

# Volunteer Voice



## For and about ABM Volunteers

Spring 2014

*De Olde Editor's Corner by Dick Ashley*

**Spring!** Believe it or not, it is coming. While I know that it has been a bitter cold and snowy winter in the North Country, we all need to look positively at the future, with warm weather, boats in the water, lots of activities at the Museum and many good times with our associates there.

BUT, lest we think that the Museum has gone dormant over the cold season, this issue of the Volunteer Voice will be devoted largely to the programs that took place, and the activities that will bring OUR boats back for another season of serving the public. Julie Broadbent is reporting with words and photos on the activities while Capt. David Dodge is reporting on boating facts and activities over the winter. Volunteers living in the area helped with both areas.

Also, there will be material that our cousins, Vello and Mari Teinemaa found interesting in our Village of Clayton — besides our Museum and our boats.



Our cousins from Estonia, Mari and Vello (middle seat, Mari is waving), enjoying a boat ride at the Museum. They thoroughly enjoyed the Museum visit, with Vello looking for and finding a steam engine. In this issue we'll explore what else Mari found fascinating about our quaint village.

**Calling all Docents**

**There is a special notice in here somewhere just for you! Seek it out, please.**

## Happy Spring Volunteers! From Julie Broadbent, Educator

I hope you all had a warm winter. The River is just beginning to unfreeze here in Clayton making most North Country residents happy but.... I had on more thing on my winter to-do list that I didn't get done so I am sorry to see the ice disappear. Next year I am going to ride a snowmobile no matter what! But with the ice melting it is time to get boats ready for the water. We miss everyone during the winter season and the ABM staff knows spring is returning when you all come by and say hello. Feel free to stop in as you return and tell us how your winter was.

This winter has been a roller coaster ride. The education department ran Teen Nights, February Break Camp, Spring Break Camp, and B is for Boat programing all winter. A huge thank you goes to Julie Garnsey, Wink Beadel, Bev Murray, Jeff Garnsey, Shannon Corbett, and Karen Frick for all your help in running these programs. Melinda Comstock, Judy Keeler, and Martha Grimes helped the education department write new core curriculum this winter. This curriculum project is still on-going and needs assistance. If you know how to write curriculum or are familiar with the new NYS Core please contact me at 315-686-4104 x 235 or [jbroadbent@abm.org](mailto:jbroadbent@abm.org). I am stumped and need help.

With the departure of Lora Nadolski and Mike Corrigan I picked up some additional tasks including programing the Stone Building, managing LD tours, and overseeing docents. I am really excited to be working with more of the volunteers and learning from them all the aspects of the Museum. If you are involved with any of these programs I will be in touch soon.

The Boat Shop has been busy repairing and varnishing Optis, Sunfish, and skiffs. A big shout-out goes to Warren, Rick, Chuck, Duane and all the boat shop volunteers. You all have been so busy this winter refinishing every skiff and Opti. The boats look beauti-

ful and I am almost sorry to give them back to the school children to use again. Thank you for all your hard work.

### Summer 2014

#### The year of excitement

There are so many things going on this summer I don't even know where to start. I hope each of you have seen the 2014 education schedule and boatbuilding classes. There are some fun new programs including SCUBA lessons, a CLC Kayak Building workshop, and a Women in Woodworking class. I hope you take advantage of these classes.

I have gotten a few calls about discounts for volunteers to take Education and Boatbuilding classes. You get a discount above and beyond your membership rate! Check out the 2014 Volunteer handbook to see the discounts you are eligible for. If you have any questions or comments feels free to contact me at 315-686-4104 x 235 or [jbroadbent@abm.org](mailto:jbroadbent@abm.org) any time.

Talk about excitement, I am thrilled to introduce a handful of volunteer opportunities. Some of these you will be familiar with and others are brand new. If you find an opportunity interesting contact me and I will let you know more information.

**Documenting St. Lawrence River Skiffs** — this is a new opportunity to work in the Stone Building measuring, and noting construction details of skiffs in the ABM collection.

**Tuesday Night Sailing and Rowing** — This is opportunity has been around a few years but any of the current volunteers will tell you how much fun it is to sit by the River and watch the sunset. If you love to sail this is a great choice because we are looking for experienced sailors to take visitors out on the River.





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**Children's Crafts** — Do you like working with children? Are you creative? Do you like to have fun? If you answered yes to any of these questions volunteer for children's crafts. Most of these take place during special events but there are weekends throughout the summer that the ABM goes to other venues around the 1000 Islands and does crafts there as well.

**Model Boatbuilding** — This volunteer opportunity can be done on the ABM campus or in your own workshop. Help design and

create some of the most beautiful model boats on the St. Lawrence. These boats are used in Youth programs and during special events. The Museum supplies the materials!

**Sea Scouts** — The ABM is teaming up with the Boy Scouts of America to create a Sea Scout unit, also called a Ship. This program builds the character of young men and women and exposes them to maritime trades and employment opportunities. Men and women are needed to volunteer with Sea Scouts.

I am looking forward to this Summer of Excitement.



It may have been cold, snowing and blowing outside – but FUN was to be had at the Museum – Photos from the February Break Camp at the Museum!







## **"B" IS FOR "BOATS" – PART OF THE MUSEUM WINTER PROGRAM**

**Congratulations to all Docents — you found the notice — this is the place!**

**Please save the date and time — June 3 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**This meeting is for all docents to introduce them to our brand new exhibit**

### **The New York Boat Show**

**Docents must be at this meeting to give tours in the 2014 season.**

**Note: If you cannot attend please contact Julie to set a time for rescheduling a session  
— we really appreciate your service to the Museum**

### **Papermaking at the Thousand Islands Art Center ABM River Paper with Julie and the crew**





## In-Water Fleet Report — Volunteers in action over the Winter



As Fleet Coordinator I would like to take this opportunity to formally recognize and thank three ABM volunteers who have contributed a boatload of hours over these long winter months restoring and refinishing well used in-water ABM boats at a very high level of craftsmanship.

To date, Duane Chalk, Rick Fuhrman, and Warren Stewart have addressed various repair and refinishing work on 7 St. Lawrence skiffs and at least 5 Opti sailboats. Currently, the group, under the watchful eye of ABM Boatwright Jamie St. Onge has undertaken a much larger project — the complete refinishing of our 30' triple cockpit Hacker Craft, Miss Thousand Islands II.

Because of the daily use that Miss TI sees each summer, the constant exposure to sun and calcium deposits from River water had faded and actually deteriorated the protective varnish layers on the hull and topsides of the boat. Several years ago the Hacker Boat Company generously refinished the boat at their Silver Bay, NY facility, a job that they estimated at a cost of \$ 22,000, primarily due to the labor- intensive nature of the job. In March 2014 the boat was brought from winter storage to the Stone Building on the ABM campus where the group, joined by Bob Brown and Chuck Burlingame has undertaken the refinishing project. The first step was the removal of all of the boat's hardware. Now several weeks into the project, the entire boat, from the waterline up, has been re-sanded, and the first coats of varnish are being applied.

The transom was stripped to bare wood, re-stained, and re-varnished. The sole of each cockpit has received similar attention, as well.

In truth I can confidently say that the work being done will end up outshining the work done by a professional yard!

We are extremely fortunate to have these dedicated craftsman at the Museum, and I am very appreciative of what they have done for our fleet.

Capt. David H. Dodge  
In-water Fleet Coordinator  
Antique Boat Museum



Warren



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Warren



Duane (Bob in background)

### *Mari Explores the Quaint and Lovely Village of Clayton*

Try to recollect when you have visitors and, as you have shown you around the town, village, park or city, they keep discovering things you have *NEVER* noticed or appreciated in all of the years you have lived and explored there. We experienced that when our cousins, Vello and Mari Teinemia visited last summer. Our son, David, their primary host, took them to lots of places — Toronto, both to see the city and to visit another relative who lives there, Niagara Falls, various New York State Parks, all around Syracuse, and many, many more places. (On an earlier visit Mari and her daughter had toured more extensively visiting New York City, Washington, D.C., the east coast of Florida, and our place on the west coast.

There were adventures and discoveries in all places, but the one I was most delighted with was Mari's discovery of some of the uniqueness of Clayton — **the murals** on the buildings all around the village.

Now, I had looked at many, but not made an adventure out of it. Mari had the adventure. I believe she ran over most of the town taking photos, many of which are on these pages, while we drove the "chase car" to pick her up at the end of the adventure. Hope you like these, and sense the history and excitement while you do. Maybe some of you will try to find them as you wander around town this summer.

*Dick*



*Some of the important activities planned for the  
fantastic New Year at OUR  
Antique Boat Museum*

### Antique Boat Museum's 2014 Event Calendar

<b>May 2</b>	Museum Opens for 2014 Season
<b>May 2-4</b>	ABM & ACBS Symposium: Engines
<b>May 22</b>	Volunteer Breakfast
<b>May 23</b>	Exhibition Opening Reception
<b>June 14</b>	1000 Islands Family Day
<b>June 15-21</b>	Great International Steamboat Flotilla
<b>July 3</b>	July Jubilee <i>Clayton's Fireworks Display</i>
<b>July 12</b>	1000 Islands Concours d'Elegance featuring <b>Corvettes</b>
<b>July 18</b>	Annual Meeting of Members
<b>August 1-10</b>	<b>Back-to-Back Celebrations</b>
<b>August 1-3</b>	<b>50<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Boat Show &amp; Auction</b>
<b>August 8-10</b>	<b>Antique Raceboat Regatta (Forms and more information available on the Museum web site)</b>
<b>September 4</b>	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
<b>October 11</b>	Workboat Show
<b>December 21</b>	The First Day of <b>Winter</b> (oh, Richard, that was not nice)

### Antique Boat Museum 2014 Education Calendar

Julie Broadbent is in the final stages of booking instructors and securing dates for the 2014 boatbuilding course schedule. Stay tuned to ABM emails and the website for more information.

February 17-21 .....	February Break Camp
February 28 .....	ABM Teen Night: Winter Olympics
March 1 .....	Registration Opens for Summer 2014 Education Programs
Week of March 3 .....	"B is for Boat" Reading Programs
March 28 .....	ABM Teen Night: Movie Night
Week of April 7 .....	"B is for Boat" Reading Programs
April 25 .....	ABM Teen Night: Poker Run
May 2-4 .....	ABM & ACBS Symposium: Engines
Week of May 5 .....	"B is for Boat" Reading Programs
June 23-August 15 .....	ABM Sailing Courses
.....	<i>Full Schedule &amp; Registration Available now</i>
June 24-August 12 .....	Free Sailing & Rowing on Tuesday Nights
June 30-July 3 .....	Camp ABM: "B" is for Boating
July 7-11 .....	Camp ABM: Boat Building
July 7-12 .....	Family Boatbuilding
July 14-18 .....	Camp ABM: River Rat Survival Skills
July 21-27 .....	CLC Kayak Building
July 21-25 .....	Camp ABM: Victorian Vacation
July 28-31 .....	Camp ABM: River Wildlife



## 2014 Volunteer Sign-Up Form

This form is provided so you can VOLUNTEER early, before the Volunteer Breakfast on May 22, or fill it out and bring it to the event. There is a lot going on at the Antique Boat Museum. We'll need all the Volunteer help we can get to have the events run smoothly.

### Sign Me UP!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering at the Antique Boat Museum for the following position(s):

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Dates & Times I am available to work:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I need some training as I am new to this position.

No, I do not need any training. I have done this before.

**Mail this form to: Volunteer Council, Antique Boat Museum, 750 Mary Street, Clayton, NY 13624**

And Remember — The 50th Annual Boat Show on August 1-3  
 And the Antique Raceboat Regatta August 8-10

### A Reminder

Photos from *St. Lawrence Ship Watchers* postings on Facebook. Below is Boldt Castle (March 30), and to the right are two watercraft making an early transit (albeit later than normal) taken on April



12. I don't think I would take my boat out in this. Actually, I don't think I would take ME out in this. Thanks *St. Lawrence Ship Watchers*. I have enjoyed your gift.

*Dick*

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