



BOONVILLE BLACK RIVER CANAL MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU

To all of our visitors, volunteers and donors of the Black River Canal Museum, we thank you for your support! You have all helped to further share and preserve the story of the Black River Canal and its importance to our region.

Last year was a great success with 1,074 visitors touring the complex including nine people from other countries (England, France, Jordan, Philippines and Switzerland).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2025

DRAINAGE PROJECT

Thanks to the generosity of the Remp-Sawyer Community Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation, we now have a dry crawl space under our Conference Building. This essential building houses historic photographs and intriguing artifacts.

Water was entering the crawlspace during snowmelt season and heavy rainfall events. To remedy the situation, volunteers used an excavator to dig down along the building where drain tile and pipe were installed to divert the water. A truckload of stone in the ditch acts as the catch basin. While the foundation was exposed, a rotten rim joist was replaced. The project also included having the crawlspace interior walls spray foamed.

The museum is very grateful for this generous grant allowing us to accomplish such a successfully completed drainage project.



BOB SLED CONVERSION TO GARDEN

Thanks to Stewart's, the Dade Family Foundation and dedicated volunteers, the bob sled was rebuilt and fitted with an old stock tank that serves as an attractive giant flower bed.



POSTER CONTEST

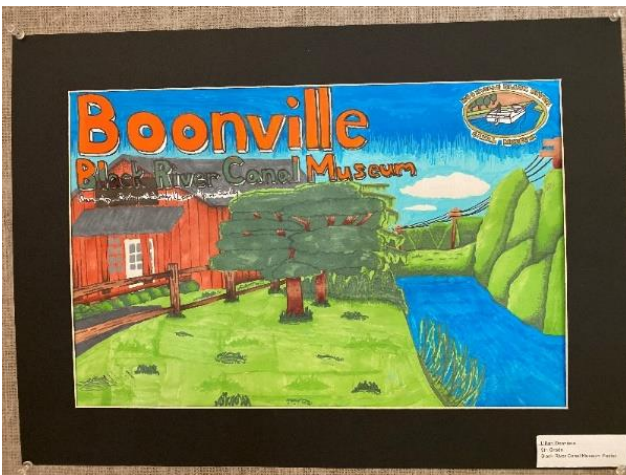
With the help of the Adirondack Central School District art teachers in the upper schools, students in the middle school and high school were challenged to produce posters showing some aspect of the Black River Canal and Museum. The only requirement was the inclusion of the Museum logo in the work.

The results were simply amazing in both quality and quantity. Judging was very difficult and we appreciate the effort by all who participated.

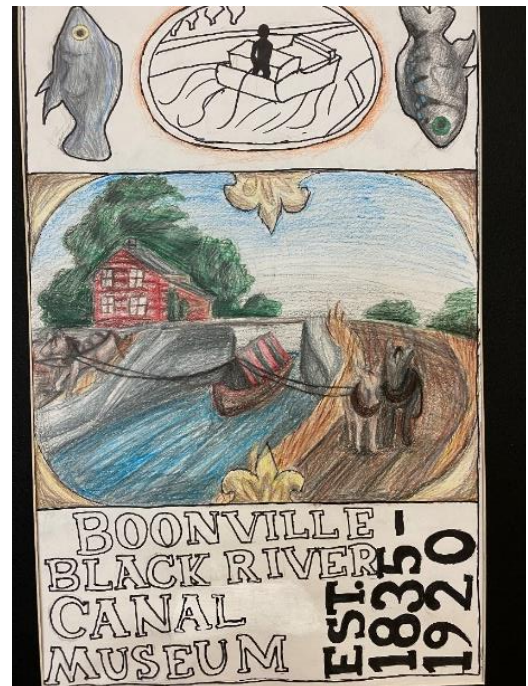
The finalists in the middle school were Ariel Cormier, first place, and Molly Seiger, runner up.

The finalists in the senior high were Lillian Dennison, first place, and Carys Turner, runner up. Congratulations to all!

The posters will be displayed at various locations in Boonville and at the Museum during the summer season.



First Place (high school): Lillian Dennison



First Place (middle school): Ariel Cormier

PAVERS

Following many challenges with poor drainage, the decision was made to move the engraved pavers from the flagpole to the border of the front entrance garden. The work was completed early this summer. Flowers will be placed around the flagpole with a decorative stone boarder.

If you are interested in ordering a paver to memorialize or honor someone special, email or ask at the desk when you visit the museum.



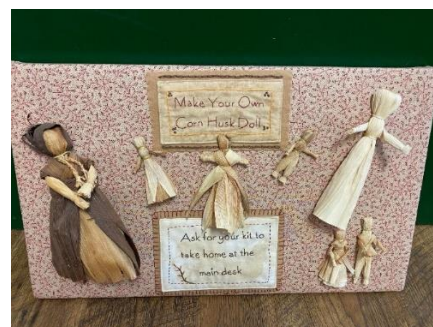
THIS SUMMER

The Mercantile Store has some new items for sale this summer: large colorful coffee mugs, T-shirts with a new look and loveable stuffed bears along with our many books, Black River Canal Museum DVD, ball caps and more.

Included in the list of new and interesting exhibits at the Museum is a photo collection of the Canal Museum as it grew from only one original barn to the six buildings it now has. Most of it was built by volunteers.

For visitors ages 4-16 we are again offering the opportunity to earn a Scavenger Hunt Sticker by finding various artifacts as you tour the Museum.

Also, we continue to offer free Corn Husk Doll Kits while they last. Ask at the front desk for more information about these two exciting activities.



FUTURE PROJECT

Our latest dream is a pavilion style roof to protect the canal boat and cover the walkway to the blacksmith shop.

Time will tell!

SPECIAL THANKS

Our gratitude goes to the Village of Boonville for plowing the parking area during our cold winter.



More than 20 feet of snow fell at the Museum during the 2024-25 winter.

VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME

We are always looking for volunteers interested in joining the fun by greeting and guiding the visitors. It is exciting and super interesting as you will meet so many people from near and far. It would involve three hours of your time, either morning or afternoon, maybe once a week. We would train you on the history of the Canal and things to know around the Museum. You would always have someone with you. If you would like to get involved at the Museum, we would love to have you join us! Please give us a call, send us an email or leave your name and number at the front desk when you visit.

2025 DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION:

The museum will be open daily in July and August and weekends only in the Fall. For a more complete listing of the days and hours, visit our website or Facebook page found below.

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Facebook: Search "Black River Canal Museum"

We hope to see you soon!