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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends & Neighbors of the Depot Museum,

May 2010

With the beginning of spring comes new thoughts with exciting ideas that pertain to our growth at the Depot Museum and Owens Educational Center. We are spreading our wings and demonstrating our Mission statement through our active presence in our community, surrounding areas, both in and out of state and foreign countries. Visitors frequently are amazed at what we have to offer in our little hamlet of North Creek! It is through long hours of dedicated volunteers that enable us to continue to march forward and keep our vision alive and active.

With the above thoughts you too can aid us in our Mission and contribute to our membership drive. These funds enable us to continue our progress and keep our programs active and challenging for all to share through active participation. Enclosed in this newsletter is the application for membership. Every little bit helps: contributions, volunteerism, or whatever best fits your lifestyle. We at the NCRDPA encourage you to be part of the TEAM and get involved by making 2010 a gala of a year, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the museum. This event is planned for Sunday July 11, 2010 at the Depot Museum with the highlight of the program focusing on our "Ski Room Exhibit." Details are included inside this newsletter.

Have you heard the news? We now have heat in the Owens House through a New York State grant bestowed on our organization this year. This enables us to have our educational programs year round and display our historical artifacts that you all have graciously shared and donated to our Depot Museum.

The depot platform has become a safety concern and needs to be replaced. We are launching a capital campaign to raise funds to replace our deteriorating platform. Plans are to replace the existing planks with 2 1/2 inch pressure treated stock that would last for twenty-five years or more. So won't you jump on board and donate a board? Details are also included inside this newsletter.

Come see us and offer suggestions; please get involved! It is only through your interest that sparks enthusiasm, keeping us alive and current!

Have a healthy and prosperous spring,

President, NCRDPA

Or Current Resident

Reserve your ticket for our new ski exhibit opening!

Celebrating the museum's 10th anniversary.

Join us on Sunday, July 11 at 5pm for a festive party celebrating the opening of the Depot Museum's new Ski Exhibit. This exhibit features a comprehensive timeline that spans 75 years of development from the arrival of the Ski Trains to North Creek up to the present-day interconnect of Gore and Ski Bowl Park. Enjoy catered hors d'oeuvres, beverages, music, and remarks. Mingle with friends and remember your own days on the slopes of Gore Mountain, where you could- and still can- "Ride Up and Slide Down."

Tickets are \$25 and can be reserved by calling the museum office at (518) 251-5842.



2010 DEPOT MUSEUM EVENTS

April 24 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 5:30pm, "Artifact Night," a presentation by author Andy Flynn 7:00pm, "Celebrating the Good Works," a non-profit house party event at 8:30pm. All events at TPCC.

May 1 Museum Opens! Open on weekends in May and June. July– October: Wednesday 12-4pm, Thursday-Sunday 10-4pm. \$2 adult, children and members free.

May 20 North Creek Art Walk, 5-7pm. Artist's reception at Owens House Gallery featuring book artist Robert Walp of Chester Creek Press. Free.

June 2 Platform Talk, 3pm. Gloria Waldron Huckle. "Fact to Fiction and Between"-the settlers of North Creek. Bring a chair. Donations appreciated.

June 17 Platform Talk, 3pm. Paul Hai, SUNY ESF. Thomas Clark Durant, D & H Railroad Baron. Bring a chair. Donations appreciated.

June 17 North Creek Art Walk, 5-7pm. Artist's reception at Owens House Gallery featuring sculptor Jane Bouchard. Free.

June 24 Platform Talk, 3pm. Christine Campeau, ADK Museum. Photographer Seneca Ray Stoddard. Bring a chair. Donations appreciated.

July 1 Platform Talk, 3pm. Bill Bibby, VP, Depot Museum. North Creek Walk and Talk tour. Be prepared to walk and learn how North Creek looked like decades ago.

July 11 GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW SKI EXHIBIT! Enjoy light food and drinks, music, and remarks. Festivities start at 5pm. Tickets \$25; call 251-5842 to reserve yours today.

July 15 Platform Talk, 3pm. Milda Burns and Ray Flanigan. North River photographer Ernest J. Ameden. Bring a chair. Donations appreciated.

July 22 Platform Talk, 3pm. Laura Cotton, ADK Museum. "Let's Eat: Adirondack Food Traditions." Bring a chair. Donations appreciated.

July 29 Platform Talk, 3pm. Nan Hudnut Clarkson. Living at Fox Lair. Bring a chair. Donations appreciated.

Aug. 5 Platform Talk, 3pm. Milda Burns and Ray Flanigan. Painters Edward P. Buyck and Winslow Homer. Bring a chair. Donations appreciated.

Aug. 12 Platform Talk, 3pm. Perky Granger. "Tales from the Tracks: Thurman people and places along the D&H." Bring a chair. Donations appreciated.

Aug. 19 Platform Talk 3pm. Milda Burns. Abenaki Indians Free Burley and Sabael. Bring a chair. Donations appreciated.

Aug. 19 North Creek Art Walk, 5-7pm. Artist's reception at Owens House Gallery featuring photographer Samantha Kimbrell. Free.

Aug. 26 Platform Talk, 3pm. Jeff Dickinson. "Running the River, The History of Rafting the Hudson." Bring a chair. Donations appreciated.

Sept. 2 Museum tour, walk, and train ride with Adirondack Architectural Heritage. Call (518) 834-9328 for tickets.

Sept. 16 North Creek Art Walk, 5-7pm. Artist's reception at Owens House Gallery featuring mixed media and fabric artist Hillary Fayle. Free.

The Owens House Gallery is open May– October on Tuesdays– Fridays from 10– 3pm to view the art work featured during the North Creek Art Walks. Sales available. Please call the office for more information.

"I Belong Because I Believe"

-Bill Bibby

HOW CAN YOU HELP? IT'S EASY AND GOOD FOR YOU TOO.

YES! YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO SUPPORT THE NORTH CREEK DEPOT MUSEUM IN 2010.

_____ RECEPTION SPECIAL "PAY WHAT YOU CAN" OPTION: \$_____ ENCLOSED
_____ INDIVIDUAL MEMBER \$25 _____ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$50
_____ SUSTAINING MEMBER \$100+ _____ BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP* \$250

***BUSINESSES MAY DISPLAY BROCHURES AT THE MUSEUM. PLEASE FORWARD A SUPPLY WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**

_____ YES! I WANT TO HELP BY VOLUNTEERING AS A MUSEUM DOCENT OR ON A COMMITTEE (CIRCLE ONE). YOU CAN CONTACT ME WITH MORE INFORMATION.

Membership Benefits Package...

- Free admission to the museum.
- Invitations to receptions for new exhibits and our annual gala event. Two free tickets to gala events are complimentary for donations over \$250.00.
- Bi-annual newsletters and event updates.
- 10% discount at the museum gift shop.

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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NCRDPA. DID YOU KNOW THAT WE ACCEPT MATCHING GRANT DONATIONS FROM YOUR EMPLOYER OR RETIREMENT ACCOUNT? COMPLETE THE PROPER PAPERWORK AND SEND IT WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP; WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

NCRDPA is a non-profit 501 c (3) organization that relies on memberships and donations for educational missions, programs, and exhibits. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the full extent provided by law.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

With full support of the Depot Board, I am pleased to bring you a full schedule of events this summer, including eleven platform talks, four artists' receptions, a fantastic event co-hosted with the Adirondack Museum in April, the grand opening of our new ski exhibit in July, and a tour with Adirondack Architectural Heritage in September.

A generous grant from LARAC allowed me to introduce a Winter Workshop Series at the Owens House. Our inaugural year proved that there are folks who are interested in this kind of programming, and I anticipate hosting another series in 2011 providing that funding is again received. If you have topics for a class or could teach a class, please contact me at the office.

I am very excited to present the opening of the new ski exhibit. Much time and energy has been devoted to revising this popular exhibit. I am thrilled to be working with such dedicated volunteers who have a great vision for the finished product. Grant funding from the Rivendell Foundation has afforded the museum this opportunity. Please join us for the grand opening on Sunday, July 11 at 5pm. The 3rd Thursday North Creek Art Walks are also new this year. I spearheaded this idea after participating in a number of art walks in other towns. It's a great event to gather your friends and family after work and stroll through town, stopping at over a dozen businesses to view a variety of artwork. The Owens House Gallery is a beautiful space to showcase art, and I've selected a book artist, sculptor, photographer, and a mixed media artist.

Over the winter, two exhibits from the World Awareness Children's Museum of Glens Falls have graced the walls at the Owens House. The WACM's mission is "to collect and share international children's art to foster knowledge and appreciation of world cultures and promote peace and understanding." These pieces have added a wonderful element to Owens House.

Thursdays are popular in North Creek this summer! In addition to our scheduled museum platform talks at 3pm, the 2nd season of the North Creek Farmers Market is operating on Thursdays from 3-6pm at the train station pavilion starting June 17. The 3rd Thursday Art Walks will be held from 5-7pm from May-September. Support your community by enjoying these great events.

NCRDPA Board of Members 2010

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CELEBRATING THE GOOD WORKS APRIL 24

In conjunction with the Adirondack Nonprofit Network and North Country Public Radio (NCPR), the North Creek Depot Museum and Adirondack Museum invite you to join us for a nonprofit party on Saturday, April 24 at the Tannery Pond Community Center in North Creek.

Here's what is planned for that day: the Depot Museum is hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 adult, \$7 for children 12 and under, children under 3 are free. Pre-ordered takeouts are available at 5pm. At 7 pm, Andy Flynn, author of the Adirondack Attic, will offer a free public lecture and slide show about researching local history. Audience members are invited to bring objects for a show and tell session. This portion of the evening is made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, administered locally by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council.

At 8:30 pm, there will be live musical entertainment with the band "Jamcrackers" featuring Dan Berggren, Peggy Lynn, and Dan Duggan. From 8:00 – 11:00 pm, NCPR will call non profit organization events all around the park to check in on various festivities and talk briefly to, and about, the organizations participating.

THE DEPOT MUSEUM'S LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT

Courtesy of a grant from the Glen and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation in 2009, materials were purchased to create a lending education kit that focuses on the early school days in the Town of Johnsbury. This kit contains reproduction items familiar to 19th century one-room school houses, activities, and historical images of students and school houses from the Johnsbury area. The kit will be available to regional classes for use beginning in the 2010-2011 school year.

The Johnsbury Central School fourth grade class this year enjoyed the popular presentation by Milda Burns about river men who drove logs down the Hudson (see photo). The class also participated in a field trip to the museum and listened to a talk about local iron and garnet mining by Bert Miner. The students received iron and garnet samples to take home.



WINTER WORKSHOPS AT THE OWENS HOUSE

The Depot Museum is pleased to announce its inaugural winter workshop series at the Owens House, courtesy of a \$725 program grant from LARAC. The Museum Director and NCRDPA board, wanted to offer new programming to the community and to make use of the beautiful space at the Owens House. The series featured three workshops and a final event on April 24 at Tannery Pond Community Center (see more information under "Celebrating the Good Works").

The workshop series included: "Weave an Adirondack Pack Basket" with Frank Morehouse in February (see photo), "Get Started in Model Railroading" with Bill Bibby in March, and "Introduction to Photography in the Adirondacks" with Dave Braley in April. These events were made possible in part with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, adminis-

tered locally by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council. Look for information on the 2011 series in our Winter 2010 newsletter.

Participants learn how to weave an Adirondack pack basket from instructor Frank Morehouse as part of the Owens House inaugural winter workshop series.



THIRD THURSDAYS- NORTH CREEK ART WALKS

On May 20, the first North Creek Art Walk will commence at 5pm. Over a dozen businesses are participating in a monthly art walk which will occur every third Thursday from 5-7pm through September. Each participating establishment will host a different artist and offer a small reception to visitors. This is a great event to encourage people to meet up with friends and family after work and walk through the businesses downtown. It also provides great exposure to the artists.

Check out the artwork on display at the Owens House Education Center & Gallery:



May 20, 5-7pm join us for an artist's reception featuring book artist Robert Walp of Chester Creek Press. Artist's work will be on display from May 14- June 3.

June 17, 5-7pm join us for an artist's reception featuring sculptor Jane Bouchard from Saratoga. Artist's work will be on display from June 10- July 30. There will not be a July reception.

August 16, 5-7pm join us for an artist's reception featuring photographer Samantha Kimbrell from North Creek. Artist's work will be on display from August 11- Sept. 3.

September 16, 5-7pm join us for an artist's reception featuring mixed media and fabric designer Hillary Fayle from Syracuse University. Artist's work will be on display from September 9- Oct. 7.

ADIRONDACK ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE TOUR

On Thursday, September 2, Adirondack Architectural Heritage, the nonprofit historic preservation organization for New York State's Adirondack Park, is inviting folks to join them on a train ride and walking tour. The tour will start in Riparius where AARCH will lead a short walking tour of the town. The group will then get on the return train to North Creek at 11:30am. After a bag lunch by the river in North Creek, the group will have time to tour the Depot Museum and then take a short walking tour through town with the Johnsburg Historical Society. The return train back to Riparius will leave North Creek at 2pm. To register for this trip, please call AARCH at (518) 834-9328.

NEW SKI EXHIBIT OPENING IN JULY

Did you know that 2010 marks the Depot Museum's 10 year anniversary?



In honor of the museum's 10 year anniversary, the museum director and five volunteers are working diligently to update the ski room exhibit. Jenny Conelly, Noah Howard, Mary Moro, Larry Wilke, and Ray Flanagan have been incredibly generous with their time and energy to create a brand new exhibit that reflects how important the evolution of the skiing industry was and still is to the Town of Johnsburg. Topics will include the ski trains, development of the rope tow, the history of the 10th Mountain Division, and the origination of the nation's first ski patrol. The exhibit is generously underwritten by the Rivendell Foundation from North River. Please join us for the grand opening on July 11 at 5pm. The program for the evening includes catered hors d'oeuvres, beverages, music, and remarks by local dignitaries, seasoned skiers, and members of the Depot Museum. Our business sponsors for this event include barVino; Community Bank, NA; Brenda Foley, CPA; Glens Falls National Bank; and Johnsburg Historical Society. Tickets to this festive celebration are \$25 and can be reserved by calling (518) 251-5842 or contact a board member.

The exhibits committee is interested in adding a personal touch to the new displays. If you have an interesting anecdote or story about the Snow Trains, skiing at Gore Mountain, or visiting North Creek, drop

a line to Michelle San Antonio, North Creek Depot Museum P.O. Box 156, North Creek, NY 12853 or director@northcreekdepotmuseum.com.

ALL ABOARD, DONATE A BOARD

The Depot Museum is kicking off a capital campaign to repair our station platform. The existing structure has lasted through a dozen years and many thousands of visitors. It's time to replace the boards and we are asking for your help. The donation levels are as follows: \$50 Trainman, 1 board; \$100 brakeman, 2 boards; \$250 Conductor, 6 boards; \$500 Engineer, 13 boards; \$1,000 Station Master, 28 boards. Your name will be gratefully acknowledged on a permanent plaque displayed at the museum. Call 251-5842 to reserve yours today!

MUSEUM DOCENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Our dedicated museum docents are the central core of the museum's operation. If you would like to be a part of this stellar crew, please contact Jacquie Flanagan at 494-4760 or call the museum office 251-5842. Docents work in pairs and should be able to make sales transactions, accept admission fees, count visitors, provide light cleaning, and interact with the public. Shifts are usually 3 hour periods on the days of your choosing. It's a great opportunity to learn more about the history of this community and share it with the thousands of visitors who walk through our doors.