Greetings from Northern Maine

At present, the museum has approximately 400 financial contributors which include members, businesses and area towns. This financial support allows the Board of Directors to hire staff, which is vital to the day to day operations, purchase supplies for programs, upgrade buildings and exhibits, pay for electricity, heating, telephone, advertising, insurance premiums, web site costs etc. The costs of each of these components, which allow the Museum’s doors to open each spring, continue to rise. Fundraising efforts such as the Annual Father’s Day sale, Lumbermen’s calendar, Bean hole bean dinner, gift shop sales and raffles contribute approximately 25% to the Museums income. Admission fees, dues and donations make up approximately 55% with the remaining 20% comprised of woodlot harvesting, investment interest and gifts. Adjustments in this formula have to be made each year depending on the ever changing economic climate. Much hard work is involved to maintain a healthy balance between progress and financial security. Please be generous with your support and take pride in knowing what your dues and donations have accomplished and continue to accomplish! Thank you for allowing Maine’s lumber past to be relived at the Lumbermen’s Museum!

2011 Calendar

May 12: Presentation by Steve Pinkham, Author of “Mountains of Maine” and “Tales from the Maine Woods”
For more Information: www.internationalat.org

May 27: Museum opens for 48th Season
June 18-19: Annual Father’s Day Sale
August 8-14: Patten Pioneer Days
August 12: Thursday Evening at the Museum Program
August 13, 10:00 am: Main Street Parade
August 13: Bean Hole Bean Day Celebration 11:00 am
October 10: Close for the Season

Go to www.lumbermensmuseum.org for additional events

May 22-June 26, 2011
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Friday, Saturday and Sunday
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

July 1-October 10, 2011
Tuesday- Sunday
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

(Closed Mondays except Holidays)
**Board of Directors**
The Board of Director’s meet the first Monday of each month in the Conference Room of Reception Center, 7:00 pm.

**Officers:**
- President: Donald Shorey - Patten
- Vice President: Bud Blumenstock - Mount Chase / Orono
- Treasurer: Kenneth Perkins - Patten
- Secretary/Clerk: Rhonda R. Brophy - Shin Pond

**Members:**
- Ron Blum – Patten
- Stephen Giles - Patten
- Andy Hart - Mount Chase
- Durwood Humphrey-Benedicta
- John Hunter - T5/R7
- Henry Joy - Island Falls
- Ken Libby – Hersey
- Bob Mycroft - Patten
- Kevin Noyes – Patten
- Frank O. Rogers - Kingfield

The firewood/heating oil raffle was won by Faye Dowell of Kentucky. She and her husband, who purchased the ticket while visiting the Museum, donated the 2 cord of firewood to Camp Wapiti where they had been vacationing earlier in the season.

**Bean Hole Bean Dinner**
Volunteers of the 2010 Patten Lumbermen’s Museum Bean Hole Bean Dinner served up 740 plates of authentic Bean Hole Baked Beans, Maine’s own “red hot dogs”, coleslaw, reflector oven biscuits, lumberjack coffee and delicious gingerbreads baked by the local ladies! With book signings, crafts, live music and the renewing of friendships, the day was deemed a success! Make plans to attend the dinner again on Saturday, August 13, 2011.

Michelle Belyea won the beautiful quilt made and donated by Nettie Shorey and Annette Noyes in memory of Hollis Shorey

The Board of Director's is saddened by the recent passing in July, of Leroy Giles

Past Board of Director President
Board of Director Member
Friend, Volunteer and long time Biscuit Baker at the Bean Hole Bean Dinner.

A very happy Kyle Hanson won the 50/50 raffle!

There are many avenues a person is able to contribute to the Patten Lumbermen’s Museum! Please feel free to stop by or call the Museum at 528-2650 should you be available to help with any of the following projects:

- Volunteer at events
- Donate items for Fathers Day Sale
- Label and/or organize photos
- Volunteer as a tour guide for school groups
- Restore museum projects or exhibits
- Clean museum pieces
- Help with spring yard work
- Baked goods for various occasions
- Spring cleaning your house, camp or garage? Donate your “extras” to our Father’s Day Garage Sale!
Maine’s Woods: Observations by Bert Lincoln Call & Henry David Thoreau

The Reception Center became an exhibit hall for the photographs of Bert Call who captured the travels of Henry David Thoreau’s journey through the North Maine Woods in the 1800’s. 36 stunning black and white images of scenes where Thoreau reflected his thoughts on mankind drew the viewer into his world. The exhibit was suggested by the International Appalachian Trail Club which includes a visit to the Museum during their annual meeting at Shin Pond.

What Thoreau revealed in prose, Call documented in photography.

The Museum Tour Guides were a busy and wet lot this past year. Many schools, including Presque Isle, Lincoln, Deer Isle, Millinocket, Medway and Katahdin, incorporate in their curriculum how lumbering played a role in history, from building ship masts to be used by the British Army to present day uses of the Maine Forest. As coincidence would have it, each bus of students that arrived meant the sure sign the rain clouds would open, soaking everyone and everything within its reign. Neither student nor guide let the rain deter their enthusiasm! We were fortunate to have a local blacksmith volunteer his time and knowledge with the students this year along with the loyal guides who have brought enthusiasm and experience to the students in years past. We would also like to thank Elisha Blum-Evitts, Laurie Porter and Edward Alward who volunteered their time each week assisting in the general maintenance of the museum grounds and buildings.

The Maine Community Foundation awarded a grant to the Museum in May of 2010 facilitating the upgrade of wiring and lighting in the Horse Hovel, Original Building, Lombard Shed and the Mill Building.

The Quimby Family Foundation awarded a grant to the Museum to create a media center and art display system with the goal of spotlighting the connection between Patten’s Woodbury Johnson, Alvin Lombard and the Invention of the Lombard Loghauler. The Lombard Loghauler, manufactured in Waterville, Maine was the first patented “cleat-track” machine which all track machines have since been modeled after.

Work has continued on the Equipment Shed thanks to the Board of Directors and Volunteers. The roof has been completed; windows, underground electrical supply service, drainage ditches and culverts have been installed. In the spring, the volunteers will once again offer their time to install doors, cedar siding and interior lighting. Equipment, including the newly painted TD 9 Tractor donated by Martin Morse and Velocipede, donated by Tom Goodyear, has already taken shelter in the building. As with most “Equipment Sheds” it will be filled to the rafters without much effort! The Museum’s new lawn mower will also be anchored in one far corner along with many other lawn and yard tools.