



# Spreading the..... Farm Museum Newsletter

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY FARM MUSEUM**  
"PRESERVING A BIT OF YESTERDAY FOR TOMORROW"

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- General Membership Meetings: Please check the website for updates.
- Planning Fall Harvest Days 2022
- Preregistration forms for Fall Harvest Days are available on the Museum website under the FHD tab.

<http://www.stclaircountyfarmmuseum.org>

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## LUMBERJACK SHOW

The museum is excited to add a lumberjack show to the existing variety of events at the Fall Harvest Days in August. Lumberjack Enterprises, a Minnesota based organization produces the "All American Lumberjack Show" and will treat all to 2 to 3 shows daily. The show may include events such as log rolling, springboard



tree topping, axe throwing and hot saw races among others. There will also be an interactive time where lumberjack "wannabes" can try out some of the events.

## TRACTOR PULL

The tractor pull will be held on Saturday August 27th starting at 10 am and

will feature several classes of tractors. Tractor pull rules along with pre-registration forms can be found on the museum's website under the Fall Harvest Days tab.



## FESTIVAL OF FIBERS

Once again, Fall Harvest Days will feature the Festival of Fibers on Saturday August 27 and Sunday August 28th. This will be the third year that the fiber event will be a part of the show.

## "TRACTOR" RAFFLE

This year our annual tractor raffle is again taking a twist. For first prize we will be giving away a golf cart. Second prize will be \$500 while third place will take home three collectable model toy tractors. Tickets are available for purchase at a cost of \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20 from most active farm museum members or at museum events.



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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT -

## BILL ZEGELIEN

If you have ever eaten pancakes at one of the farm museum breakfasts, or bit into a breakfast burrito or chicken wrap at the museum concession stand, you have sampled a bit of Bill's cooking. Bill has spent the past 16 or 17 years as a museum member in front of the griddle but will soon be passing the spatula on to other members. Bill started his tenure as grill master after being asked by a former member, the late Bill Patterson, to cook breakfast at the harvest days and has enjoyed working at the concession stand ever since.

Learning about "old time" farming is why Bill likes being a member of the museum as evidenced by his fondness for Ferguson and Massey Ferguson tractors.

Bill is a retired I. B. E. W. Operator and when he is not cooking for the Farm Museum, he enjoys camping and music.

Bill recently sold his home of 35 years and will be traveling south for the winters. He is looking forward to this new chapter in his life but will still be involved with the Farm Museum. We will miss you Bill as much as we will miss the good food. Even though

you will be warm in the winter, you are always welcome at the Museum. We'll keep the grill warm.



## THANK YOU

### Plow Day May 14, 2022

Thank you to members Bob Sullivan, Fred Peasley, Ken Romak, Terry Dunn, and Dennis Derby along with John Hartwick, for the long day of work to prepare the fields for spring planting. It was great to see a variety of colors in the field but again lacking this year was a green tractor.



Bob Sullivan on a Farmall 656



Terry Dunn plows with a Farmall 756



Dennis Derby provides "technical support" with his Case loader



Ken Romak using the Ford loader to remove rocks



John Hartwick's Allis Chalmers 190XT with a 4 bottom semi mounted plow

### Saw Mill Tune Up

On Monday, May 30th, members Dennis Derby, Dennis VanNuck, Terry Dunn, Ray Theut, Bob Sullivan and Fred Peasley logged four hours in the sawmill setting up, operating and cleaning the sawmill in preparation for demonstrations at the St. Clair County 4-H fair. The demonstrations are scheduled for July 21, 22, & 23. Thanks to all for the preparation of the sawmill

### Bull Barn Storage

A huge THANK YOU to member Dennis VanNuck for providing shelving and organizing the bull barn. A long awaited and much needed job is nearing completion.

### Seed and Soul Society

Members of the Seed & Soul Society were busy on June 4th planting the gardens. Learn more about Seed & Soul on the Museum web site.



## UPCOMING & PAST EVENTS

### Membership Meetings

(Moved from the 3rd Tuesday to 7/12 due to the 4-H fair)

July 12, 2022

August 23, 2022

September 20, 2022

### 4-H & YOUTH FAIR

This year the St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair celebrates it's 85th year and the Farm Museum will be present to participate this an enjoyable event. The Museum will be

operating the sawmill from 5:30—7:30 on Thursday & Friday, and 12—2 and 4-6 on Saturday. The Museum is planning on having a display of vintage tractors and farm equipment in addition to having the Museum buildings open. Melanie's Diner concession trailer will be serving up delicious meals from 7 am to 9 pm each day. Hope to see you there.



Planting Day

Al Bert rolls the beans

June 4th was a special day at the Museum as members Fred Peasley, Bob Sullivan, Terry Dunn, and Al Burt were busy planting soy beans and preparing to plant the pumpkin patch.



## IN MEMORIAM GARRY SPENCER



Garry E. Spencer  
1/30/62 - 5/21/22

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS WE SHARE THE LOSS OF OUR PRESIDENT, GARRY SPENCER. GARRY HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL FRIEND AND MEMBER FOR MANY YEARS. HIS KNOWLEDGE, WORK ETHIC, FUN AND GIVING SPIRIT WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. WE THANK GARRY'S FAMILY FOR THE TIME THAT HE SPENT WITH US AND FOR ASKING THAT DONATIONS IN HIS MEMORY BE MADE TO THE MUSEUM.

## MORE INFORMATION NEEDED?

If you need of more information about the 38th annual Fall Harvest Days on August 26th, 27th & 28th, you can find it on the Fall Harvest Days tab of the Farm Museum website.

<https://stclaircountyfarmmuseum.org/>

Many of the registration forms can be found and downloaded from this page. Forms such as Museum membership forms can be downloaded and completed prior to arriving at the show which will make the registration a much smoother and less time consuming process.

If you are planning on participating in the tractor pull scheduled for Saturday, you could download and complete the forms prior to arrival. The

rules for the event can also be found here.

If you are interested in exhibiting in the 3rd annual Festival of Fibers, pre registration is requested. Registration forms and information about set up is located on this webpage.

Flea market applications can be down loaded and mailed in prior to August 1st. After that date, space will be on a first come basis and will be charged a higher fee.

In addition to the flea market, an "artisan lane" is being planned and information and application is available. Like the flea market, August 1st is the deadline with later applications incurring an increased fee and considered if space is available.

If you are a food vendor and would like to participate, an application can be found on the website. For planning purposes, early application would be appreciated. Visitors to the Fall Harvest Days always enjoy a variety of good eats.

Information pertaining to the various events, like the musical events, *Just Banjos* and *Blue Ridge* with special guest *Blue Skye* can also be found on the page.

The Blue Water Area Transit will be operating a free shuttle to and from the Fall Harvest Days on Friday & Saturday. Pick up points are the Maritime Center, the Port Huron bus depot, and Vinckiers in Wadhams. Find a complete schedule on the web page.

## INTERESTING FINDS

BY DAVID BENNIS

## GEORGIA AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

Recently, I made a visit to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village in Tifton Ga. This visit showed how the SCC Farm Museum might one day develop into an elite attraction for tourists and locals.



*The entrance to the beautiful indoor museum built in 2008. Admission fees are quite reasonable with senior, military and student discounts. Children under 5 are free.*

The GMA was established in 1976 and sits on 95 acres along I-75 about 180 miles south of Atlanta. The grounds consist of five areas: a traditional farm community of the 1870s, an 1890s progressive farmstead, an industrial sites complex, rural town, national peanut complex, and the Museum of Agriculture Center. Over 35 structures have been relocated to site and faithfully restored or preserved including the Vulcan Steam Train running on 3 ft narrow gauge track. Costumed interpreters explain and demonstrate the lifestyle and activities of this time in Georgia's history. It is owned and operated by the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Because of the prevalence of pine tree forests in the area, a

fully operating turpentine still has been reconstructed. Turpentine is a derivative of pine resin and has been used in products ranging from shipbuilding pitch to Crest Toothpaste, Elmer's Glue, Scotch Tape and even Vicks Vapo Rub. These days, pine derived turpentine has largely been replaced by modern synthetics. However, the harvesting and refinement of turpentine was an important community industry in the south through the early 1960's along with tobacco, peanut and cotton production.



*The steam powered wood shop where anything from bird houses to benches to barrels are made.*

*The "coopersmith" (barrel making) trade was extremely important to manufacturers prior to the development of modern packaging. Barrels for such things as food products, hardware and raw materials each required special construction methods. The coopersmith needed to know the specifications and have the skills necessary to satisfy those requirements.*

While touring the beautiful grounds, visitors can view three eras of working farms, a working gristmill, blacksmith shop, barrel making, printshop, cotton ginn, turpentine still, steam powered wood shop, and a steam powered saw mill. There

are also two general stores where visitors can buy fresh ground grits (delicious ground cornmeal) from the gristmill, old fashioned candies, the ever popular ice cream cones and souvenirs.



*This 1830's era homestead and farm has live cows, a mule and work horse to authentically perform farm work utilizing implements of that time.*

Each location has thoughtful docents who are at the ready to patiently explain all they know about the artifacts and operations. Docents are of all ages and many are from the Agriculture college.



*This beautifully restored vintage depot and Vulcan Steam Locomotive offer a special treat to visitors - an opportunity to take an authentic train ride in open passenger cars over narrow gauge rails through the museum grounds.*

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## GEORGIA AG. MUSEUM - CONTINUED

In 2008, an impressive bricks and mortar museum and agricultural themed art gallery were built. The museum has a host of state of the art interesting displays, video presentations, life sized dioramas and exhibits. It is self guided and has a fresh and friendly feel to it. It is a great augmentation to the outdoor exhibits experience and a terrific place to beat the outdoor heat or inclement weather.

The cost to enter is reasonable: Tues-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm: \$7.00 Adults, \$6.00 Seniors \$4.00 5-16, under 5 free. Weekends 9:00am-

4:00pm: \$10.00A, \$8.00S, \$5.00 5-16, under 5 free.

I'm not sure if the docents are paid or volunteers. They are so courteous, professional and knowledgeable that I'm thinking that they may be compensated in some way. Perhaps the students get college credits as well.

With the amount of land available to the SCC Farm Museum and visitors, the existing artifact collection, historical buildings and barns and the modern Welcome Center, our Farm Museum certainly has the potential to one day develop into the type of first rate

agricultural educational center that the Georgia Museum of Agriculture has become.



*This Case Traction Engine is one of several steam engines to be seen at the museum and grounds. The steam engines at the wood shop, turpentine still, and saw mill are in operation when those demonstration areas are in operation. This Case is a focal point inside the museum where visitors can get up close to examine the boiler, firebox, engine components and controls.*

## FALL HARVEST DAYS EVENTS

### MUSEUM OPEN

The museum buildings will be open from 11 am to 4 pm each day of the show. Be sure to plan some time to look over the collections of farm related items and learn a bit about the St. Clair County Poor Farm, of which these barns were a part of.

### SAW MILL

Saw mill demonstrations will be in operation all three days. The schedule for making sawdust is 11am, 1 & 4pm both Fri. & Sat. and 11am & 1pm Sun. The mill is powered by a 1918 Port Huron Model 19-65 steam tractor. Learn the history of the 19-65 and what those numbers mean.

### THRESHING MACHINE

Threshing demonstrations will take place at 10am, 2 & 5pm on Fri. & Sat. and 10am & 2pm Sun. Be sure to watch as the threshers feed

the museum grown wheat into the machine to extract the wheat kernels from the plant while saving the straw for the bailer.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Museum will be preparing a pancake breakfast for visitors on Saturday & Sunday mornings from 7 - 10am in the Visitor Center. For a minimal charge, guests can enjoy pancakes with all the fixins.

### COMPOUND BOW RAFFLE

In addition to the raffle of the golf cart, the Museum is glad to announce that thanks to the generosity of G-5 Outdoors in Memphis, we will be raffling a compound bow. Tickets can be purchased at any of the Museum events. Thank you to G-5 Outdoors.

### MUSIC EVENTS

*Just Banjos* will be performing from 2 - 4 pm Saturday and *Blue*

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*Ridge* with special guest *Blue Skye* will perform from 6 - 9 pm Saturday

### GOLF CART RODEO & TRACTOR GAMES

Bring you tractor and/or golf cart and participate in several challenging games. The golf cart rodeo is at 5pm on Sat and the tractor games are scheduled for 10am Sun.

### BLUEWATER WOOD TURNERS

Once again, the BlueWater Wood Turners will be sharing their knowledge of wood turning and demonstrating their craft. As always, be sure to check out the many items made from different varieties of wood.

### BLUE WATER AREA TRANSIT

The transit will be offering free rides to the Harvest Days on Friday and Saturday from the Maritime Center, the bus depot and Vinckiers in Wadhams. 9-4 on Friday and 9:30 - 4 on Saturday. Admission to the show is \$6 for adults.



The St. Clair County Farm  
Museum Presents:



## Fall Pumpkin Fest 2022



Take a wagon ride to the farm's pumpkin patch,  
pick a pumpkin, and enjoy a fall day at the museum.  
Stroll through the museum buildings and view the collections.

Corn Stalks, Indian Corn,  
Sunflowers & Gourds  
For Sale



Concessions available

**Cost:**  
**\$4.00 per ride**  
Pick yourself a pumpkin

October 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23

Saturdays & Sundays 12 noon - 5pm

**While Supplies Last**

Find the Farm Museum at:  
Goodells County Park  
8310 County Park Drive  
Goodells, MI. 48027

[www.stclaircountymuseum.org](http://www.stclaircountymuseum.org) 810-325-1737

The museum is a 501c3 non-profit, charitable organization operated by volunteers.



Please consider joining to help us preserve the heritage of the farming communities of rural St. Clair County

The St. Clair County Farm  
Museum Presents:



## Fall Harvest Days

August 26, 27, 28, 2022

Admission \$6

Location:  
Goodells County Park

### Crater Events:

**Tractor Pull**  
Saturday 10 am - 4 pm  
**Golf Cart / ATV Rodeo**  
Saturday 5pm  
**Tractor Games**  
Sunday 10am

Bring your own tractor / ATV / golf cart and join the fun and competition.

### Music:

**Just Banjo's**  
Sat 2pm - 4pm  
**Blue Ridge & Blue Skye**  
Sat 6pm - 9 pm

### Daily Demonstrations

Steam powered sawmill  
Threshing  
Tractor show  
Fiber fair  
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### Food

Black pot bean soup  
Pancake breakfast  
Melanie's Diner

### All American Lumberjack Show:

Fri 3pm & 7pm  
Sat 11:30am, 4pm & 7pm  
Sun 11:30am & 1:30pm



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## All American Lumberjack Show

Entertainment for the entire family. Events may include: Logroll, Boom Run, Axe Throw, Obstacle Pole Race, Spring Board Tree Topping, Stock Saw Race, Hot Saw Race, Bow Saw, Cross Cut Saw, and our Chain Saw Carving Giveaway.

### Interactive Lumberjack Camp

Try some of the events yourself. All are safe and designed for the first timer.



[www.lumberjackenterprises.com](http://www.lumberjackenterprises.com)

Shows: Fri 3 & 7, Sat 11:30, 4 & 7, Sun 11:30 & 1:30

## CONCESSION STAND HELP NEEDED

For the past several years Yvonne Markel has been taking charge of the concession stand, Melanie's Diner, for the Museum events as well as the 4-H Fair and horse shows that take place at Goodells County Park.

**Help is needed to keep the stand running.**

It takes at least four people to open the stand and prepare all of the good meals and snacks that Melanie's Diner provides, even more when it is open from early morning till late night. The proceeds from this diner help to offset the costs of everything that the Museum provides the community. Please consider giving a bit of your time to help out.

Call Yvonne at 810-334-6355 for more information or to help out.

## OUR 2022 SPONSORS

## THANK YOU!

Fall Harvest Days as well as the Farm Museum could not exist without the support of many sponsors who donate financially to help us produce the show. We would like to acknowledge these sponsors as well as the advertisers in our show book. Please seek out a 2022 Fall Harvest Days show book and support those that support us. The show would not go on without the many volunteers who help throughout the year to produce the show and keep the Museum operating. Please consider volunteering a bit of your time to help out. A variety of opportunities for a variety of interests exist. Whatever your passion, we can use your help.

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## Goodells County Park from 1300'



A view from 1300 ft. of Goodells County Park and the Farm Museum on a snowy day in February. As we settle into the hot dry days of summer we can think of this scene to help offer some relief.

Photo by Steven Schwab

## Happy 100th Birthday Rumely!



Join us at the Fall Harvest Days as we celebrate the centennial of the Museum's 1922 Rumely Oil Pull Model G. You can see it in action at the Harvest Days and learn more about it in the Harvest Days show book.



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The mission of the St. Clair County Farm Museum is to provide an understanding of our heritage, add to our areas cultural base and enhance regional tourism. This is achieved by acquiring, preserving and presenting agricultural and domestic equipment and related artifacts in structures and settings which will portray the origin and evolution of farming and rural living from when the area was first settled until about 1960.

The museum is a 501c3 charitable non profit organization which is operated entirely by volunteers. The museum always welcomes new volunteers to join us in achieving our mission. An agricultural background is not a requirement to become a member. Please join us at our meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the Community Building at Goodells County Park.

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