

**Patten Lumbermen's Museum**  
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**Lumbermans Museum**

## 2016 News from The Patten Lumbermen's Museum 2017



Circa  
1920

The Lombard steam Log hauler, housed for the past 51 years in the Lombard Shed at the Patten Lumbermen's Museum, was moved to its new location on the south side of the Shin Pond Road, opposite the Reception Center. Purchased by The Sherman Lumber Company in the early 1900's and used for many years to move logs to the mill in Sherman Station, the Robinson Family donated and transported the Log hauler to the Museum in 1965. One of only 83 Lombard Steam Log haulers, it was



August 1965

built in the early 1900's at the Lombard Company in Waterville, Maine, sold to Sherman Lumber Company as a means to increase production and movement of wood harvested in the Katahdin region. In 1982, it was nomination by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and designated a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark. As time went on the steam powered log hauler was replaced by diesel and gas powered log haulers, replacing "horse powered" logging operations in the Maine woods. October 2016, Katahdin Valley



Lombard Loghauler  
Moving Crew  
May 8, 2016

Steve Giles, Tom Hunter, Ken Perkins, Craig Hill, John Hunter, Greg Smallwood, Ben Frantz, Fred Whitney  
(Missing from Photo) Carroll Bates, Peter Hunter, Kevin Noveck

Health Center and Hardy Construction donated materials and manpower to construct a building to protect the Lombard Steam Log hauler for many future generations to visit!

July 2016



Photo by:  
Bryan Guesman

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fiddlers and Fiddlehead Festival in May brought various musicians, expert artists and crafters, local food vendors (including fiddleheads for sale) as well as a Fiddlehead Chef cook-off, demonstrations of axe care, wood working, blacksmithing and guided tours. Patten Lumbermen's Museum held a silent auction with all proceeds benefiting the Museum's Endowment Fund. Join us **Saturday, May 20, 2017** for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fiddlers and Fiddlehead Festival.



2016 Fiddlers

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LACASSE

2016 Fiddlehead Chefs

July brought the Patten Academy Alumni Dinner and Reunion in with much reminiscing and enjoyment of the good cheer of the evening. Alumni scholarships were awarded and presented to local Katahdin graduating students. The Cross Center in Bangor honored the Patten Academy 1947 Basketball Team's win over Boston Latin at Boston Gardens for the title of New England Basketball Tournament. Patten's team was made up of 9 players from a pool of 29 boys versus Boston Latin's team selected from 1100 boys! Final Score: 35-32.



Bringing the beauty of nature to life through the camera lens, thirty-five large format fine photographic prints on loan from Harvard Museum of Natural History in Cambridge, MA titled "The Maine Woods: A Photographic Journey with Scot Miller" were displayed in the Reception Center from May to October this past season. Scot is a frequent contributor of "Moment in Nature" to the Emmy Award-winning CBS Sunday Morning show with Charles Osgood.

August "Patten Pioneer Days" celebrated the 175 year Anniversary of Patten-A Maine Pioneer Lumbering Town. The Museum featured "Evening of Early Patten Photos", a collection of Leroy Giles photograph's representing the town and surrounding landscape in the early 1900's, showing the town as it once stood and the changes in the structures and landscape over the years. One event looked forward to by many is the ever-popular "Bean Hole Bean Dinner", a staple of Patten Pioneer Days! With over 650 plates of bean hole baked beans served along with all the fixins, we thank you very much for making the day a wonderful success nor can we thank our volunteers enough for the countless hours preparing, serving and supporting this annual event!



Much needed repairs were made to the RD-7 Catapillar Tractor and LaPlante-Choate Snowplow which included a new roof, remaking of the cab, windows, steps leading into the machine and a paint job.

A ramp into the Forestry building was also constructed with plans to display many of the photos of the moving of the tower to the museum and artifacts donated relating to the Forest Service which has protected the Forests of Maine since the turn of the century.

August 24, 2016 Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument was created. With this new proclamation and national attention, a location was needed where visitors could speak with representatives and obtain a map of the new Monument lands. While the Museum remained neutral regarding the pros and cons of ownership and management of the lands, a vote by the Board of Directors approved temporarily providing a table in the Reception Center of the Museum for curious visitors enabling them to pick up a map with directions to the Monument lands. With this arrangement, the Museum saw an increase in admission to the Museum during the month of September. The most often heard phrase was "wow, what a great place, we didn't realize the Patten Lumbermen's Museum was such a tremendous asset to the area." As we welcome our new neighbor, we will continue our focus of preserving Maine lumbering history in an ever changing landscape. One of the greatest rewards of being involved with the Museum is retelling the stories of days gone by in the Katahdin region, from life in the 1820 camp to the towns of today, axes to chainsaws, oxen and horses to steam engines, cross cut saws to harvesters and bateaus on rivers to railroads and highways. Once, a tract of land needing 10-20 men to cut, taking many months, can now be cut in mere days with a fraction of the manpower. The changes are great. Each time we have the opportunity to re-tell stories of the past, the more history is kept alive moving into the future.

With 2017 marking the Museum's 54th season quickly approaching, the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers are looking forward to welcoming old friends and new visitors. We wish to extend a heart-felt thank you and express our sincere appreciation to those who has encouraged us, volunteered time to help with events, donated financially making it possible operate the Museum and became members or renewed memberships providing funds for maintenance and long term planning. Please take a moment to return the enclosed form to renew your membership or make your tax deductible donation supporting Maine's Lumbering History Museum.

**The Patten Lumbermen's Museum  
Mission Statement**

The Patten Lumbermen's Museum was established (1963) 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 the highway over which have passed thousands of woodsmen, their horses and supplies, to cut the 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.