

Harrisburg



AREA MUSEUM

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY 10:00- 4:00

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Thanks to our many faithful supporters and major gifts from the Morse Family we have contracted for the New Building. It ended up costing much more than we anticipated...more than \$200,000! We were all stunned by the cost, but feel it is a competitive offer and we are just 'behind the times' in our estimates! It will be a fine building that will last a long time and be a credit to both the Museum and the Harrisburg area.. Watch for it as it goes up. Plan to visit.

The Wedding Chapel is ready to view and use. Anyone want to get married?! It is really quite nice with historical furnishings. It is available for your inspection or rent...see Al Strutz or Don Bowers.

We have 'dreams' of finishing the School House. This is labor intensive but will also entail considerable cash. In addition we need to paint the outside of the McCartney House and/or replace the siding. There is a constant need for upkeep and repairs, especially on old stuff! Landscaping would also make things more attractive.

Our cash position will just about disappear with the construction of the new building. This leaves a real need since we must be able to keep things up in the face of our Oregon rain. Please be as generous as you can. We promise to use the money carefully.

Remember the old Maytag Kick Start washing machine engines? If you don't, I bet your Mom or Grandma does! This is one of several small gas engines in our collection. (It made washing a lot easier than with a scrub board! We have some of those too.)

The 1910 Overland Car (below left) has been restored by Museum workers. It is a fine example of things we are trying to preserve for posterity. We also have many hand tools dating from the 'horse and buggy' era. Take a look and be amazed at the ingenuity of our fore fathers. A desire to improve production was a hallmark of our ancestors endeavors. Blacksmith tools, hand operated drills, wooden washing machines...these are found here and reveal much about our early settlers

The 'Hand Tied' baler to the right was fed with a pitch fork. The wire ties were placed and fastened by hand. It was all very dirty/dusty/hard work. But our ancestors were willing to do the job. Now, balers pick the hay up from a winnow and bale and tie it all automatically from the air conditioned seat of a nice tractor! But it is encouraging and challenging to see what can be done when there is a will to do it.

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Maytag Engine



1910 Overland



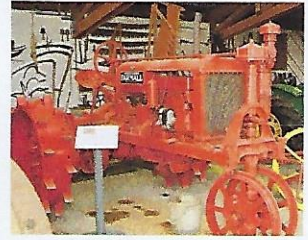
Wire Baler



Case Steam Tractor

This Case Steamer is a good example of early tractors. Check out the 'power' steering! It is powered by muscles with chains and worm gears.

The Farmall is a later version. It is clear that it would have been much more nimble. But the steel lugs 'jarred your eye teeth' on hard ground.



Farmall tractor

The John Deere is a still more modern tractor but it is more than 60 years old. Many of our exhibits show such transitions. We marvel at how our ancestors were able to accomplish their work with such primitive tools. Ponder the changes that the last century brought as you view the many displays.



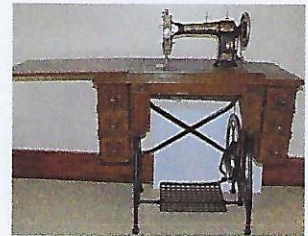
John Deere AR



Sickle Lawn Mower

The hand pushed sickle lawn mower at left is pretty unique. I suppose it was an improvement over a scythe...but not by much! An ingenious wobble plate ground drive runs the sickle.

We have a whole house full of housewares. This early 1900's Sewing Machine is a fine example. Other things include old time clothing, pictures, records, furniture, kitchen utensils etc. Really, a fine collection from the early 20th Century.



Early 1900's Singer

We also feature picture displays that offer an overview of many of the Museum's artifacts. We invite you to visit and spend some time thinking about how it once was.

We can often use volunteers for guide service, repairs and maintenance and display upgrades. Please contact Don Bowers or Al Strutz if you would like to volunteer. We have no paid staff.

Please give serious consideration to a significant contribution. It will have long lasting benefit for the Harrisburg Community. THANKS

The Museum is a Charitable Organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS Code and contributions are deductible to the full extent allowed by law. While the City of Harrisburg pays utilities and insurance we depend almost solely on community support for our significant costs.

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

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

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

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