



Newsletter July 2016

Teddy Roosevelt Returns

Town of Johnsburg History Weekend

We are happy to announce that Teddy Roosevelt re-enactor, Joe Wiegand will be returning to North Creek to help us celebrate the Town of Johnsburg History Weekend, September 23 -25, 2016. In 2014, Mr. Wiegand delighted many with his re-enactment of this famous president, who learned of his presidency on the platform of our own North Creek Train Depot – now the North Creek Depot Museum. Activities will include, the “President” visiting Johnsburg Central School students in small groups on Friday, September 23rd and having lunch with them. This unique opportunity to “meet a president from the past” is made possible with the help of a grant from the Stewart’s Holiday Grant

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First Wilderness Corridor

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We are pleased to announce that the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor will be occupying the back room of the Owens House this season. Tina DeMarsh will serve as a guide to the region by riding the SCNCRR trains, providing information to riders and an orientation to the North Creek Region.

Foundation. On Saturday, September 24th, “Teddy” will arrive at the Depot on the SNCRR Train at 12:15pm. An old-fashioned picnic will be held in Riverfront Park that will include period-themed games for children conducted by members of the Johnsburg Historical Society (JHS), demonstrations of early 20th Century cottage industry crafts, music, food, and Farmers’ Market. The picnic is scheduled from 12:00pm until 3:00 pm. A “Dinner with the President” banquet will be held at 6:00 pm at the Log House, Garnet Hill Lodge in North River, NY at 6:00 PM. Advance reservations are required to attend this event. For more information please call Ellen Schaefer at (518) 251-5451 or email at ellen.schaefer@frontier.com.



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A Note from the President

We had a “breakout” year in 2015, when we increased our visitor count by a factor of ten. This was partly due to removing the entry fee, but also due to meeting visitor interest with information on the early twentieth century era, including the end of the Gilded Age.

This year has been challenging for the museum, with new opportunities being found, new problems to deal with, and solutions being found in unexpected places.

On the challenge side, we have lost three extremely important Board members. These are our vice president, Sue Forrest, our treasurer, Stan Kaltenborn, and our legal expert, Marilyn Kaltenborn. While Ellen Schaefer has assumed some of these responsibilities, including our retail sales, and Joe Elliott has taken over organization of the docents, more help is needed and we welcome your participation. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of Sue, Stan, & Marilyn and will miss them and wish them well in the future.

Finding a way to keep the Owen’s House exhibition open this year, with volunteer staffing has proved challenging. The First Wilderness Corridor program solved this problem by using the rear room of the house as their promotion base when the train is in the station. This will be for five days a week through most of the summer.

The research we did last year has been expanded by partnering with other intuitions such as the State Museum in Albany. One intriguing discovery has been the complex relationship between J.P. Morgan and President Roosevelt. Even though the Justice Department had brought what turned out to be the first successful Anti -Trust action in American history against J.P. Morgan, at the behest of the President, Morgan played a major role in resolving the coal strike of 1902!

As we approach our 25th Anniversary, the historic building in North Creek that we were fortunate enough to save, is in need of some major maintenance. We will be developing a comprehensive plan and will then have to consider how best to accomplish this.

These major expenses come in addition to our needs for professional curatorial support. We can only run the museum with strong local support, and this includes your financial support. Please consider becoming a member and making a donation to help us continue to provide important historical and educational services to our town.

I hope you will respond not only with “treasure” but also with time and talent. We need docents for the five days a week we hope to keep the museum open. We also need new Board members and help with fund raisers. Please assist us in making our museum something special.

Thank you.

Roger

DOCENT MEETING

A meeting of the NCRDPA Depot Museum docents was held on the afternoon of June 19, 2016 at the depot museum in North Creek. Fifteen volunteer docents were in attendance, including NCRDPA board president, Roger Thomas.

The meeting is an annual event where the docents have an opportunity to review operating procedures and schedule the days when they can volunteer at the museum. The attendees reviewed the recently updated docent manual and the 2016 season schedule.

Also attending was Chamber of Commerce representative, Lisa Salamon. Lisa reviewed the material the Chamber of Commerce provides to visitors of North Creek and offered to provide that information to the museum so the docents can then share it with museum guests.

This season the museum will be open Fridays thru Tuesdays from 12:15 pm to 4 pm and will be free to all visitors.

Currently the museum is looking for additional docents for the days the museum is open from July 2nd to October 12th. Anyone interested in becoming a docent, contact Joe Elliott at 251-3836 or one of the other board members.



Save the Date

The North Creek Depot Museum presents:
"Dinner with a President" with Teddy Roosevelt Reprisor Joe Wiegand



Saturday, September 24, 2016
At: Garnet Hill Lodge, North River, NY
Cocktail Reception: 6:00 PM
Buffet Dinner of "Teddy's" Favorites: 7:00 PM
Program with Teddy Roosevelt Reprisor: 8:00PM
Adults: \$45 Children (under 16): \$35
Reservations Required

Call for Volunteers We can't do it without you!

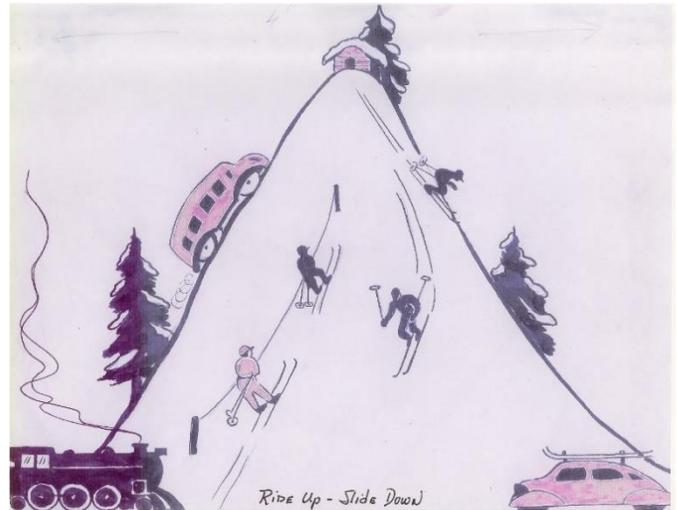
Are you interested in local history? Do you have a few hours to spare? Do you know someone who might?

We have a great group of dedicated men and women who help us by guiding visitors through the Museum and providing them with a narrative of Teddy Roosevelt, our history as an early leader in the ski and recreation industry, and the importance of the Adirondack and D&H railroad, but we can always use more. Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time during the summer months and Fall weekends to help us out. For more information on becoming a docent, please contact Joe Elliott at: franjoee@frontiernet.net

Interested in helping us to expand our Gift Shop? Or maybe your area of expertise is in fundraising or running events. We can use your help here too. Please contact ellen.schaefer@frontier.com or (518) 251-5451 for more information on how you can help.



Old Ski Movie Night



On February 6, the NCRDPA sponsored an "Old Ski Movie Night" at the Tannery Pond Community Center. The sold out event was a huge success, providing winter enthusiasts an evening of fun and the museum additional program funds.

The historic films showed what skiing was like in the 1930s in the heyday of the Snow Trains. All of the films shown were filmed and produced by William Gluesing of the famed GE House of Magic. Greg Schaefer with his brother Bill gave historical background and orientation to the historic ski trails of The Gore Mountain Region.

Highlights of the evening included a video filmed on the first snow train to North Creek and the original "Ride Up & Slide Down" film. Many are familiar with this film because of the bear sequence where a stuffed bear on a toboggan is pushed out in front of unsuspecting skiers, eliciting some very humorous reactions.

If you missed this year's edition, please join us for "Ride Up & Slide Down" Part 2 next February.



Town of Johnsburg History Weekend

September 23 & 24, 2016



With Teddy Roosevelt Reprisor Joe Wiegand

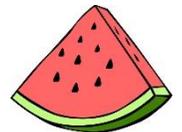


Friday – September 23rd

- **Teddy Roosevelt visits students at Johnsburg Central School**
- **Widlund Gallery at Tannery Pond Center**
 - **Art Exhibit Opening Reception – Works of Tom Ryan & Chip Perone showcasing the Trains of North Creek and related subjects**
 - **Music and Refreshments – Free and open to the public**

Saturday – September 24th

- **Teddy Bear Picnic at Tannery Pond Center for Young Children**
 - **Games, Crafts, Storytime, Movie, Snacks, Raffle – Come and bring your favorite Teddy Bear**
- **Ride the Saratoga North Creek Railroad with Teddy Roosevelt from Saratoga to North Creek**
- **Old Fashioned Picnic in the Park at Riverfront Park**
 - **Food available for purchase or bring your own picnic**
 - **Early 1900's Craft Demonstrations**
 - **Period-appropriate Games**
 - **Music**
 - **Reenactors in costume including Teddy Roosevelt**
 - **Raffles**
 - **Much more – Free and Open to the Public**
 - **Puppet Show – Make your own puppet**
- **“Dinner with a President” – with Teddy Roosevelt Reprisor Joe Wiegand**
 - **Garnet Hill Lodge – 6:00 PM – Reservations Required**



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We Thank You!

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