



Gouverneur Historical Association

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TO: MEMBERS AND HOPEFULLY NEW MEMBERS

FROM: Joe Laurenza

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The museum continues to receive visitors, over 700 came to the Church Street building and over 400 came through the Gouverneur Museum Annex at the fair grounds during fair week. New members and donations of both artifacts and dollars keep us afloat. Our community truly supports keeping history alive in the Gouverneur area and the museum board is very grateful for that support.

This past April Karen Kobler exhibited her watercolors and it was a great success. We try to do some type of exhibit a couple times a year to help bring more visitors to the museum. These exhibits bring in new people, and many regulars attend most of our special events.

In June, the 4th grade from St. James School spent a day at the Osbornville School, which is owned by the museum. It is ten miles out on the Rock Island Road. The students, teacher and chaperones had a fun and learning day. The teacher plans to do this annually, as 4th graders study New York State History. Some of you New Yorkers may recall that.

This year as usual we had many requests for information from our archives. These are but a few of them: Albert Kaplan, Delosh Family, Shaw Family, St. Lewis Family, William Rotundo, Gouverneur Airport, Presbyterian Church 200th Anniversary, Ester Turcott, Alfred & Esther Peck, Julia Bowen, Emily May Haskins, Joseph Leighton, George Vose, Rushton Paper Mill, Truman Wells photo, etc. People either call me or email the museum for family or business info and I go to our 214 scrapbooks to see if we have what they are researching. More often than not we do have some or all of what info they are requesting.

The museum was included in the Class of 1967's 50th Reunion. Several attended the tour that was part of their weekend schedule.

The museum also participated at "Flag Day in the Park" in June, and "Antiques in the Park" in August. Whenever there is an event in the village park the museum will have tables set up and the building will be open all day. We are fortunate to have so many volunteers, as it takes several people at these events to man the buildings and tables.

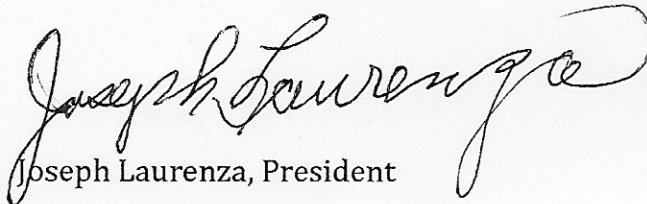
Our membership to date is 236 and we are always pleased to have new members that help support the Gouverneur Museum with their membership dues and/or

donations. We appreciate all our continuing members and encourage new membership.

I love it when kids return to visit the museum with parents and grandparents. They want to show them some of the things they saw or used. We let them try the player piano, the corn sheller, small printing press, some old toys, stereopticon (first 3-D viewing apparatus), etc. Kids remember "hands on" stuff, and we try to have items they can use.

Our board and over 40 volunteers work diligently to "Keep Gouverneur History Alive and Well". Membership dollars and donations are used for up keep of our buildings, heat, electricity, water & sewerage, insurance, basic maintenance, etc. We have no paid employees. Volunteers are our backbone.

If you have not already done so, check out the museum on line at gouverneurmuseum.org. Our Webmaster has developed a great web site and we update it as periodically.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph Laurenza". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Joseph Laurenza, President