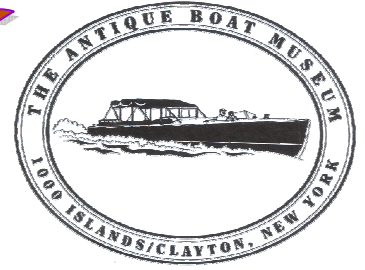


Volunteer Voice

For and about ABM Volunteers



Spring 2013

De Olde Editor's Corner by Dick Ashley

Happy Spring! It's time for the snowbirds to be coming back to roost at the Antique Boat Museum, and the timing is great. There is a *lot* planned for this Museum Season, and the *Volunteers* are critical to the success of all of the events! The schedule is on page 3 of this issue, and the form for on page 4 for you to fill out and mail in, or you can bring it to the *Volunteer Breakfast* on May 23rd. There will also be sign-up sheets during the "meet and greet" part of the event. The photo below is from last years event.



been involved in these (for those of us who can still stand the cold).

- ◆ Going along with this topic is the Museums involvement in winter activities in Clayton, such as the Christmas Parade.
- ◆ Winter work in the Library, and the plans to convert to the Dewey Decimal System.
- ◆ Updates on *La Duchess* restoration work and possibly planning for her 110th Birthday Party this summer.
- ◆ Boat Shop *Volunteer* work for the season.
- ◆ I am also looking forward for a report from "Freighter Fritz" on his adventure last summer on a freighter on the St. Lawrence (or arranging for a ride for me this summer).

There is a lot going on with our in-water fleet, and Captain David Dodge, *In-Water Fleet Coordinator*, reported on this in The Gazette Annual 2013 recently received. In case you haven't seen the article I have copied on page 2. It outlines an aggressive program aimed at ensuring we have high quality well maintained boats in our fleet to offer guests a safe and interesting ride. A year or so ago Ann and I had the pleasure of going on a ride that took us places we have never been — and we have been boating in the area for around 40 years (and believe me, with our sons, we explored places I would NOT have taken the cruisers).

Now I will leave you to move on to the article by Dave on page 2, and to prepare yourselves to participate in, and volunteer for, the events shown on page 3.



Coming to this event is a great way to greet your friends who are also *Volunteers*, and to meet new people joining the ranks. If we don't make it in time for the Breakfast, we'll catch up with all of you when we see you on "Campus."

There are things we want to explore in the next few issues such as :

- ◆ What happens at the Museum over the winter — Julie had lots going on last winter, and is planning for more next winter. *Volunteers* have

In Memory

Esther Frickman passed away on March 22, 2013. For forty-eight years Esther and her husband Don have been volunteering at the museum. From mailings to working events, Esther was always there. She handled the registration with her crew of volunteers for both the Boat Shows and the Raceboat Regattas for many, many years. She and Don were awarded the first Outstanding Service Award by the staff of the Antique Boat Museum in 2007. She will be greatly missed.

From the Helm
by Captain David Dodge
In-Water Fleet Coordinator

An In-Water Fleet Update

The quiet winter months in our riparian villages belie the flurry of activity as boatwrights work to complete their winter projects.

Five ABM vessels from our operational in-water fleet are currently receiving the skilled attention of expert crews in several locations.

Pardon Me was transported to the Brooklin Boat Yard in Brooklin, Maine, in early December 2012, where the remainder of her restoration will be completed. She is expected to return to Clayton in October of this year for sea trials, with a summer 2014 debut at the 50th Anniversary of the Annual Boat Show and Auction.

Gadfly, the Museum's venerable 33-ft., 1931 Hutchinson sedan, was delivered to the Tumblehome Boatshop in Warrenburg, New York, in November 2012. Workers there are replacing the entire bottom of the boat from the keel up. *Friends of the Museum* will be happy to know that *Gadfly* will be back in service for the 2013 season.

Closer to home, *Zipper* is spending the winter months at Wooden Boat Specialties, Collins Landing, New York, where, under the careful eye of Mike Mahoney, she is having a dozen deteriorated frames replaced and refastened.

Just across the street, in the ABM's Mary Street Shop, our logo boat, *Wild Goose* and a 27-ft. Chris-Craft are receiving the skilled attention of Jamie St. Onge and a crew of dedicated volunteers.

Wild Goose has had some interior structural reinforcements as well as a fresh coat of bottom paint and topsides varnish. The Chris-Craft is getting a thorough facelift; her teak decks are being recaulked, cleaned and refinished.

Several of these winter projects go well beyond the scope of routine maintenance. The very necessary work being done to halt the deterioration process, natural and unavoidable in wooden vessels, is extensive and expensive. This is, however, more of an issue of conservation and preservation of important pieces of the Museum collection, which is part and parcel of the Museum's mission.

It is comforting to know that through this process these classic treasures will be preserved for future generations, not only to look at, but to experience the River on board, as passengers.

ANTIQUUE BOAT MUSEUM



49th Annual Antique
BOAT SHOW
& *Auction*

SAVE THE DATE:
August 2-4, 2013

1000 Islands ♦ Clayton NY

Clear Your Calendars!
Whatever Your Favorite Part for Volunteering
Plan Now To Come, Participate
And Volunteer Your Time!
There IS A Job For Everyone!

As you can see by the poster above, the 49th Annual Boat Show and Auction will be held August 2-4 at the Museum. That means that large numbers of Volunteers will be needed, as early as July 31, or even before, to ensure everything is ready for the guests bringing their prized possessions — their antique boats — and the thousands that come to see the boats and participate in the fun.

Ann and I will probably be signing up for food and beverage ticket sales, (especially as I suspect that I am still not allowed to pour beer), but there are many, many more jobs to be done. The satisfaction is great as our guests tell us how great it is, and what fun they are having at our Antique Boat Museum.



2013 Calendar



May 10-12 Opening Weekend

Unfortunately, we missed that one.



May 17-18.....ACBS/ABM Symposium



May 23 Volunteer Breakfast



Yeah! The Gang's all here and Raring to go!

May 24 Reception & New Exhibit Opening

Chocolate Dipped Strawberries to go with the great new exhibits again?



June 8..... 1000 Islands Family Day With Free Admission



June 16-19 International Steamboat Regatta — "Blow Off Steam"



June 30.....Free Vessel Safety Checks Courtesy of USCG Auxiliary from 9 to 1



Beautiful Boats! Interesting and fun people! Come and join the fun.

July 3 July Jubilee

July 13 3rd Annual 1000 Islands Concours d'Elegance

A newly recruited night security guard at the Museum of Natural History discovers that an ancient curse causes the animals and exhibits on display to come to life and wreak havoc. PG



July 19 Movie Under the Stars Showing *Night at the Museum*

August 2 thru 4 49th Annual Boat Show And Auction featuring Century Boats

Looking forward to seeing this one.



August 17-18 Schooner *Lois McClure* Photo far right

August 23 Movie Under the Stars Showing *Pirates of the Caribbean*



Sept 5 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



2013 Volunteer Sign-Up Form

This form is provided so you can VOLUNTEER early, before the Volunteer Breakfast on May 23, or fill it out and bring it to the event. There is a lot going on at the Antique Boat Museum. We'll need all the Volunteer help we can get to have the events run smoothly.

Sign Me UP!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

I am interested in volunteering at the Antique Boat Museum for the following position(s):

- 1) _____
 2) _____
 3) _____

Dates & Times I am available to work:

Yes, I need some training as I am new to this position.

No, I do not need any training. I have done this before.

Mail this form to: Volunteer Council, Antique Boat Museum, 750 Mary Street, Clayton, NY 13624

Old Boat Stories

“Old Boat Stories: Episode One” has been launched via the Museum’s YouTube channel

(youtube.com/antiqueboatmuseumny) with the intent of perhaps becoming a wooden boating mini-series.

Set in the heart of the 1000 Islands region of upstate New York, the pilot episode focuses on the restoration and history of *Splinter*, a 28-foot long-decked launch built by Morristown Boat and Engine Company. *Splinter*, originally built in 1912, has the ability to cruise throughout the region now some 100 years later thanks to the dedication and hard work put forth by wooden boat enthusiasts such as Allan Newell and Everett Smith, former curator of the ABM. Newell, who is a long-standing contributor to the ABM and has served for several years on the Museum’s Board of Trustees, is the owner of the boat and he shares with viewers the boat’s history and revitalization in this episode.

“Devotion toward wooden boats goes unheralded and the production of this pilot episode allows us to share with the world the uniqueness and character that wooden boats, as well as their owners, collectors and craftsmen possess,” explained Fritz Hager, Executive Director.

“Episode Two” is currently being drawn up to document the restoration of the world’s largest runabout, Pardon Me, which departed the ABM in 2012 for Brooklin, ME, to undergo extensive work.

Filmed in 2012 and produced by Le JIT Productions of Brooklyn, NY, the concept of “Old Boat Stories” was developed in conjunction with former ABM Director John

MacLean in an effort to highlight antique and classic boating and ensure longevity in the hobby, as well as stay true to the ABM’s mission of celebrating boats to advance public understanding of the cultural history.



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