

THE FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE MUSEUM

Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR. . . .

A HISTORICAL PROGRESSION

The museum looks to not only preserve our past but provide a venue for showing how we have progressed over the years.

This circa 1840's washboard shows the drudgery that was wash day in the past as the ribs are worn nearly smooth from years of hard scrubbing.



Things improved with this 1880's manually operated "Dolly" type washing machine. Drudgery still being the watchword.



The 1900's brought electricity to a large part of this country and some relief from the washing routine.

This Easy Washer Company machine was made in Syracuse, NY in 1912 and donated to the museum by Britain Hill.



We've come a long way!

PRESERVATION REDUX

To bring the antiques back to their original glory requires more than physical care of the item itself. Care must include protection from the environment. The new Thulander Building has provided the physical protection from the environment and a new contract with JP Pest should provide the needed protection from other unwanted influences.

CUTE BUT DESTRUCTIVE



THE MUSEUM at THE 2014 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



While the museum does not currently have any regularly scheduled hours, we try to be open for events in town and also for any special occasion requested by an individual or group. If you would like to access the museum for a family event or special occasion, please contact one of the curators: Bob Abbott at 547-6894 Bill McAuley at 547-8320

THE GREAT WHEEL



This spinning wheel is a recent gift to the museum by the Tartalis family. It is in excellent condition and working order. We would like to find somebody with the knowledge and skill to demonstrate this wheel this coming summer.