Anderson Falls Heritage Society
Annual Report
November 2020 – October 2021

Museum Operations:

The Anderson Falls Heritage Museum opened July 1, 2021. Regular hours were Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to noon and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The museum closed October 15th. There were 51 visitors to the museum for the season.

Our new website was launched in August.

A teenage size, gender neutral mannequin was acquired for the museum, and was used to display a cheerleader's uniform from Our Lady of Grace Academy, complete with saddle shoes.

The computer in the museum office has been given an overhaul, and should be good for at least a few more years.

A letter written on behalf of AFHS in support of the Save Keeseville's Historic Bridges organization was sent to several local government agencies. A slightly revised version of the letter can be found on our website.

A portion of the newsletter of the Keeseville Alumni Association promoted our organization and encouraged people to consider becoming members.

Heritage House Maintenance:

We are continuing to investigate options for the replacement of the front porch.

We received, from Paul Ford, a donation of several sets of sheer curtains for the museum windows.

A rotted sill at the rear of the building was repaired.

Programs and Events:

A historic marker commemorating the life of Matthew Adgate was dedicated at the Ausable Chasm Cemetery near the junction of State Route 9 and Chasm Road on Saturday, May 15th. This marker was made possible by funding from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

There were three summer evening programs:

1. Steven Engelhart presented "Historic Bridges of the Adirondacks" on Wednesday, July 21st at the Keeseville Fire Department. This program

explored the incredible variety of historic bridges that are found in our region and looked at successful strategies for preserving these treasures. 27 people were in attendance.

2. Helen Nerska presented "Women's Suffrage: The North Country's Contribution to the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution on its 100th + 1 Anniversary" on Wednesday, August 18th at the Keeseville Fire Department. This program told the story of successes and failures and of the persistence and dedication which resulted in New York being the 13th state to provide full suffrage for women and leading the way for the passage of the 19th Amendment. 21 people were in attendance.
3. Christopher Sabick presented "The History and Archeology of Schuyler Island and its Role in the Battle of Valcour Island" on Wednesday, September 15th at the Keeseville Fire Department. This program examined the history of Schuyler Island and the underwater archeological research that has taken place around it with particular focus on the role that the island played in the American Revolution and the Battle of Valcour Island. 46 people were in attendance.

Volunteer Hours:

2020	
November	17.5
December	11.5
2021	
January	25.25
February	32.5
March	40.25
April	49.75
May	43
June	73.5
July	115
August	90.25
September	113
October	70.75

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.

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Respectfully submitted,

Garth J. Houde
President