

# HARRISBURG AREA MUSEUM

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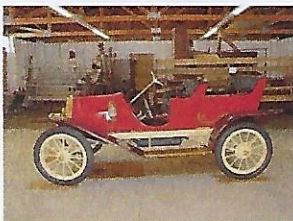
October 29, 2003



1867 House



1936 McCormick



1910 Overland

***What's just ten years old but many of its parts are over 100 years old?***  
***Answer: The HARRISBURG AREA MUSEUM!***

Ten years ago this month (November 2003) Wilton Smucker and some 40 volunteer helpers moved the 1867 house onto the present site and the Harrisburg Area Museum was born.

Artifacts to display have accumulated faster than space to exhibit them! There is a serious need for substantially more room. Plans are underway to provide a restroom/reception facility. We believe we have funding for this badly needed project. An extension to the West of this new building is planned. It will be approximately 5,000 square feet with large doors so that major equipment can be displayed. We expect this building will be the recipient of the proceeds of this mailing.

Forrest and Laura Morse have contributed stock to the Museum. Approximately \$20,000 of this will be available to put towards the new building. In addition, an anonymous contributor has agreed to match, up to a total of \$20,000, all contributions received by December 31, 2003 as a result of this mailing. Thus, \$20,000 brings the Museum \$40,000. This is a great opportunity to leverage your contribution for the benefit of the Museum.

This would make about \$60,000 available and, while this would not do the job, we expect that a Foundation Grant will complete the funding. ***Let's do it!!***

We would like to develop the present parking area into a grassy mall that could serve as a meeting place and picnic area. Parking would then be moved to an adjacent area now owned by the City of Harrisburg.

The Harrisburg Area Museum now displays a remarkable accumulation of local artifacts that serve to help us recall an era now past. Our heritage is impressive and deserves protection. We believe you would enjoy a visit and we certainly invite you to stop in during Museum hours. The Museum is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00 or by appointment...call 995-6945.

We are in the process of setting up the residence as a "Turn of the Century" (20<sup>th</sup> Century!) home. This will not require major expenditures beyond those already made by the "Morse-Davidson" addition and is progressing as time and manpower becomes available.

Recent additions include the two room home that the Shedd Family built in about 1873. This will be restored and converted into a "Wedding Chapel". There are plans for another local 'old time' building to be fitted out as a one room school.

The large picnic pavilion is also available for group use with a reservation. It will accommodate a good sized group and provides protection from the weather.

A building adjacent to the Pavilion houses many large farm machines. Many of these date to the early 1900's and are an excellent display of 'how things were'. These artifacts are quite crowded in this limited space which makes close examination difficult. The new building will allow some of these to be moved, freeing up space around the exhibits for better viewing.

Not only does the Museum preserve a window into the Harrisburg area heritage, it also is a significant attraction, drawing visitors to Harrisburg from a considerable distance. We are in the process of getting it listed with AAA as a suggested travel stop. It certainly enhances Harrisburg and is an organization the whole community can be proud of.

Please give serious consideration to a significant contribution. Remember, you can leverage your contribution through the matching contribution. The Museum is a Charitable organization under 501 (c) (3) of the IRS Regulations and contributions are deductible from both Federal and State income to the full extent allowed by law.

Our goal of \$20,000 plus matching funds is a large increase over past years. But seems possible when the need is considered. Please be as generous as you can with comfort.

The Museum does not share in any tax revenue except that the City of Harrisburg owns the facility and pays the utilities and insurance. All regular services are currently being provided by volunteers. Thus operating costs are quite low...which is fortunate since our operating revenue is quite limited! This allows the Museum to apply almost all contributions received to long lasting capital projects. Your contribution is really needed and will be used to improve the Museum.



Witmer Models



Interior



Cook Stove ++



Manure Spdr. & Thresher

YES...I want to help the Museum and enclose a 'one time' contribution of:

\$2500    \$1000    \$500    \$100    \$50    \$20    \$10    other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YES...I want to help the Museum and will make a contribution of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_    monthly    quarterly    other period \_\_\_\_\_

SORRY...I can't give right now but am willing to volunteer for assignment to a support job.

SORRY...I cannot help now but will visit on occasion and encourage others to visit.

Please return in the enclosed envelope to Charles S. Kizer, Treasurer at 24552 Rowland Rd. Harrisburg, 97446.

THANKS, Board of Trustees.