

Museum Report to Warrensburg Town Board

November 9, 2011

Museum statistics:

	Oct'11	Sep'11	Aug'11	July'11	June'11	May'11	April'11
Scheduled Days open:	11	13	12	14	13	9	8
Visitor Attendance:	98	82	149	157	61	80	82
Student (group) visits:	0	0	0	56	70	0	0
Director's Hours:	63	38	57	58	70	62	-
Volunteer Hours:							
Museum Guides: (hrs.)	58	76	80	85	72	45	47
Collections Management: (hrs.)	29	40	55	46	34	44	114
Maintenance/cleaning (hrs.)	6	11	16	8	8	8	5
Total Hours.....	156	165	208	194	184	159	166

The exhibit, *Hunting, Fishing and the Bear Waller Club* had a successful opening reception on Sunday, October 16, with a repeat reception Thursday evening, November 3 during "1st Thursday" hours. It remains through November 30. The exhibit includes photos from albums created by Joe Aikens, Marshall Burt and Stewart Farrar, all through the courtesy of their heirs.

On Monday morning, November 21 all three 4th grade classes will be given special tours of the museum. That same day Mr. John Burns' 11th grade Environmental Sciences class will spend several hours at the museum in the afternoon. WCS students who visit the museum on their own will receive "Pride" coupons recognizing their community spirit.

We have received our 12-camera surveillance system and hope to have it installed by the end of the year. This is fully funded with the \$2,000 Glens Falls Foundation grant.

We have received a large donation of photos, memorabilia, farm tools and a steamer trunk from Marie Rhodes Ross. This includes a quantity of photos and memorabilia from the late Sig Wachter, telegraph agent and Post Star correspondent for Warrensburg from the 1930s to 1950s, who resided with the Rhodes family.

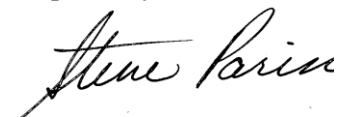
Our next major exhibit is entitled "My Dolly," consisting of dozens of dolls on loan from community members. This will open Saturday, December 3 during Christmas in Warrensburgh celebrations, and remain until the new year. The museum will be open all day (10 am to 4 pm) on both Saturday and Sunday of the Christmas in Warrensburgh weekend.

We await with anticipation Town Parks and Rec's installation of 2 new electrical outlets in the Veterans Appreciation Room for our flat-screen TV and air conditioner. Our experiments with LED lighting are proving very positive, and can result in 80-90% savings in energy consumption for lighting. We are seeking grants to cover the extremely high cost of replacement bulbs.

We are grateful for the Town's continued financial support of the museum.

In news of the Historical Society, paid membership now stands at 240. Our annual Graveyard Walks and Dinner were again successful, with more than 90 people attending. Our new event, Warrensburgh Ghost Tours drew 52 people. Our Annual Holiday Dinner will be held at Lizzie Keays at a December date to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Parisi, Museum Director.