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Changes at the Museum

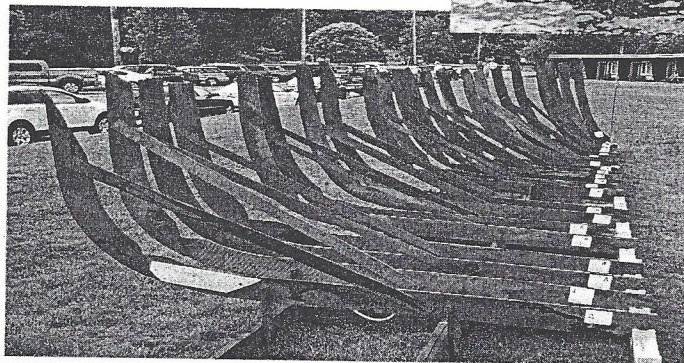
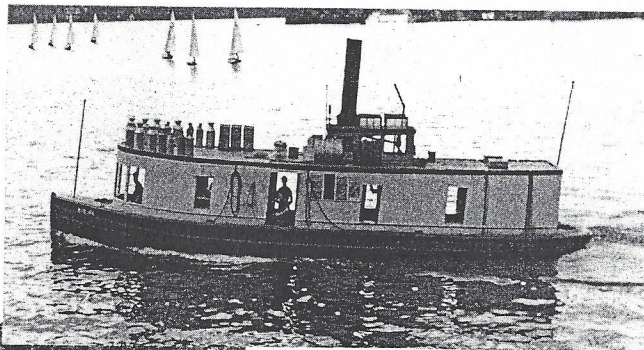
Last winter the Board of Trustees and the staff of the Town of Webb Historical Association and Goodsell Museum decided to repurpose an exhibit space upstairs into a reference library. With increasing research requests, we reorganized our archives into one location making it more convenient for study. No longer do we need to bring boxes out into the hallway! We now have a space for our microfilm reader and extra storage for newspapers, magazines, ledgers and books.

We have also changed the start of our next feature exhibit. The opening has been moved from Thanksgiving weekend to June 2017. With an increased number of summer visitors, the staff is unable to complete the work necessary for staging a new exhibit in the short time between Columbus Day and Thanksgiving. Putting an exhibit together is time consuming: getting the exhibit space ready (painting, etc.), collecting artifacts, ephemera and photographs and most importantly, research on exhibit theme.

We hope you will approve of the new changes and will come and see the results.

Outreach and Fun Stuff

Known as the "Pickle Boat" the steamer Mohawk was a floating grocery store that navigated the Fulton Chain from 1907 to 1942



The Mohawk's rib patterns on display at the Antique Boat Show in July

From the Director's Desk

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THANK YOU

to our volunteers, guest speakers and all who made summer 2016 the best season yet! We had record numbers sign our guest book, attend our lectures and join us for our fundraisers.

THANK YOU

to the **Big Moose Community Chapel** for its invitation and generosity.

Coming

Summer of 2017

New summer lecture series

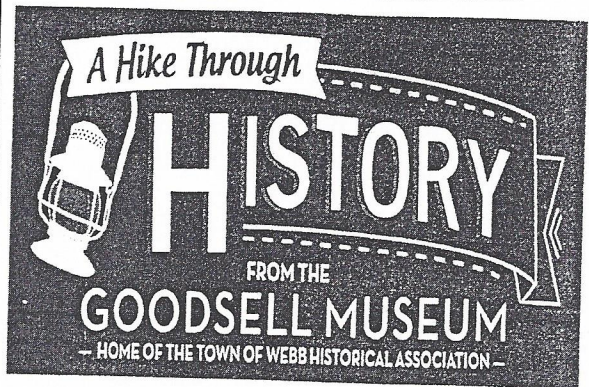
At the

THENDARA TOWN HALL

Wednesday Nights

Stay tuned for scheduled speakers!!

LOOK FOR US IN THE WEEKLY ADIRONDACK



~ FUN FACT ~

The Brown's Tract Guides' Association reintroduced several animals that had been hunted almost to extinction. Moose, Elk and Beaver were all brought to the TOW and released.

~ TEST YOUR HISTORY I.Q. ~

Which animal was a true success story?

Answer: Beaver

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(across from the post office) • www.webbhistory.org • Open Tues-Sat 10am-3pm

OUR MISSION

To preserve, protect, restore, and exhibit objects and properties of historic, natural and antiquarian interest from the Town of Webb for



Help promote our Facebook page. Share our page with a friend.

WHAT DO WE DO IN THE WINTER?

It is a question that we get all *summer*. We have decided to answer with a new exhibit on winter sports:

LET IT SNOW!

Snow trains, Maple Ridge, Alpine, McCauley Mt., toboggan run, ice skating, ski jumping, snow sculpting, snowshoeing, snowmobiling.... We've done it ALL!



Come in to see how winter is just as much fun as summer!

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT?

Don't forget about our gift shop.

Come in or visit online.

If you are unable to get to the Museum you can order by phone (315) 369-3838

Or order from our website
www.webbhistory.org

We accept all major credit cards and/or PayPal

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



The Board of Trustees of the Town of Webb Historical Association wishes to acknowledge the generosity of all that have donated ephemera and artifacts this year. Business invoices, banking receipts, letterhead stationary, ledgers, newspaper articles, club records, postcards, and photos are examples of inventoried items.

If you wish to donate, please don't be concerned about the number of items you have. As they say: "a photo speaks a 1000 words". You might be in possession of a matchbook with business advertising on the cover. Maybe an ashtray or pencil, a business card or yardstick. You never know what is lurking in your closet! How about menus? Coffee mugs? Newspapers and periodicals? These are the things we find *priceless!*

Donors to the Museum receive the satisfaction of knowing their given items become a permanent part of the collections of the Historical Association.

The Museum cannot agree to permanently exhibit any donated item as a condition of donation. Constraints on exhibition space limit the number of artifacts that can be on display at any one time and for that reason, we rotate exhibits.

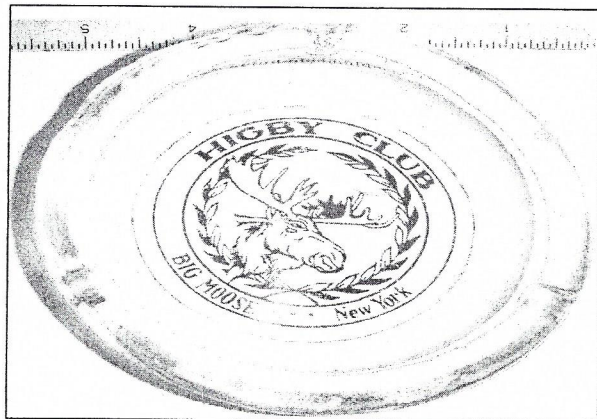
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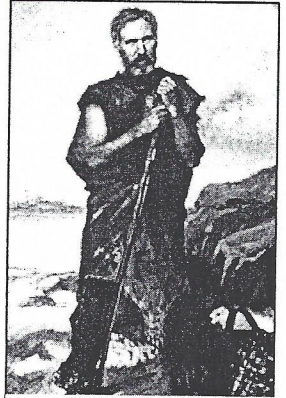
The "Dawn Woman" Experiment

By Peg Masters, Town of Webb Historian

Sensational stories about our Town have captured the Nation's attention every now and then. One of those occurred in September 1916 when a well-known silent film screen actress stepped off the train at Fulton Chain station with plans to spend the next several weeks alone in the woods and procure her food, clothing, fire and shelter with no help other than her bare hands. The actress, Elaine Hammerstein, was the granddaughter of Oscar Hammerstein and the protégé of a self-proclaimed woodsman, Joseph Knowles. Miss Hammerstein had been selected by Joe from scores of beautiful female applicants who had been interviewed in the "palm jungle" of the McAlpin Hotel restaurant in New York City.

Three years earlier in October 1913, Joe Knowles gained national attention and the title "Dawn Man" when he emerged from a two-month stay in the Maine wilderness with matted hair, a full beard, skin dark as a Native American, and clad in fur-lined chaps and a bear skin cloak. His experiment, which started in August when he entered the woods with nothing but his "birthday suit," was serialized in a Boston newspaper from notes he had sent out that were written with burnt stick pencils on birch bark paper. An estimated 20,000 people greeted him as a hero at a reception in Boston on October 9th. In less than two months, a book of his adventure titled "Alone in the Wilderness" was a holiday bestseller.

Now in September 1916, with a movie contract in his pocket and a hoard of newspaper reporters in tow, Knowles accompanied his "Dawn Woman" – Miss Hammerstein and her mother Allison Hammerstein as chaperone to Orley and Lottie Tuttle's Bay View Camp on the Fulton Chain of Lakes.



Joe Knowles in 1913



Elaine Hammerstein

Knowles was confident he could teach his protégé to make waterproof birch bark cookware, fires without matches by rubbing dry sticks together, and handmade game traps. Elaine was confident she would bring back many specimens to present to the Smithsonian Institute except for the mink and ermine skins she promised to give to her Aunt Stella for fashion accessories. But what will she wear into the woods the reporters wanted to know? "Tiger skins," said her father Arthur during an interview in Manhattan.

A week of woodcraft training took place at Orley's log cabin half-way up Third Lake Creek formerly owned by Joe Perkins. Lottie Tuttle's brother Morris Roderick from Maine was along to assist Knowles in teaching Elaine how to abandon the "frumperies of civilization." In spite of her father's speculation, her first task was to weave a grass skirt costume in the Hawaiian style.

At the end of the week, reporters announced that Miss Hammerstein had decided to abandon the primitive back to nature experiment. "It is getting too cold in the mountains to wear a grass costume." Berries and wild cucumbers were in abundance but she noted it was loathsome to kill the game she snared or trapped which resulted in getting her hands all bloodied. The reporters glumly settled for a photograph of Elaine in a bathing suit and returned to their newspaper offices without a front-page story.

Joseph Knowles's movie aspirations were over and he settled in 1917 out west. Newspaperman William Randolph Hearst subsequently exposed the "Dawn Man's" Maine sojourn as a hoax. Knowles had spent most of his 1913 hibernation in a friend's well-outfitted cabin. As a self-taught illustrator, Joe made a living painting Indians, shipwrecks, and animals. His drawings were so popular that when his pet chipmunk Mr. Peabody died in 1939, the *Oregonian* newspaper ran its obituary. Joseph Knowles was twice married, lived the last two decades of his life in a crookedly-built driftwood cabin in Ilwaco, Oregon where he died in 1942.

Elaine Hammerstein's popularity as a melodramatic movie actress continued until her retirement from films in the mid-1920s. She tragically was killed along with her husband James W. Kays and two other companions in a head on collision on the Tijuana-Ensenada Highway in Mexico in 1948.

Perfect Gifts for every occasion!

Giving gifts that truly benefit the needs of others can be a wonderful way to pay tribute to special people in your life. Gifts given in honor of family and friends at Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild or other notable occasions, are significant and lasting ways to show you care.

Consider the choices:

There are several ways to make gifts to **TOWHA** in honor or in memory of others:

Gifts of cash: These are the most popular vehicles for honoring family and friends. They are convenient and can be tax-deductible.

Other gifts: Memorial and honorary gifts can also be funded with assets such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds that have increased in value. Gifts of assets, other than cash, often provide tax savings and may also help reduce or eliminate capital gains tax on assets.

Leave a legacy:

- ◇ A gift included in your **will** or **living trust** can be the foundation of a lasting legacy.
- ◇ A gift of excess **retirement funds**, **pension plans** or **IRA's** may enable you to give more while eliminating taxes that could largely deplete these assets.
- ◇ Gifts of **life insurance** that are no longer needed may offer excellent tax benefits and also be a wonderful way to honor someone.

Because the Town of Webb Historical Association is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation, charitable gifts to us often provide significant tax benefits and considerable options for philanthropic involvement.

We are thankful to Robert Goodsell for making *his* home *our* home.

Don't forget Corporate Matching Gifts

WE REMEMBER

Christine Cardner in memory of Family, Louise Foley in memory of Helen and John Foley, Jan and Steve Park in memory of David W. Park, Mimi Spain Hannan in memory of Peg Spain Murtagh, Tim Mayers in memory of Dave "Wally" Van Pelt, Robert J. Houghton in memory of Anne Houghton, John DeBevoise in memory of Edie Morcy, Prissy Lee in memory of Bob Winter and Wanda Martin, Frank Lesure in memory of the Dart and Lesure families, Joyce and Richard Ploss in memory of Horace Norton. Janice O'Connor in memory of Bob O'Connor.

In Honor of:

Fred and Judy Ehrensbeck in honor of David and Ethan's Teachers
 Doc & Judy Foley in honor of Midge McCarthy's Birthday
 Carol McCann in honor of Leona DeLong's 100th Birthday

