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ANTIQUÉ BOAT MUSEUM MEMBER FUNDS FAMILY BOATBUILDING PROGRAM

Clayton, NY (September 10, 2012) – The Antique Boat Museum recently received a gift from Member and *Friend of the Museum* Richard C. Howland to fund a scholarship for the Museum’s Family Boatbuilding Program. Mr. Howland’s personal gift was augmented by a grant from a fund at the Northern New York Community Foundation established by Haylor, Freyer & Coon, Inc. Additionally, Fiona Lawlee, age 11 of Watertown and Mr. Howland’s granddaughter, made a \$100 donation to the scholarship fund.

The scholarship specifies that the student be a child from a local school, i.e. 1000 Islands Central School or Alexandria Central School, or nearby, and that the child’s parent or grandparent participate in the program for the entire week.

In accepting the gift from Mr. Howland, Museum Executive Director Frederick H. Hager said: “On behalf of the Board of Trustees and entire Museum staff, we are heartened by Dick’s donation to fund the ever-popular Family Boatbuilding program. It’s gratifying to know that his gift came as a direct result of his personal experience with his granddaughter Fiona after they had taken the one-week program together.

“The Public Programming group, headed by Lora Nadolski, strives to offer something for everyone, from sailing lessons to skiff rides, and from children’s camps to boating workshops. The Museum has so much to offer its membership and the public, but not always the resources. Dick’s generous and thoughtful gift assures that the Family Boatbuilding program will be back next summer, and for this, we thank Dick, and Fiona, very much.”

The Antique Boat Museum is the premier freshwater nautical museum in North America. Located in the 1000 Islands on the St. Lawrence River, the ABM features over 300 antique and classic

boats among thousands of recreational boating artifacts. From May to October, the campus comes alive with speed boat rides, boat shows, special events, and educational programs for all ages. Please visit www.ABM.org for more information.

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Photo attached: (left to right) Lora Nadolski, ABM Director of Public Programming; Fiona Lawlee of Watertown; Frederick H. Hager, ABM Executive Director; and Richard C. Howland of Liverpool.