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# 19th Century Curran Homestead Village at Fields Pond & Newfield, Maine

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## How Does A Small Museum Evolve Into A Medium Sized Museum ?

The short answer is: **be relentless.** The formerly named Curran Homestead Living History Farm and Museum has seemingly provided this answer and continues in this vein. The newly named 19th Century Curran Homestead Village has a unique situation in having two campuses at opposite ends of the State.

The gifting of the former Willowbrook in Southwestern Maine has been a great challenge in 2017 and will be in the years to come for the Curran's museum director and board of directors, which is largely comprised of individuals who have served for more than two decades. As working volunteers, the board oversaw and engaged in every aspect of the former farm history museum's transition to a museum village almost overnight; including ongoing construction, repair, programming, and fundraising.

This newest endeavor for the organization has required the board to hit the ground running with the forging of a new mission emphasizing hands-on, experiential learning with science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) learning objectives; hiring a full-time paid museum director who is responsible for developing greater museum standards for the two campuses, as well as contributing to accelerated development and re-branding, and tackling a list of building projects in anticipation of a future museum village at Orrington/ Holden. The board hopes to transition from its former grassroots role

to one of governance and aggressive fundraising, which is largely dependent on finding additional contributors and partners with whom to share the vision. Stay tuned as the accelerated transformation of a small museum into an even greater Maine learning resource is underway.

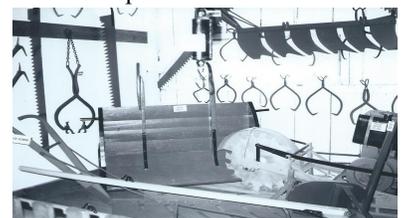
The former Willowbrook campus has continued to function albeit with a reduced schedule of open days and programming in 2017. Many of the schools that have come in recent years for field trips returned to find the campus under a new name and ownership. Over 1500 students visited the Newfield campus between May and June 2017. Our fall field trip visitation was small.



Our **field trip program** is vibrant, and each season we are contacted by schools that have heard good things about our hands-on programming developed at Newfield, and then there are teachers that expect to bring their students each year. We want to keep them coming with new offerings!

In May 2017 we received a Narragansett Number One Foundation grant for the purpose of developing our school field trip programming in Newfield further. We will create an ice storage locker in the cellar of the Durgin barn. This will be the site of a hands-on experience with a working collection of tools adding to an interpretation of commercial ice harvesting activity in Maine's past before widespread electric refrigeration. Our annual ice harvest at Newfield will be on Sunday, February 4, 10-3, and the "crop" from this venture will be stored so that it can go into the completed storage locker in the months to come.

Faced with the example of Willowbrook's financial unsustainability, the board has discussed reducing the campus through a process of consolidation. This plan has been shelved given the estimated cost of labor and transport to move the collection from one side of the road to the other, and an estimation of what the Trafton property in particular might potentially yield in the real estate market at this date. Instead, we will work at developing more hands-on experiential learning exhibits using some of our newly acquired collections at the Newfield campus.





**19th Century  
Curran Homestead Village  
at Fields Pond & Newfield**

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# Members, donors and Curran board step up to year-end 2017 challenge

“Heart Warming!” has been the response to our end-of-year request for support for fundraising through donations for operations, endowment, and membership renewals.

The Curran Village Board of Directors with 100% participation in funding the Museum Director’s salary for 2018! The board made that commitment to Robert Schmick. Museum Director of both Fields Pond and Newfield campuses not only warranted by his accomplishments this past year but truly believing he is the right person to lead us into the future.

“In my opinion, our Curran Homestead Villages are in a strong financial position thanks to our donors, members, and guests throughout Maine and Northern New England. This allows more of our revenues from donations, memberships, and other revenues to go directly to program and facilities enhancement.

Very Best Wishes for the New Year!

Irv Marsters, Treasurer  
Curran Homestead Villages

## We want to partner with teachers

We offer a valuable educational resource to families in Maine and beyond. We offer real life context, use of artifacts, and an historical setting

in the facilitation of learning experiences connected with science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. In doing this, we succeed at producing memorable and frequent tactile and kinesthetic learning experiences that could best serve to reinforce lessons from the classroom.

What needs to evolve is coordination between teachers and the museum. Call us at 207-205-4849 or email us at thecurranhomestead@gmail.com, if you are interested in working together for your students now and in the future. Ideally, ongoing input

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from teachers and parents through periodic meetings would be a first step towards making the museum integral to our community’s education rather than supplementary, and, subsequently, greater value and community investment of time and resources might evolve insuring the museum’s perpetuation and greater utilization.

We are about allowing visitors the opportunity to learn by doing as much as we are about creating opportunities to see and hear others do. Of course, we provide interpretation and stories about the past

**GENERAL ADMISSION IS FREE FOR CHILDREN (18 AND UNDER) IN 2018; Special Programs, Events, & Workshops may require payment.**

and hope to present these in print and verbal presentation in the museum setting, but we need your assistance in further development and implementation.

# " Insuring continued interest in the museum always requires presenting new experiences... "

The institutional histories of many museums tell us that the secret to their future perpetuation and to securing visitor recidivism is to always have something new to share. A museum has to develop like never before **new themes and programs to maintain public interest** like any other service or resource in our highly competitive marketplace.

Willowbrook's own history of decline and success can be traced to long periods of complacency regarding its exhibits and collection and to periods of major change that inspired renewed interest. In addition to two thirds of the Willowbrook collection that remained after an initial process of gifting particular collections within the collection to other Maine institutions, Curran has had the good fortune of receiving many other additions to its' collection on an unprecedented level in 2018.

This past April, more than 1,500 artifacts characterizing a working man's household in circa 1910 Maine was deaccessioned from **Maine Maritime Museum** and transferred to Curran at Newfield. In light of the decision not to consolidate the museum we will **exhibit the bedroom furnishing** that came with this donation on the second floor of the **Trafton House**, as many objects from the three bedrooms were gifted to other institutions. Among the three bedroom sets from Maine Maritime are examples of **oak furniture** produced by the **Larkin Soap Company** of Buffalo, New York in the 1910s. These were bought with saved coupons offered with Larkin consumer goods.



North Castine Post Office, circa 1929

A complementary goal for creating these new bedroom exhibits will be to amass a **new collection of children's toys**, as this is an area of Curran's holdings that are not developed, and many may remember that the Trafton House included a "nursery". We will be **looking for new donations of cast iron and tin cars, trucks, and banks, games, selected dolls, and other toys from the 1850s-1920s.**

The **North Castine Post Office** was moved to the Curran at Fields Pond in early December before snow had fallen. Thanks to **Nate Coe** and board members **Dick Stockford, Dick Hanson, and Ron Sucey** for their brawn and enthusiasm for the project. The building involved cutting the roof off, which was not worth salvaging; shingles will go to the landfill and the wood

will be burned on site. The two gables and four walls were stacked as whole pieces onto a flatbed trailer for transport.

Thanks to photographs shared by the **Devereux family** (Building donated by **Mrs. Jean Devereux**), we have learned that this small structure has changed radically over the course of its 90 plus year history. A circa 1929 photo evidences that the structure was originally shingled, and that there were more windows, and we will restore these details. Our plan is to insulate the structure and sheath the interior walls with wainscoting.

Now that the building has been moved, our next step will be to rebuild it. The building will be in proximity to the newly created woodworking shop. It will exhibit a history of communications. Most importantly, contained within this modest structure will be hands-on learning opportunities using a working collection of crystal radios, magneto telephones, and telegraphs that will connected to other parts of the campus. In addition, we will tell the story of rural Maine post offices like this one that once run by the **Devereux family**.

The recent donation of a **Little Giant steam engine** from **Randy Bossie of Patten, Maine** has been further complemented by **Isaac Hughes of Fayetteville, NY's** generosity with the donation of four restored Model Ts, including a soft top touring, a hard-top coupe, a four-door sedan, and a **Model TT stake truck**. The donation also includes many **Model T engines**, a collection of early gas engines, and shop machinery for future restorations at the museum.



(Left) The North Castine Post Office in 2010. (Right) The **North Castine Post Office** during the December 2017 de-construction with **Nate Coe** and **Dick Stockford**.

## Wish List

- Cast iron toy banks, trucks, cars and other figures
  - Donation of funds for or actual material: wall-to-wall outdoor/indoor low pile carpeting for Red Barn Building (former Christmas Shop) at Newfield. Blue, Red or solid dark color installed, if possible approximately 500 sq/ft). Breathe new life into this important, year-round programming building.
  - Pottery Kiln(s), Potter's wheel(s)
  - Anvil, hand-crank blacksmithing forge blower
  - Donations for three public restrooms in visitors center
  - Donations for electrical fixtures for Fields Pond visitors center
  - New dimensional lumber: 2x4, 2x6, 2x8, 2x10
  - Petroliana: Gas, Oil, and other auto service and dispensing items from circa 1930 and before
  - Model Ts and related items
  - Early light bulbs and electrical devices
- Your support at any level for any of our projects makes a difference. These are some projects and an estimate of their cost to complete:***
- Peter Field House Visitors' Center: \$30,000
  - Woodworking Shop: \$15,000
  - Ice House (Newfield): \$2,500
  - Early Car Culture, exhibition & work space: \$50,000
  - North Castine Post Office: \$5,000
  - Hands-On History Building (Fields Pond) school field trip programming: \$475,000
  - Letterpress Printing Shop (Fields Pond): \$15,000
  - Cider Mill: \$5,000
  - Foundry/Pottery: \$10,000
  - Saw Mill: \$20,000

## Early car culture exhibits planned



Touring car



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With the donation of this **Model T and early engine collection** there is a necessity to create a **permanent structure to both house the collection and to utilize it** for the purposes of our mission. Our plan for a Early Tractor and Engine Building have been further refined. We will begin the process of transporting the **Hughes Collection** in February 2018. This will include some of the equipment and engines. We plan to wait until the spring to move the Model Ts. Our short-term plan is to exhibit all of the donation in the Carriage House at Newfield while we create a permanent structure at Fields Pond.

We will construct a **30' x 50' structure** adjacent to the new woodworking shop. This structure will be further complemented by an additional structure off the back of the Curran main barn that will serve mutually the theme of **early car culture, Model T and engine collections exhibition, a functioning auto workshop, hands-on experiential learning activities connected with Model Ts, their service and maintenance, and a simulated Model T assembly line.**

Our goal is to create a structure that represents a circa 1920s gas service station for exhibition space and hands-on learning activities. Our car culture theme will inhabit several future structures that have received preliminary site approval. We have a prepared building pad, timber poised to be sawn and donated insulation for these structures.

One structure will serve the purpose of both **structural stabilization** of the main **Curran barn** as well as an exhibition site for our early car culture exhibits. The second **30' x 50' structure** will be a service station that will serve multiple purposes related to the realization of our **early car culture and gas engine theme.**

This station will include a roofed overhang/car port where **two gravity fed glass reservoir gas pumps** are featured. In addition, there will be a front office accessed where a developing collection of **petroliana** and car culture related artifacts will be exhibited as well as toy cars and pedal cars. This space would also house **interactive Model T exhibits** and therefore would serve as our **car culture educational offering**, a replica service station with characteristic overhanging roof, office space, and two service bays.

These offerings include specifically two Ford Model T interior constructions: windshield, dashboard, a floor with the signature three Model T pedals; and a hand brake, steering wheel, and a hand horn. These details will include child-proofed authentic parts. **Children will climb into and make believe they are driving in a Model T.**

In addition, the space would include **two competitive learning activities** that could be part of our school field trip program in addition to general visitation.

# Model T activities bring history to life

## *Model T Activity #1*

A simulation of a Model T assembly line will provide a **interactive learning opportunity for all ages**. Model Ts were assembled in Maine in the 1910s from parts shipped by rail from Detroit. Also, there were Maine inventors who created their own autos inspired by Ford and other major name manufacturers. These are stories we wish to tell through archival materials, and through **first-hand experience in a hands-on simulation**.

**Individual invention and innovation are behaviors we wish to inspire**. We wish to continue to develop a doodlebug pulling competition. The competing vehicles are a story that we continue to tell. This has been complemented by our developing collection of **Model T tractor conversions, early Fordson tractors and our recently restored Model T cord saw**.

The **second interactive learning station** would include two wall mounted wooden **three-quarter scale Model T jigsaw puzzles** that are divided into pieces that represent the components of a Model T, i.e., hood, engine, wheels, doors, wheels, lamps, windshields, and other parts. The parts were piled on the floor. Two students paired with each puzzle will assemble a Model T by attaching each part on a painted silhouette of it on the black with white lined car image.

Students affix the wooden parts, that have holes drilled into them, onto protruding threaded rods originating from the flat images on the wall. **An added tactile element to this very kinesthetic activity** is the use of Ford open end wrenches and adjustable wrenches which were once included in a tool kit that came with every new Model T. **In order to complete the assembly these wooden parts must be attached with nuts on the threaded rods**.

There would be two jigsaw assemblages side by side on the wall with a set of pieces for each. There would be a chess clock with two plungers on opposite sides positioned on a table between the two silhouettes that would allow competitors doing the assemblies to stop the clock once they have finished.

The first competitors to complete their Model T wins the competition. The fastest



Service station model with characteristic overhanging roof, office space and two service bays.



Oil can, circa 1970s. The late Donald King, founder of Willowbrook, was also a founder of Lubrication Engineers that produces oils and greases to this day.

times would be recorded and presented on a wall of recognition. Fastest times will be given awards. The competitive element to this activity is a simulation of performance requirement of the assembly line workers. The competition also simulates the rigorous pace of assembly line work that was ultimately compensated with a \$5 a day wage in a time when few made such a wage.

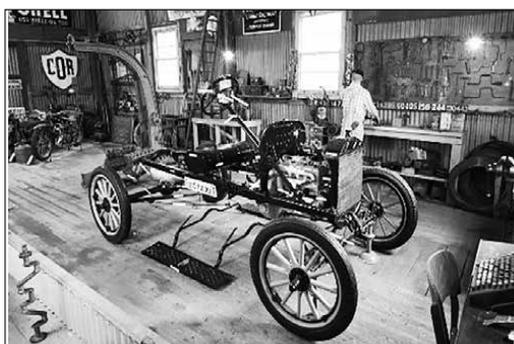
## *Model T Activity #2*

With the production of autos and the subsequent necessity to service them, mechanics and servicemen were trained to meet the need. As the “everyman’s car,” the Model T was designed to be serviced by its owner with the inclusion of an instruction manual and a set of tools to assist. Many owners, out of necessity, learned to fix their cars on the road. Like the assembly line, the service stations evolved and speedy and

efficient oil changes, gas refills, tire inflation, and other maintenance was offered.

**Car maintenance** will be a theme explored in a learning activity. A full-color, full-size flat 2-D representation of a Model T with actual car parts attached to it will be offered with **museum interpreter facilitation**. An actual mounted tire will be offered for you to inflate, a gas tank will be offered to put liquid into (water in this case that drains out), windows you can clean and other hands-on diagnostic tasks. The interpretation focuses on the maintenance of machines, safety, fuel, and other elements and **why we do these things and how this might translate into other desirable behavior and habits in a successful life**.

Our service station will include two **garage bays with doors**. There will be a concrete slab floor and work benches where a **working collection of period tools and equipment will be exhibited and used in restoration, repair, and maintenance**. There will be room for two cars to be parked in each bay, and this would be for our four donated Model Ts as well as other Model T related vehicles in the collection and that we might acquire in the future.



Model T restoration and repair shop

# Workshops & Classes

For additional information, or to register, for any of our classes, call: (207) 205-4849 or (207) 745-4426. Registration is first come, first serve by cash, check payable to "The Curran Homestead", or credit card (MasterCard & Visa only).

## BEGINNING BLACKSMITHING

6 weeks starting Tuesday, January 23, 2018  
Tuesday and Thursday evenings

6:00-9:00 p.m..

FIELDS POND campus

Cost: \$395. Tools and materials provided

plus a copy of Lorelei Sims' "The Backyard Blacksmith" provided. Students required to supply their own 2lb. hammer.

This class covers all the basics of coal fired forging, including safety, tools and materials, heating, bending, piercing, and forming steel objects. Our blacksmithing instructor, **Dwight King**, engages you so that you may acquire the foundational skills to meet ever greater challenges in forging metal objects with a coal fire. Start off with **small projects and build on that knowledge with practice** creating a variety of hooks, nails, spoon, tools, hinges and more. Be introduced to forge welding. Time permitting, students may forge a knife blade.

**Saturday studio time** is available for additional practice to complete projects. Saturday & Sunday, February 3 & 4, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

## BEGINNER'S BOOKBINDING

Saturday & Sunday, February 3 & 4, 2018  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Red Barn Building, 70 Elm Street, NEWFIELD campus. Tuition: \$150. Materials and tools provided. Class limit: 6

Work with professional book artist, conservator, archivist and librarian **Anastasia Weigle** and learn to build two classic bindings. Day One: Learn to build a classic German Case Bradel Binding with signature stitches. This beautiful book is suitable for a slim collection of poems. Day Two: Learn to build a drum leaf binding, a book specifically designed for artists, printers and photographers. This book opens completely flat without a break in the gutter allowing you to display an image across two pages. The initiated will review and refine skills to gain confidence in one of the standard bookbinding constructions so this is not just for beginners.

## KNIFE MAKING

Saturday & Sunday, February 3 & 4, 2018  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., NEWFIELD Campus.  
Tuition: \$225. All materials and tools provided. Discount to returning students. Pay to register. First come, first serve. Limited to 5.

Instructor **Frank Vivier** will show you how to make your first knife or a better one in this weekend class. This is both an opportunity for beginners and intermediate level knife makers. Using propane or coal fired forges (your preference), we will cut and shape a blade and tang from spring steel.

Students will use a combination of hand and power tools. we will oil quench blades and oven temper them. You will file, grind and polish your blade to perfection. You will fit hardwood scales to your tang and pin them using brass rivets that you create. You will epoxy scales to your tang, and do a final sanding and polishing, if time permits.

**WE OFFER GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR ANY OF OUR WORKSHOPS!**

## BEGINNER'S LETTERPRESS PRINTING

Saturday & Sunday, February 24 & 25, 2018  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m..

William Cram Printing Shop. 70 Elm Street, Newfield campus

Tuition: \$125. Materials and tools provided.

Open to ages 11 and above.

Work with professional letterpress printer **Mark Matteau of Dunstan Press** in Scarborough. Working on several different foot treadle and hand antique presses you will compose lead type in chases for a series of printing projects over the two days, ink and print them. Overview of printing techniques. Opportunities to use our fully equipped facility in this class as well as during our season for practice and mastery, if you desire.

# Join us for these Special Events



## ANNUAL GATHERING & RECOGNITION DINNER

on Saturday, June 16, 4:30-7PM

The Restaurant, Curran Homestead Village at

Newfield, Elm St., Newfield

Cost: Free to 2018 members; \$20 per person for the general public  
RSVP (207) 205 4849 or 745-4426

## MAPLE SYRUP EVENT AND IRISH CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 17, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Fields Pond, Orrington

Sunday, March 25, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Newfield

Taste maple syrup flavored savories and sweets. Enjoy a cup of Irish Stew. Take a draft horse & bobsled ride. Watch blacksmithing & other traditions demonstrations, and more! Admission includes food samples and bobsled ride.



*Yes! I want to help the Curran Homestead village!*

## Mission Statement

19th Century Curran Homestead Village at Fields Pond and Newfield is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that collects, preserves and utilizes historic artifacts and buildings for exhibition, living history, traditional arts programming and hands-on education. The villages serve as classrooms to not only raise awareness and appreciation of life in rural Maine and New England during the emerging Industrial Age of the 19th and early 20th centuries but to empower new generations through sharing the lessons of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics from that time to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Our goal is to help to nurture future inventors, scientists, mechanics and agriculturists through individual awareness and discovery

## 2018 Membership Level Benefits

All members get free access to most events and open days and the horse carousel in Newfield ( Fund-raisers like our Annual Bluegrass Festival, for example, may require additional ticket purchase ). All members receive a membership card. Member-ship donations result in the issuance of a one-year, non-transferable pass in the donor's name which grants membership benefits at both our museum campuses. Some memberships receive free guest passes. For memberships \$100 and above: non-paying guest status at our annual membership dinner.

- **Children** (Ages 0-18): **Free**
- **Individual \$50** (Early Bird Special by postmarked by December 31, 2017: \$40); 10% discount on workshops
- **Family** (2 Adults) **\$75** (Early Bird Special by postmarked by December 31, 2017: \$60); 1 guest pass, 10% discount on workshops
- **Historian** (2 Adults): \$100, 2 guest passes, 10 % discount on workshops, & monthly online updates on collections issues
- **Business** \$200(Early Bird Special by postmarked by December 31, 2017:\$150): Admission for any employee's family of four each day event or opening, recognition on our website, & 2 free guest passes.
- **Business Plus \$350** In addition to all Business membership benefits, get an advertisement in each of our newsletters in 2018.
- **Sustaining: \$300** (Early Bird Special by postmarked by December 31, 2017: \$150): One additional membership, 4 free guest passes; 20% discount on workshops
- **Benefactor: \$500** (Early Bird Special by postmarked by December 31, 2017: \$250); Two additional Individual memberships, 6 free guest passes, 20% discount on workshops
- **Homesteader: \$1000**; four additional Individual memberships, your annual contribution recognized as a co-sponsor of a Curran Homestead event of your choice, 8 free guest passes, 20 % discount on workshops.

## Help Fund the Future

By contributing to the Endowment and/or Capital Funds, you will help prepare a new generation for the challenges of the 21st century with lessons from the past. The funds to insure Curran Homestead Villages immediate needs and long-term sustainability.

### CUT OUT, FILL OUT & MAIL OUT

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*Your contact information is used only to inform you of upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and membership offers. It is not released to others.*

Please make checks payable to **"The Curran Homestead"**

VISA  MC  DISCOVER # \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please fill out forms and return with payment to:  
Curran Homestead Village, P.O. Box 107, Orrington, ME 04474*

#### MY MEMBERSHIP CHOICE IS:

\_\_\_ Individual: \$50 (2017: \$40)

\_\_\_ Family: \$75 (2017: \$60)

\_\_\_ Historian: \$100

\_\_\_ Business: \$200 (2017: \$150)

\_\_\_ Sustaining: \$300 (2017: \$150)

\_\_\_ Benefactor: \$500 (2017: \$250)

\_\_\_ Homesteader: \$1000

#### I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ADD'L FUNDS:

\_\_\_ Endowment Fund

\_\_\_ Capital Fund

\_\_\_ Endowment & Capital Funds

#### IN THE AMOUNT OF:

\_\_\_ \$1000 \_\_\_ \$100

\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$50

\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## It's ice harvesting time!

Our annual ice harvest is an ongoing success as it offers tactile and kinesthetic learning experiences that are unique to our offerings. At our annual ice harvest, guests handle real tools and understand the physicality of their own rural heritage through hands-on participation. Families form an indelible memory of the technologies available to ice harvesters who once contributed to the economy. They were meeting a demand for the domestic convenience of storing food for ready use. Refrigerating food stuffs with natural ice was labor intensive and costly before universal electricity provided artificial refrigeration and ice production.

Since the early 19th century, natural ice was cut commercially from ponds, lakes and rivers for purposes of refrigeration. For this to occur successfully and profitably there had to be an understanding of the natural conditions to provide the optimal "crop" of ice and an efficient means of harvesting and storing that "crop" had to be developed.

### ***Join us at Fields Pond & the Mill Pond in Newfield***

Both campuses will offer family-oriented hands-on events. The two events are **FREE** to the public. Donations welcome. Guests can enjoy:

- Draft horse & bobsled rides (\$5)
- Goodies & hot drinks (\$)
- Warming stations
- Blacksmithing & other traditions demonstrated
- Ice Yachting

**Help us** prepare the day before, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at either site as a volunteer. Information: (207)205-4849 or 745-4426.

**Help *in the* Harvest**

**Sunday, January 28, 10am-3pm**  
Ice Harvest at Fields Pond (Orrington)

**Sunday, February 4, 10am-3pm**  
Ice Harvest at the Mill Pond (Newfield)

**FREE**  
*to the Public!*