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Benefit Auction is a Success

In spite of the rain and cold temperatures on May 24, 2003 the Annual Benefit Auction, held under tents on the grounds of the Goodsell Memorial Museum, generated much needed income. Plans to keep the Museum open to the public during July, August and September for an additional day on Friday's are now possible.

We would like to thank everyone who donated antique, Adirondack, vintage, new and nearly new items. George Villiere, our auctioneer, was able to complete the auction of just over 200 items in a few hours. Good cooks provided sandwiches for the food booth. Several businesses in town provided additional food, drink and paper products.

Several donations for the auction were turned into artifacts to be saved by the Museum. We received Guideboat oars, vintage winter posters, maps, pamphlets and crutches which will now become items for display.

The Ways and Means Committee is working on plans for our second auction in 2004. Please keep us in mind when you clean out your attic, basement or garage. We are collecting now.



Exhibits

The Museum Committee met several times over the past six months and made significant, but subtle, changes to several of the rooms in the museum. The Bedroom Exhibit is now less cluttered and small items are protected from dust. The Adirondack/Indian Exhibit has had new items added and additional security put in place on existing displays. We expect to receive a new display of Adirondack post cards to have in place by early July.

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Letter from the Director

Summer is here and I am excited about all the projects the newly elected Board of Trustees are working on. To name a few, Co-Chairmen of Buildings and Grounds, Roland Christy and Reed Proper, are compiling a list of projects needing attention. The projects will be prioritized and worked on during the 5-year plan as money becomes available. The Museum Committee, led by Co-Chairs Diane Ritz and Mary Farmer, is working on topics for displays for the two exhibit areas that change yearly. A new exhibit will be replacing the Goodsell Family and Historical Association 25th Anniversary exhibit in November. Ways and Means is looking forward to the Postcard, Paper, and Bottle Show and Sale on August 2nd at the Park Avenue Building. We have 15 dealers who have reserved 29 tables for the show.

The Board gave their approval in June to hire a part-time Assistant and a part-time Bookkeeper to help spread out the work load. All in all it has been an extremely productive year to date.

Gail Murray

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From the Director's Desk

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Archival News

Our vertical files contain information on businesses, hotels/motels, organizations, churches, people, etc. We seem to have some gaps we wish to fill. If you own, owned, worked at or visited places in the Town of Webb—Hamlets of McKeever, Minnihaha, Thendara, Old Forge, Big Moose, Eagle Bay or Twitchell Lake, your memories are important to us. If you have photos, flyers, stationery, brochures or memorabilia from the area that you wish to share—please contact us.

During the past several months we have received furniture, photos, postcards, phonograph cylinders, eyeglasses, magazines, and pamphlets as well as a collection of items from Lynn University and from the original Teich's Old Trading Post in Eagle Bay.

We welcome any additions to our collections. Let us preserve the history of the Town of Webb for all to see.

Sharing our Heritage

The Historical Association has on loan to the Arts Center/Old Forge, several artifacts from the collection for their Adirondack Theme Exhibit "Connections . . . Past to Present." You may want to make time to see this informative, well-done, exhibit which tells some of the history of past communication systems in the Adirondacks. The exhibit runs through July 6th. Call the Arts Center at 315-369-6411 for more information.

The Old Forge Library's Storytelling Festival at McCauley Mountain will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2003. The Town of Webb Historical Association will have a mini exhibit located in the Chalet from 10 AM—4 PM. Our exhibit this year is on Transportation—Trains. Call the Old Forge Library for more information at 315-369-6008.

Goodsell Memorial Museum

2993 Main Street—Old Forge

OPEN: Tuesday—Thursday—Saturday 10 AM—2 PM
Extended Summer Hours on Friday or by Appointment

Coming Events

July and August—Historic Walking Tours—Saturdays July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and August 2nd (five Saturdays) Meeting at Hemmer Cottage, corner of Park Avenue and South Shore Road at 9:30 AM. One hour, one mile walk along Main Street, Old Forge, ending at the Town of Webb Historical Association Goodsell Memorial Museum. Walks are FREE, rain or shine.

August 2, 2003—Postcard, Paper, and Bottle Show and Sale
183 Park Avenue, Municipal Bldg, Old Forge 10 AM-4 PM
Admission \$2.

August 9, 2003—11 AM—1 PM Kowalik's Hotel Luncheon, Slideshow and Walking Tour of McKeever. Co-Hosts: Peg Masters & Dick Ulrich. Advanced reservations are required—\$20 per person. Deadline August 5.

August 10, 2003—Taste of the Fulton Chain Cruise
Cocktail & Appetizer Cruise on the Uncas. Hemmer Cottage Benefit
5:30 to 7:30 PM. Advanced reservations requested—\$25 per person.

August 16, 2003—9:30 to 11 AM Big Moose Station Slideshow, Continental Breakfast and Walking Tour. Co-Hosts: Peg Masters and Ida Winter. Advanced reservations are required—\$10 per person. Deadline August 12.

December 7, 2003—Open House—1-3 PM Goodsell Museum
Everyone is invited! Refreshments served.
Our new exhibits will be in place.

Benefit Auction 2004—Date to be Announced

Become a Volunteer!

We need help. Consider becoming a volunteer and help us do many tasks more quickly and efficiently. Choose your own hours during our "open" hours, pick a project that interests you and you are comfortable doing. We need sorters and accessioners. Help is needed with small maintenance projects, carpentry, and painting. Several collections of photographs and negatives need identification and archiving. Computer data entry help and verification of collection information is also needed. If you are interested and available please call the director for more information.

*Volunteers are the backbone of any organization...
Become one today!*

Dollars and Sense

Your membership renewals for the current year January –December, 2003 have helped sustain the operations of the museum to date and we thank you. If you haven't sent in your dues, please consider filling out the form below and mailing it with your check. Better yet, bring it in person and see what is new on display.

Membership Benefits

- ◆ Semi-annual newsletter
- ◆ Invitation to Annual Victorian Open House
- ◆ Free research assistance
- ◆ Satisfaction in knowing your support helps us continue to preserve the past

Membership Dues:

- Family \$15 _____
- Individual \$10 _____
- Patron Sponsor \$100 _____
- Business Sponsor \$200 _____

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Summer Address _____

Additional Support

- Endowment Fund \$ _____
- General Operation \$ _____
- Hemmer Cottage \$ _____
- Memorial Donation \$ _____

In Memory of: _____ *

*for acknowledgement to family member please include their name and address

\$ _____ **Total Enclosed**
payable to the Town of Webb Historical Association

If your company provides matching gifts, please include the appropriate form with your contribution.

Contributions are Tax Deductible
THANK YOU!

Wish List

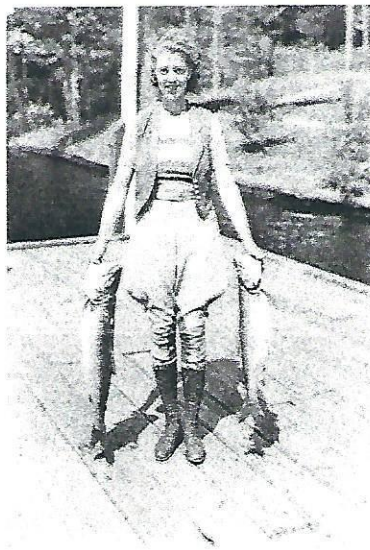
The Goodsell Memorial Museum is in need of a new answering machine, a paper shredder, portable display unit and copier that accepts paper up to 11" x 14". New or nearly new items would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the director if you can help.

Postcard Book

Sales have been good for the postcard book "Old Forge: Gateway to the Adirondacks". The Historical Association will receive royalties from each book sold. This is possible due to the generous donation of the three authors: Linda Cohen, Sarah Cohen and Peg Masters.

The book includes hundreds of postcards from the area. The postcard book is in stock at the Museum. Stop in or call to have one sent by mail. Cost is just \$19.99 plus tax and shipping, if necessary.

**Happy Birthday Edith Tuttle Morcy
100 years young—June 26, 2003**



Edie is the daughter of O.C. (Orley) and Lottie Roderick Tuttle. Raised in the Old Forge area, Edie and her sister Fern were skilled at many outdoor activities such as hiking, hunting, shooting and fishing. Edie received her license to guide in the 1930's. She may be best remembered for the long distance women's swim race in 1929. Edie completed the fourteen hour swim from Inlet to Old Forge to take second place.

"Edie was quite the catch"

The Town of Webb Historical Association would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Joel Bridges and Ms. Linda Cohen for their monetary contributions to the Town of Webb Historical Association in honor of Edie's birthday.