

☪ Bean Hole Bean Dinner 2011 ☪

If one could wish for the perfect day for the Bean Dinner to take place, you would have to wish hard to outdo Saturday, August 13, 2011! Sunny skies, pleasant temperatures, excellent bean hole beans and fixins, friend greeting friend, music and fun



created a very memorable day for many! Volunteers ran the show like they had years of experience—which they have! 525 Bean Hole Bean dinners were served complete with hot dogs, coleslaw, biscuits and gingerbreads. Various authors, crafters and entertainers were on hand for demonstrations and storytelling.

Nevers Family Reunion Aug. 2011



*Make plans to attend the bean dinner again on
Saturday, August 11, 2012.*



A raffle for a quilt made and donated by Annette Noyes and Nettie Shorey in Memory of Hollis Shorey was won by Freda Howard Nickerson. Freda's father, Fred Howard, was a familiar face at the Museum years ago and spent many of his retirement days guiding school children and tourists through the various displays, always with a tall tale or joke for amusement.

Maine Memory Network, a digital museum presented by **Maine Historical Society**, selected a photo of **Fred Howard** as a young "Patten" lumberman to portray on bookmarks titled "**Every town has a history... Discover yours**" distributed to libraries around the state. Visit www.mainememory.net to view additional photos.

Every town has a history...

Discover yours at your local library, historical society, and online at Maine Memory Network.

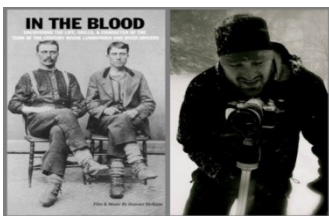
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Freda Nickerson Quilt Winner

Update on the Equipment Shed Project: The "barn style" doors are painted and installed. **Dow's White Cedar Shingles and Shakes of Corinth Maine**, who donated the shingles for the Reception Center, again generously donated the shingles for the Equipment Shed! The board of directors and volunteers are ready to begin "shingling" as soon as the snow goes and before the Blackflies arrive!

Other projects "in the works" include laying a cement pad which the Mt. Chase Fire Tower, Cab and "look-out keeper's" cabin will sit. Another pad will be poured which the Steam Lombard Loghauled will be moved upon. This is planned to sit across Rt. 159 opposite the Reception Center, bringing more visibility of the museum and sparking the interest of travelers along the Scenic Byway. The Blacksmith Shop is next in line to have a support purling replaced and a new metal roof put on!



A Documentary by Sumner McKane, features many scenes and photos from the Patten Lumbermen's Museum. The film "In The Blood" contains stories and descriptions told by the Lumbermen themselves, thus offering an accurate, detailed, and seemingly personal experience- as though you are sitting in a camp listening to the men. The video sheds a new light on the character, history, and importance of these legendary Maine Lumbermen. Previously aired on PBS television, the DVD is also available for purchase at the museum or in the museum's store on-line at www.lumbermensmuseum.org.

October brought 40 landowners from Sweden and Norway to tour the Patten Lumbermen's Museum as part of their "United States Forest Industry Tour" through **SKOGSRESOR (Forest and Nature Travel) Jan Hedberg- Gruvgatan 45 791 61-Falun-Sweden**. This was a "first" for some of our tour guides as they spoke to the Norwegian and Swedish visitors through their foreign interpreters! Wishing to tradition, the "Lumbermen's Bean and Biscuits served to our visitors.

January Hedberg, coordinator for the trip (left) gifts from his homeland to the servers and museum



presenting guides.

The Patten Lumbermen's Museum, Inc. Mission Statement

January 2, 1963

The Patten Lumbermen's Museum was established to preserve a graphic record of the lumber industry as it existed in forests of Northern Maine before the Second World War. It is located just west of Patten on the Shin Pond Road which, for

over 175 years, has been a highway over which have passed thousands of woodsmen, their horses and supplies, to cut pine, spruce, firs and hardwoods in the upper valley of the East Branch of the Penobscot. (By extension, the museum accepts the responsibility to educate and inform the general public of the logging heritage and accomplishments of the early inhabitants of the State of Maine.)

Collection Policy

The museum interest lies with the day to day operation of the harvesting of forest products from the forests of Maine. This interest includes tools of the trade, equipment used in the processes, equipment used in the support of the industry, and artifacts related to the leisure of the people involved.

The collection also includes printed articles, photographs, videos, art and any other media and/or records associated with this period and industry, as well as naturally occurring "found" items.

Historical items related only to the period or area, such as household goods, in town businesses, transportation or leisure activities not directly related to the scope of the basic policy are not, as a general rule, included.

All items proposed for inclusion into the collection must be approved by the Board of Trustees.

All items that are selected for the collection must become the permanent property of the museum or, in rare instances, be on a finite time limited loan.

At the present, the scope of the collection includes only the period from 1800 to the Second World War. However, there is interest in increasing the collection period, in the near future, to within 25-30 years of the present.

Board of Directors

Meetings held the first Monday of each month in the Reception Center 7:00 pm

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*In closing, we hope you enjoy the news of 2011. Much work is required to organize and implement activities and fund-raisers. We appreciate those who give so willingly of their time and efforts to see we succeed in our endeavors! Without you, the Museum would not be anticipating its 50th anniversary!
On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we sincerely thank you! Rhonda Brophy, Curator*