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The official Presque Isle Charm Bracelet

The official Presque Isle Charm Bracelet is now available from the Presque Isle Historical Society. What a perfect way to tell folks how proud you are of where you live, or what a perfect gift for those who love charm bracelets!

The double link sterling silver bracelet features five sterling silver charms: John R Braden (the beloved harness horse from Presque Isle's past), a potato, the State of Maine, a potato basket, and a fire engine representing the historic fire station.

The bracelets are available exclusively from the Historical Society and are only \$75 each with proceeds benefiting our programs and services.



NMCC hosts historical exhibit on fire dept.

In honor of Presque Isle Fire Department hosting the Maine State Federation of Firefighters state convention here on September 10 - 12, NMCC is hosting an exhibit on the history of the Presque Isle Fire Department in their E. Perrin Edmunds Library.

Seen at far right, volunteer Emily Wright gets into the spirit of modeling historic period costumes at our booth in the Historical Pavilion.



PI Historical Society wins award

The Historical Society won the award for the "Best Artifact" at this year's Historical Pavilion held recently as part of the Northern Maine Fair. With over thirty exhibits this year, competition was fierce for the five coveted awards. The event, held August 3 - 5, included displays from many area museums, historical societies, businesses, and living history demonstrators.

The Presque Isle Historical Society's booth offered a historical insight into the impact of the Civil War on Presque Isle. With almost 25% of our population at the time serving in the Civil War, the impact was great indeed. Featured in the exhibit were the names of local men who served and information on the regiments in which they served, an authentic Civil War Sword for which we won the award, an authentic Civil War promotion certificate, live Civil War music performed by Dan Ladner and his grandson Adam Scott, and period costumes. As part of our Civil War celebration, Jeff Roberts (seen below with Kim Smith) provided his re-enactment encampment for which he won "Best Overall Exhibit".



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New Grants help better preserve and move our collections

A grant from the Cultural Resource Information Center in Augusta has provided us with some much needed archival supplies such as acid free photo and costume storage boxes as well as provided funding to frame our Civil War promotion certificate (above left) under conservation glass with acid free matting. In addition, a second grant recently received from the Davis Family Foundation has allowed us to purchase tables for acquisitioning donations, dollies (such as center above) to transport our traveling exhibits more easily, and three beautiful oak and glass table-top display cases (such as above right) in which to display our collections.

Looking for an interesting presentation for your group or club?

Many of our exhibits are available to travel to your location for display. In addition, with over 20 presentations on topics of local history, our volunteers are available to attend your special group or club function. Special guided walking tours may also be arranged. For more information, please contact us at (207) 762-1151 or by email at pihistoricalsociety@hotmail.com.

FREE GUIDED WALKING TOURS OF HISTORIC DOWNTOWN PRESQUE ISLE

Join us for a free guided walking tour of historic downtown Presque Isle. The next tour will be offered, weather permitting, on Saturday, September 18. The tour begins and ends at the Vera Estey House Museum at 16 Third Street promptly at 10:00 a.m. On-street parking is available. The tour covers two miles and last approximately two and one-half hours. Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for our often unpredictable weather!