**Grand Reopening**  
**May 15, 2015**

Pictured cutting the ribbon reopening the new visitor center and exhibit are (left to right) Michael Berberich (staff), Robert Miller, PALMA President, Potter County Commissioner Doug Morley, Senator Joseph Scarnati, Representative Martin Causer, Brenda Reigle, PHMC Bureau Director, and Patricia Berberich (staff).

**Volunteer of the Year, 2014**

On April 18, 2015 members of the PALMA board visited the State Museum in Harrisburg to recognize and celebrate the volunteers from the different PHMC museums throughout the state. Robert Pickup, Sr. from Galeton was the 2014 volunteer of the year for the Lumber Museum. Robert has served as PALMA’s treasurer since the passing of the late Edith Reisler and has been especially helpful with special events throughout the year. Thank you, Robert, for you support!
There is a lot to celebrate this year! We will be in the new visitor center for Bark Peelers’ - the new exhibits are complete and they are spectacular! Robert Greenman and Sons will be operating the sawmill and have prepared everything to make sawing smooth for the sawyer cutting the lumber; Sam Cooke and volunteers will operate and demonstrate the Birch Still; Merle Eiffert will demonstrate Blacksmithing in the Blacksmith’s Building; Kevin Treat will be chainsaw carving in front of the CCC cabin; Steve Perrine demonstrates log skidding and horse logging; Louise Folkrod with interpret and demonstrate her display of historic saws and related tools; Bill Simcox and family will demonstrate wood hick skills in the outdoor arena; Rich Pawling will conduct his “History Alive” program in the CCC cabin; Bucky Green is bringing his train display to the new program room; Nelson Waffle, musician, will play the guitar and banjo in the Brookville building. New to the festival this year is the musical group Burning Tractor, comprised of Anne Acker (bass/guitar/vocals), Steve Quelet (guitar/vocals and songwriter), and Don Reitz (guitar/dobro/vocals). All hail from Coudersport—we are looking forward to hearing them play and sing in the stables. There are several new food vendors and crafters this year. Doug Firestone, a blacksmith, will be located behind the CCC cabin demonstrating the art of bending a rail to make a fire ring for the outdoor CCC exhibit. Fire rings were important tools used in CCC camps to call the men back to camp to help with fighting fires. The Woodmobile has a new interior, a must see! DCNR will have a trailer of information and will host a trail walk on Saturday, and last but not least, “Becky the Cow” will join us this year, on loan from the Troy Farm Museum in Troy, PA, to teach kids how to milk a cow!

Some activities during Bark Peelers’
2015 Membership

Please complete this form. Make your check payable to PALMA and mail to PALMA, PO Box 239, Galeton, PA 16922 with Attention: Memberships

Name:________________________________________________________________

Address:_______________________________________________________________

Phone:________________________________________ Email address:_________________________

Please check if you would like the “Woodchips” newsletter emailed to you ☐

Membership Categories:

☐ Single Membership $15.00 (Individual) admits one person to the museum and events

☐ Family membership $25.00 (Immediate family, residing in the same household)

☐ Patron Membership $35.00 (Family and two (2) guests)

☐ Supporting Membership $50.00 (Family, four (4) guests) includes membership to Heritage Foundation

☐ Corporate Membership $75.00 (Corporate, six (6) guests) includes memberships to Heritage Foundation

☐ Benefactor Membership $100.00 (Family, eight (8) guests) includes membership to Heritage Foundation

☐ Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation $21.00 (included w/ Supporting, Corporate and Benefactor Membership )

Benefits:

All events for members are free

10% discount in the museum store

Quarterly newsletter, Woodchips

Invitation to the Annual Meeting

Memberships may also be renewed through the Lumber Museum website using PayPal.

Foreman’s Room

The museum’s new, and much larger, museum store has proven very popular. Please take the time to visit our beautiful shop. We have a little bit of everything and most of the items are by local artisans or made in the USA.
This is the scene that first greets visitors - the museum's new ground-level lobby. In addition to displays hinting at the exhibits within, the lobby features gorgeous woodwork, photographs of the region in all four seasons, site maps and visitors information, and an accessible elevator to take guests upstairs to the admissions desk.

The Lumber Museum staff has started landscaping the front of the Visitors Center. Future landscape projects are in the planning stages. One idea features an interpretive garden railway. Would you like to see a scale train moving thru the landscape at the Lumber Museum? Call us and join the planning committee!

As you exit the Visitors Center to explore the other exhibit buildings you will encounter a fascinating exhibit highlighting our local species of trees. Outdoors the Shay is still impressive in the logging camp, and the sawmill, Birch Still, Brookville Engine, restored CCC cabin and the Sustainable Forestry Trail are all worth taking a walk to see!