

Quarterly Museum Report to Warrensburg Town Board

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Museum statistics for first quarter:

	Mar'13	Feb'13	Jan'13	Total 1Q 2013	Total 1Q 2012
Scheduled Days open:	8	8	10	26	31
Visitor Attendance:	38	65	42	145	126
Student (group) visits:	0	0	0	0	0
Director's Hours:*	57	63	60	180*	173*
Volunteer Hours:					
Museum Guides: (hrs.).....	47	49	68	164	181
Collections Management: (hrs.)....	57	75	71	203	133
Maintenance/cleaning (hrs.).....	6	4	5	15	27
Total Hours	167	191	204	562	514

* Director's hours recorded are those actually spent at the Museum. An equivalent amount of time is spent at home on Museum and Historical Society work.

Total Museum attendance in the first quarter of 2013 was 145, compared with 126 for the same period in 2012, an increase of 15%, in spite of being closed two days due to weather. This is the slowest period of the year and also reflects the absence of school class visits.

Volunteer hours for the quarter in 2013 were 508 compared with 341 in 2012. Most of the increase this year reflects more hours spent on collections management and accessions.

Since January six individuals have donated 49 items to the museum collection, ranging from toys to china and glassware.

During the quarter I placed advertising in the Homeschoolers Guide for \$50 and added a 360-degree view of the Bicentennial Exhibit to the 360DACKS website for \$125 for the year. Both were covered by Occupancy Tax grants.

February saw the highest attendance at a reception since that for the Stock Car Racing exhibit. 45 people attended the opening for the Warrensburg Bicentennial Exhibit on Sunday, February 17. Additional artifacts and photo/text panels have been added since that date. A second reception has been scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 1-3 pm.

We are planning to do a small exhibit on the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and Theta Rho organizations in time for the June 15 burial of the Odd Fellows' "bones" on Saturday June 15. Attendees will be invited back to the museum for a light lunch.

WCS faculty will be targeted for a buffet lunch at the museum towards the end of the school year, possibly sometime in the middle of June. We are told this is a time when pressure is off.

With the assistance of volunteers Marie Ross and Tammy Jones, we now have "treasure hunt" hand-outs for both children and adults. Initial observations indicate they greatly enhance attention to the exhibits.

David Pitkin donated over 100 copies of his book, *Ghosts of Warren County* to the Society to do with as we see fit. This occurred one week before his death from cancer. His obituary suggested donations may be made to "a local food pantry." Accordingly, the Society is donating half of the sale price to North Country Ministry's Food Pantry.

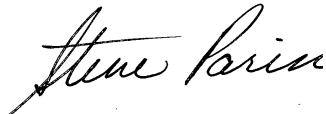
Bea Greenwood, niece of former Town Historian Mabel Tucker, contacted us with an offer to donate the remaining 1,000 copies of her book, *Reflections and Recollections of a Town With a Past*, published in 2002. We have reduced the price of this handy little primer about Warrensburg by half and will be distributing free

copies to the school and library. We would also like to give every town employee a copy. (I am happy to report that Mrs. Greenwood appears to be in good health.)

Following is a calendar of upcoming Museum and Historical Society events through August:

- Saturday, May 18, 2 pm **Adirondack Brook Trout Fishing - Past and Present.** Mark Brown and others will give a talk and demonstration at the Warrensburgh Museum.
- Sunday, May 19, 1-3 pm **Open House for Bicentennial Exhibit**, refreshments served.
- Saturday, May 25, 1-3 pm. Beginning of Saturday hours at Museum, through Columbus Weekend.
- Saturday, June 15, 11 am. Ceremonial burial of Odd Fellows' skeletons at Warrensburg Cemetery.
- Saturday, June 15, Noon. **Reception following Odd Fellows Burial at cemetery**, Complementary deli lunch at museum. Special exhibit on Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and Theta Rho. A midweek day in mid June (tbd), Deli Luncheon for WCS faculty and staff.
- Saturday, July 6, 1 - 4 pm **Summer Kick-off Open House** with refreshments.
- Saturday, July 20 10 am – 4 pm **Adirondack Architectural Heritage Workshop and Walking Tour of Warrensburg.** Workshop by AARCH at the Senior Center will teach architectural style identification. Following a "brown bag" lunch, the group will take a walking architectural tour of the hamlet. Price: \$5 members of Warrensburgh Historical Society and Warrensburgh Beautification, \$10 all others, includes pastries, coffee, juice, dessert and beverages. Jointly sponsored by Warrensburgh Beautification Inc. and Warrensburgh Historical Society. Info and reservations at 466-5497.
- Saturday, July 27, 11 am - 4:30 pm **Wilderness Heritage Corridor Showcase** at Thurman Station. The Warrensburgh Museum and Warrensburgh Historical Society will be represented, with information booth and historical offerings. Info at www.ThurmanStationShowcase.com
- Saturday, August 10, 9 am - 5 pm. **Warren County Rural Heritage Festival and Youth Fair.** The Warrensburgh Museum and Warrensburgh Historical Society will be represented, with information booth and historical offerings. Warren County Fairgrounds, Schroon River Road. Sponsored by Warren County Historical Society.
- Sunday, August 11, 11 am - 4 pm. **17th Annual Sticky Wicket Croquet Competition and Picnic.** Warrensburg Fish Hatchery Free picnic, Croquet entry Fee \$5. Sponsored by the Warrensburgh Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Parisi, Museum Director.