

BABBIE RURAL & FARM LEARNING MUSEUM

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From the Desk of the CEO...

It has been a busy winter restoring antiques for our new displays. We have been doing some serious planning for the coming season. Much has been done to recruit new sponsors to help us financially. Grants have been applied for and some have already been received. Everything is going well and we hope to see you this coming season.
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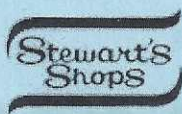
Absolute Charter Granted!



The Babbie Rural & Farm Learning Museum, 250 River Road, Peru, NY is proud to announce that on January 12, 2015, they were granted their Absolute Charter by the New York State Board of Regents. By granting the museum an Absolute Charter, the Board of Regents has certified that the Babbie Rural & Farm Learning Museum meets their organizational and educational standards and that our museum has a record of financial stability, programmatic accomplishment, and a reputation for excellence. The museum would like to thank all of our valuable volunteers who helped make this milestone possible.

Stewarts Holiday Match Grant

In March 2015, we were awarded a grant from Stewart's Shops. The grant money is earmarked for purchasing supplies (coal, steel, etc.) and tools for the Blacksmith Shop. Thank you once again Stewarts for supporting the museum!!



Emergency Disaster Plan Developed for Museum

As part of our application for our Absolute Charter, a committee comprised of 3 board members developed an Emergency Disaster Plan for the museum. Fire extinguishers were mounted; flashlights, exit signs and evacuation route maps were put up throughout the museum.

New Building!!

Ever wonder what it was like in the "olden days" with no indoor plumbing? Come and see our new Outhouse Exhibit, complete with a 1900s Sears Roebuck Catalogue.



Goshen Store Update

This Fall, a group of volunteers constructed a stone foundation for the Goshen Store and added crushed stone and drainage tile around the perimeter of the building. We are planning on having a preliminary exhibit open this season that will show our vision for this work in progress. We are looking for donations of old postal boxes, pharmaceutical antiques, vintage soda fountain equipment and any items that might have been found in an old general store.

2014 School Tours

Last season we welcomed over 900 local students and parents to provide educational field trips. The students visited several stations at the museum and participated in many hands-on activities. We are always looking for new volunteers to teach stations. If you are interested, please contact the museum. Training will be provided.

Working with our school children is a very rewarding experience!!



Site Committee Make Plans for Future Expansion

A committee comprised of several board members and volunteers, has met several times during the off-season and developed a site plan for future expansion. In addition to constructing a building to house a working sawmill and another for the shingle mill and planer, we hope to eventually acquire a one-room schoolhouse for the museum grounds.

Northern Home & Lifestyle Association Home Show – March 14-15

The museum was invited to exhibit at the NHLA Home Show at the Crete Center this year. Our exhibit's theme was Rural Living and included our model milking cow, corn sheller, washing machines, egg gathering display and other hands-on activities for the kids.

Wanted: Prospective Board Members & Volunteers

The museum is always looking for new volunteers who might be interested being a docent, working with our school field trip program, doing some office work, managing our website, fundraising, producing newsletters, advertising, planning exhibits or special events, cashier, handy man.....all skills and fresh ideas are welcome. Training will be provided.

Are you interested in serving on the museum's board? We are currently recruiting prospective board members to replace members whose terms are ending.

If you are interested in either volunteering or seeking a seat on our board, please contact the museum at (518) 643-8052.

2015 Special Events

- ➔ Season Opening – May 9-10, 2015
- ➔ Museum Day – June 6-7, 2015
- ➔ Homesteading and Woodworking Weekend – June 27-28, 2015
- ➔ Hay & Grain Harvest Plus Music Weekend – August 15-16, 2015
- ➔ 5th Annual Kids Fair and Festival – Sept. 12-13, 2015
- ➔ Harvest Weekend – October 10-11, 2015
- ➔ Closing Day – Oct. 12