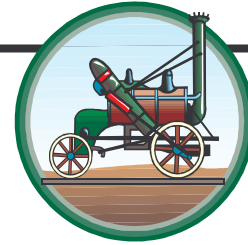


A Newsletter from the
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From the President's Desk

We had a very exciting year and I would like to start by thanking my officers who do the bulk of the work and made my job easier: Chuck Kutscher for the wonderful programs, Irene Kutscher and Sandy Beglinger for their great food and hostess duty, Bill & Joanne Casey for the newsletter. I want to thank all members who manned the museum; it sure made it easier for me. Most of all, thanks to all members and guests who make our jobs rewarding. We are here to serve you.

I'm hoping the upcoming year will be just as rewarding. We need your input in order to give you what you want. Our Town has purchased a projection screen for the Community Center and has pledged \$1,000 a year to our organization. A special thanks to board member Jim Conway who spearheaded both. Thanks, also, to the town supervisor and all board members.

The museum has been doing very well and we have gained support from the park for our efforts. We welcomed 954 guests this year, with many positive comments on Harvey Skeele's farm toy collection. Harvey has agreed to let us keep it another year, for which we are grateful. Our new sign is up and looks great and the Park trimmed some of the hanging pine limbs so we are more visible. I'm sure my good friend and museum founder Ray Benson would be pleased. I've been working with Pompey Historical Society on retrieving some of the Fabius museum items that were given up by the parks department, so that they can be returned to the museum.

On February 1-2, 8-9, 14-15-16 (from 7 –11 PM) the museum will be open for "Valentine in the Forest," where guests will have their picture taken by the organ in the museum. This event is sponsored by the National Ski Patrol and we will receive a donation from them. They are accepting reservations for 45 couples per night and I will need help on those nights. If you wish to volunteer, please call me at 662-7022. Thanks In Advance.

I finally realized we need a pole barn to store the large horse-drawn farm machinery, along with 2 fanning mills. The Sweetland family has donated a horse-drawn planter which is presently stored in Dale's barn. These are all a part of our history and we need to investigate options for their permanent storage.

Your President,
Al LaFrance

Your Toss is Our Loss

As you clean out your attics, basements, closets and garages and "toss" some of those neat old things in the garbage, please take a moment and consider if they would be welcome additions for the Fabius Historical Society. We are not doing recyclables or compost, but Grandma's "favorites" and Grandpa's "can't live withouts," just might be a delightful addition in the Pioneer Museum. So before you "toss", please think of us.

Contact: Sandy Beglinger @ 683-5878 or Al @ 662-7022

Reminder:

FHS Membership dues are due by Jan. 1st of each year. Membership contributions are the major source of income for the Fabius Historical Society. Unless you become a member, you will not receive future newsletters. Please complete the enclosed membership form. If you are current with your membership please pass on the enclosed membership application and encourage others to join.

ARTICLES ALWAYS NEEDED

Please consider contributing an article for future newsletters. Our readers are always telling us that they enjoy reading the various articles submitted by Fabius residents, both past and present. You need not worry about your handwriting, punctuation or grammar; the computer works wonders. We also love old photos to copy!!!

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