

Anderson Falls Heritage Society  
Annual Report  
November 2019 – October 2020

**Museum Operations:**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Anderson Falls Heritage Museum was not open to the public this year.

The Marvin spherical safe was acquired from TD Bank and is now on display at the Town of AuSable Town Hall.

The war memorial plaques which were given to the museum last year are now on display in the Veterans Memorial Park in Keeseville. The Town of Chesterfield went to great effort in providing stands for the plaques and setting the stands in the ground.

The listing and description of volunteer activities, begun in 2019, was completed. It is hoped that this will serve as a resource in recruiting future volunteers at the museum.

A digital frame was purchased for the purpose of displaying pictures from the museum's collection.

**Heritage House Maintenance:**

The painting of the building, begun in 2019, was completed.

**Grants and Awards:**

In the fall of 2019, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at Keeseville Elementary School held a bake sale and raised \$348.50, which they donated to the museum.

We applied for and received a grant from the Cloudsplitter Foundation for \$2,000.00 to be used for the completion of painting of the museum. They also awarded us a grant to match any donations we received throughout the year, up to \$1,000.00. This goal was met in September.

We applied for and received a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation for \$1,910.00 to be used for upgrading our website and purchasing a digital frame.

## **Programs and Events:**

There were three historic marker dedications held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>:

1. A marker denoting the site of Schuyler Island as a refuge for the American naval fleet following the Battle of Valcour was dedicated at the Port Douglass beach. 35 people were in attendance.
2. A marker commemorating the Port Kent – Hopkinton Turnpike was dedicated at 373 Fairway Drive in Port Kent. 23 people were in attendance.
3. A marker denoting the residence of Herbert Estes was dedicated at the North Star Underground Railroad Museum, 1131 Mace Chasm Road. 25 people were in attendance.

These three markers were made possible by funding from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

All three of the summer evening programs that were scheduled for this year have been postponed until summer, 2021.

## **Volunteer Hours:**

2019	
November	37.5
December	
2020	
January	14.5
February	10.25
March	10.75
April	7
May	13
June	27.75
July	20
August	31.5
September	19.5
October	20

Our operations are performed entirely by volunteers, without whose dedication and commitment this organization and museum would not exist. We are grateful for all of their efforts.

**2020 Officers and Trustees:**

Garth J. Houde, President

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Trustees (with term expiration date):

Sandi Connell – 2020

Richard Ward – 2021

June Venette – 2022

Tim Butler – 2023

Colin McDonough – 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Garth J. Houde

President