14	9	12	9	11	13
Visitor Attendance:	36	33	57	89	49	98	82
Student (group) visits:	0	0	0	66	0	0	0
Director's Hours:	58	56	59	56	51	63	38
Volunteer Hours:							
Museum Guides: (hrs.)	55	70	56	88	52	58	76
Collections Management: (hrs.)	68	34	31	41	42	29	40
Maintenance/cleaning (hrs.).....	4	12	11	6	8	6	11
Total Hours.....	185	172	157	191	153	156	165

March was a quiet month at the museum, starting with our once-a-month evening hours being cancelled due to a major snowstorm. The unusually high temperature from March 18 - 23 reminded us of the need for the installation of our second air conditioner, in the Veterans Appreciation Room. This is especially important for the upcoming visit in May of the 68 kids in seventh grade. (Their visit in 2011 was on the hottest day to that date.) Tracy Benoit has already installed the electrical outlet.

Our workshop on Monday, March 26, was a great success, with 16 members of the Society, plus Town Council members Linda Marcella and Bryan Rounds in attendance at the all-day session. Gary Bivona conducted the workshop, assisted by myself. In addition to Society board members Sandi Parisi, Wendy Peluso, John Cleveland, Bob Knowles, Dennis Martinez, Mark Brown and Paul Gilchrist, Suzanne O'Dea, Delbert Chambers, Brittany Hastings, John Hastings, Rosemary Maher, Rita Ferraro and Char Bivona were also in attendance.

Goals were developed to increase the museum's outreach to community groups and school classes. The museum will be offered for meetings and mixers, and as an extended classroom. Ideas for hands-on exhibits and periodic demonstrations of early domestic crafts should enhance the museum's appeal to all ages. Formation of a "Friends of the Museum" group to increase the number of volunteers was discussed, as well as the creation of an endowment fund to encourage larger donations and bequests. At a subsequent committee meeting chairpersons were appointed to head sub-committees for these efforts.

Mr. Burns' seventh grade environmental sciences class will visit the museum on May 22. Half of the class of 68 students will visit in the morning while the other half hikes Hackensack Mountain, and reverse in the afternoon. Special focus will be on the town's architecture and the logging industry.

I am requesting Occupancy Tax funds for our annual brochure printing and distribution for the season, this year expanding the territory to include Saratoga and Albany locations.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Parisi, Museum Director.