



A classic Mustang at Northeast Classic Car Museum . (Photo by Tyler Murphy)

Exciting year ahead for Northeast Classic Car Museum

NORWICH – In May 1997, the Northeast Classic Car Museum (NECCM), located at 24 Rexford Street in the City of Norwich, opened its doors to the public with one building and just over 50 classic cars on display.

Thanks to the efforts of a local businessman, George E. Staley and his family, the museum has grown into a major world class tourist destination and celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2022 with over 200 classic cars and motorcycles on display in five connected buildings.

The NECCM is an educational facility dedicated to the collection, preservation, and exhibition of vehicles related to the evolution of transportation, with particular emphasis on the role of the automobile and its impact on American culture.

Additionally, it is the museum’s mission to impact positively on the local economy and promotion of the region by bringing visitors to the area.

The NECCM is continuing to attract more visitors each year to the Museum. In 2019 the NECCM the museum had approximately 18,000 visitors.

The museum is currently working on a Facade Project that will help promote the museum’s image as a world class museum to visitors.

The plan is to remove the old warehouse facade appearance of the museum that faces Rexford Street and construct a new museum fascia to the front view of the museum along Rexford Street that will be attractive with the appearance of vintage dealership design.

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In the fall construction began on the Norwich Museum District including new sidewalks in front of the NECCM. (Photo by Sarah Genter)

INN powers through pandemic

By Sarah Genter Sun Staff Writer

NORWICH – Not even a pandemic can slow down Improve Norwich Now (INN). Over the past two years, the organization has continued to develop new programs, expand existing programs, and overall, improve the Norwich area.

“Improve Norwich Now is a community based organization that’s really focused on the moving barriers and providing supports, so all community members can reach their full potential,” said co-founder Jen Westervelt.

“Improve Norwich Now started because Brandon Clarke and I really shared a vision for wanting to be able to help our community. So we’re both Norwich natives, and there’s a real passion for seeing Norwich reach its full potential,” she continued, speaking of the other INN co-founder and Norwich Police Department officer Brandon Clarke. “If I



Improve Norwich Now is in the process of establishing Aunt Mary’s House, a residential location that will provide support to parenting and pregnant mothers in the community. (Photo from the Aunt Mary’s House Facebook page)

can play a part in mobilizing our community, mobilizing a team of people to be able to effect real lasting change for Chenango County, then that’s all the motivation I need.”

Specific areas of interest for the group include promoting literacy in the Norwich area, improving housing, and providing access to needed services and resources for residents. Additionally, INN has branched out to



Employees of Visions Federal Credit Union supported the Fostering Futures NY branch of Improve Norwich Now, by making blankets to donate. (Photo from the Improve Norwich Now Facebook page)

form Fostering Futures NY (FFNY), an organization that provides support to foster and kinship families, and has another program in the works.

“What’s really cool is that, as Improve Norwich Now has grown and expanded and branched out into these different areas, people

who are passionate about each of those areas have surfaced, and really been able to take responsibility and ownership for committing to seeing success in each of those areas,” said Westervelt.

The organization is made up of six board members.

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Oxford Farmer’s Market: What is most essential can be found locally

By Tyler Murphy Sun Managing Editor

The Oxford Farmers’ Market intends to keep doing what it has been doing, listening to the community and doing everything it can to help answer local needs with local solutions.

According to the group, “The Oxford Farmers’ Market’s primary mission is to make locally grown, raised and prepared food available to the community, by providing a welcoming venue for local farmers, bakers, artisans and artists to offer and sell their products.”

Paige Smith, a market organizer said, “What we ask is that what they are vending is made by hand or grown and produced by hand. No commercial goods or resale stuff is allowed because we want to support our local farmers and agriculture.”

Paige is one of a handful of organizers.

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Above market organizers, Trellan, Paige and Dave. The Oxford Winter Market is located in the Fellowship Hall of the United Church of Oxford, 16 Fort Hill Park. November thru April. The Market is open 10 am to 1 pm. And held indoors on the first Saturday of the month. Online Market is held on both the first and third Saturdays of the month, with curbside pickup hours of 10 am to noon. (Photos by Tyler Murphy)



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or market organizers including Dave and Trellan. They call themselves “market holders.”

“There’s not a board that runs it. It’s not a not-for-profit. In the park we don’t charge a vendor fee because it’s a public park and the village requests us not to charge,” explained Paige.

The Oxford Farmers’ Market is an organization run by the vendors and volunteers.

This small group of volunteers help with the logistics of scheduling musical performances, scheduling and situating vendors, and getting the word out to the public. On any given Saturday during the summer season, Memorial Day to the end of September, there can be anywhere from 20 to 30 vendors present.

Market organizer Dave said, “It brings together both the buyers and the producers, giving the local citizens an opportunity to purchase - generally - locally produced food and goods, which in turn, obviously supports the local economy.”

Trellan said, “Ours is about community. It’s exactly what David said, that it does get people to meet our farmers and eat local food. For us it’s about the people who just come and smile. We would love to do more. COVID still has us separated

a bit, but before COVID it was all about sitting and laughing and talking and just having a good time.”

The market often hosts local musicians or bands. During the winter season, November to April, there are generally 12 to 20 vendors at the Market’s indoor winter location at the United Church of Oxford at Fort Hill Park.

Participating vendors sell locally raised, grown and produced food and other agriculture products such as wool, alpaca, wooden items, and fine artisan crafts. Organizers ask that all items be produced by the hand of the person vending.

The Summer Market is open 9 a.m. to noon, Memorial Day to the end of September, on Lafayette Park in Oxford.

The first Summer Market under the current organization was held in 2013, although there had been a small continuous market presence on the park for many years before that. The first Winter Market was held in 2014.

In a normal year in the park it’s between twenty and thirty vendors, however COVID concerns and restrictions limited the past year of events.

“During COVID we were down because we had a maximum of fifteen allowed. More people would have wanted to vend, but we had a sep-



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aration pattern to allow for extra space between people, so we could only have a certain number of vendors in the park in order to keep everyone separated and have space for exits, signage and hand washing stations.” said Paige. “When we had to limit the number of people in the park, it also got limited to food and real essentials being sold.”

“One of the things that COVID did was make it so people were only selling essential things. That’s actually what a farmers’ market is though, right? It’s essentials like meat, dairy, produce, cheeses and things like that,” said Trellan.

Dave also added, “Edibles, soaps and masks were some of the main items on hand at the market.”

Meeting the needs of a pandemic

The group said COVID has been a major challenge. The market took it very seriously and put a lot of protections in place, following

state recommendations. For a while, it changed the way the market felt.

“Right at the beginning of COVID, when everything kind of shut down, we figured out a way to still have live music way across the street. There were neighbors a mile down the street that said, ‘I hear live music, I’m going to go find it!’ It was kind of cool. They were so separated that the music was like a sign, they must find the music,” said Trellan.

“The Market as a community gathering place was really restricted in that first year,” said Paige.

“But we never closed down and the limits put on the market reminded us all of what was essential, it reminded us of our primary mission to make locally grown, raised and prepared food available to the community by providing a welcoming venue for local farmers and producers.

“In that respect, the market has actually thrived

during this period. As supply chains broke down and people became more aware of how broken our food system, they had a place to turn to for the essentials right here in our community. We kept the connections open and the community was very grateful,” said Paige.

There are many perks to buying local.

“I think COVID returned people to understanding that, if they buy stuff locally, it’s not getting stuck on a container ship, there isn’t a breakdown in production with people in factories getting sick. I think it really returned people to the Square,” said Paige. “We have incredible local meats at a time when the food chains are breaking down with supply chain issues and meat prices going up and the rest of it. We have cheeses, eggs, dairy, mushrooms, fruit and more.”

Looking Ahead

Last year, the market was very concerned with keeping people safe. As the percentage of vaccinated individuals in our community rises, they are now able to return focus to supporting vendors.

“We’re finding new ways to connect them with customers, and exploring ways to make our regional food system stronger and more resilient,” said Paige.

“It’s held together because it’s self-supporting when we know the people that we’re

buying from and we have a relationship with them. We eat better. It’s more nutritious and sufficient. It’s taken us years to get this far, but we have beautiful food, and we have everything,” she said.

The Market has a clearer sense of its mission now than it did before COVID, and there is a better community understanding of its value.

Organizers said the Village government in Oxford has been very supportive of the Market and other local businesses.

“We are very fortunate in Oxford to have a supportive local government and wonderful local businesses that work well together and help support each other,” said Paige.

“Just seeing people connect with each other and re-learn how deeply gratifying it is to know the person from whom you are buying your food, your daily sustenance.

“When we purchase a head of beautiful lettuce or cut of beef or a gallon of milk or a loaf of fresh baked bread at the Market, that food is fresher and more nutritious. And the profit from that sale goes to the person who grew or raised or made the product, not to a distributor or multinational corporation, so the purchase of it supports that local producer in our community, which means that with our purchase, we

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bers, FFNY Coordinator Cathy Albrecht, and approximately 50 volunteers.

While the past two years have been difficult for many, it didn't stop INN from continuing to follow their mission and contribute to the community.

Powering through the pandemic

"One of the things that COVID really caused us to have to do was reflect on the mission, and decide if the restrictions of COVID were going to force any changes for our organization," said Westervelt.

While the COVID-19 pandemic did have an impact on some aspects of Improve Norwich Now, shutting down or halting programs wasn't an option.

"The organization is doing such important work that we couldn't just press the pause button. There are people who are depending on us, there are people who are looking to improve Norwich now, which, it's called Improve Norwich Now, not when COVID restrictions are over," Westervelt explained. "We had a responsibility to our community to press on and find other ways to be able to still accomplish the mission, and help those who needed to be helped reach their full potential, to be able to do so even in the midst of COVID restrictions and modifications."

According to Westervelt, the only major difference for the agency was a dip in their ability to recruit volunteers for various programs and events.

"It definitely became more difficult to recruit volunteers, both for Fostering Futures and for our housing project, as well as even for One Community, One Book," Westervelt explained. "For example, with Fostering Futures the volunteers weren't quite as able to go into the home necessarily and provide the support for the foster families."

Additionally, INN had

to put a hold on their large public meetings, which Westervelt said were an open invitation to community members to learn more about the organization. But, through the grapevine she heard that INN team members were attending other public meetings on behalf of the organization.

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"Even though we had to pull back on those large community meetings, what I'm hearing is that there are meetings happening where Improve Norwich Now team members are attending and saying that they are there on behalf of Improve Norwich Now," said Westervelt. "There are times that these are people who I didn't even realize were involved to the extent that they are, that they own their participation in the organization to the extent that they do."

This display of involvement, and passion for the work they do, provided valuable encouragement to the INN board, Westervelt said. It also provided validation that the agency is still going strong and providing valuable services to the community.

"The strength comes from encouraging moments like that, where we realized, okay, even if we're not having this large in-person meeting, sharing all these updates, the momentum of the organization has not slowed down," she said. "We've continued to grow, we've continued in the accomplishment of our mission to improve our community now."

"That's really special and encouraging for the leader-

ship of the organization."

Developments in 2021

Due to the dedication of INN employees and volunteers, the organization was able to continue making great strides throughout 2021. For their focus on literacy, INN helped to renovate the reading nook at the Norwich Family YMCA.

"One of the projects that we celebrated was renovating the reading nook in the YMCA. So basically we took that space, and with the support of the YMCA and some other local businesses, we were able to come alongside the Y and have a local girl scout troop paint a mural that is sea themed," Westervelt explained. "That has magnetic sea creatures that can be moved on the mural, we also have new books and some games that are thematically connected, as well as some that are just really good reads. We have bean bag chairs, and a nice carpet in that space under the stairs."

They also held the second One Community, One Book event, in partnership with the Guernsey Memorial Library and local author E. Elizabeth Davey. The event featured Davey's book, "The Most Marvelous Muffin," and children who attended were able to listen to a reading of the book, and participate in a scavenger hunt across downtown Norwich.

"That was in conjunction with the library and a local author, and of course promoting our small businesses through a scavenger hunt, and then the children who participated were able to receive a copy of the book and participate in a reading of the book, as well as crafts related to the book. So that was a really well connected literacy offering as well," said Westervelt.

The group also teamed up with John Stockton, a Human Resources student at SUNY Morrisville and Norwich Copies Plus employee, who is also very passionate about literacy and community involvement. He served as the

organizer of the 2021 One Community, One Book event.

"Part of my whole mission with going back to school is to learn what I can do to help the community, and so it was a natural fit to do something with Improve Norwich Now," said Stockton.

He added that helping businesses navigate the pandemic, as well as the pandemic's impact on the local economy, was another focus of his and something that he wanted to tie in to his work with INN.

"I work at Norwich Copies Plus right in downtown Norwich, and that's a big part of what we're trying to figure out how to do," he continued. "We're trying to figure out how this new COVID economy works for Norwich, and what our role in that is. And so that's kind of part of my mission in going to school and working with Improve Norwich Now."

Another branch of Improve Norwich Now is their housing initiative. As part of that initiative, INN members completed the renovation of a home in Norwich, which is now occupied on a rent to own basis by an area resident.

"Through the support of a local foundation we were able to take a loan and purchase a tag sale property in the City of Norwich. And through mobilizing local contractors and volunteers we renovated that single family home, and we were able to find a buyer for that home who is currently occupying the home in a rent to own situation," Westervelt explained.

She said the reviving of the property is an aspect of what INN is all about: improving negative areas of Norwich and turning them into something good.

"That arrangement seems to be working well for the organization and the buyers who are very excited to be in this home, in a great neighborhood, seeing something that was a negative part of our community

being improved," she said. "So that's an honor to both those who are living in the home, and to the organization, as well as the foundation who loaned us the financial means to be able to offer that."

Fostering Futures

Under the Improve Norwich Now umbrella is an organization called Fostering Futures NY (FFNY). The agency was formed in October of 2019 by the Chenango County Department of Social Services (DSS) and Improve Norwich Now, after DSS offered funding to get the program started.

"We have been working with Chenango County DSS since the inception of this program," said FFNY Coordinator Cathy Albrecht. "When the program was started, DSS came to Improve Norwich Now and said, hey, we have funding for this program ... they were able to help us establish with the seed money because they really felt that foster parents needed the support."

Chenango County DSS also helps FFNY with funding special events, and refers foster families to the program so they can get the support they need. Albrecht said "they've been an awesome partner" throughout the establishment and development of FFNY.

Around July of 2021, Chenango County DSS reached out to INN and Fostering Futures again. This time, it was to let them know that DSS and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) had secured full funding for the program.

"They were able to secure us full program support through their contacts with New York State, through New York State state funding," Albrecht explained. "This is the first time Fostering Futures has ever had full financial support, so it's really neat. We're able to pay for all our background checks, we're able to pay for program sup-

port and salary, we're able to pay for special events, all of that, and so that's a very big deal. It's a pretty good amount of money."

Since their inception in 2019, Fostering Futures has formed seven teams, made up of four to six volunteers, who offer support and assistance to foster and kinship families. Albrecht said the additional funding provided by DSS and OCFS will allow the program to focus more on kinship families and their needs. Kinship families, while similar to foster families, are homes where a child has been placed with a family member.

"Those are foster parents who are oftentimes biologically connected. They don't have to be, there are parameters though for being considered a kinship foster family placement," Westervelt explained. "So Improve Norwich Now, through the support of the Department of Social Services, has been asked to focus on establishing teams to support kinship foster families in 2022."

Foster families sometimes face the challenge of friends and family not understanding what they do, or why. So, Albrecht said FFNY teams are able to provide that support network, much like a family, group of friends, or church would provide.

Volunteers on the teams each spend a minimum of 30 minutes per month interacting with their foster or kinship family. Activities could include anything from family game night to grocery shopping.

"Our interactions can be anything. Our interactions can be helping paint a bedroom, they could be going grocery shopping for a family, they could be childcare so that parents can have a date night. They could be coming after school and playing with kiddos, they could be game time," she said. "I'm constantly trying to encourage our current teams to think outside the box as far

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as the interactions, to really be able to observe what that particular foster family needs.”

Even with COVID restrictions, the FFNY teams still made sure to provide that time with their families, even if those interactions had to be modified to accommodate safety guidelines.

“I know some of the teams got creative doing things like Zoom calls, or dropping food off. Certainly for some circumstances it was just a matter of wearing a mask, but for others it was more distanced than the typical format,” said Westervelt.

“But I think for each one of the teams it’s fair to say we just improvised,” she added. “Improvise, adapt, overcome, as the Marines say, and we just made our way through in order to still provide that supportive service for the foster families.”

Other community organizations stepped up to provide support and activities for foster and kinship families. Through partnerships with the Norwich Rotary, SUNY Morrisville, and the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Fostering Futures was able to host a summer program and a Christmas party.

“We were able to have some catered food for the foster parents, families, volunteers, all to get together, do activities together, share a celebration together,” said Westervelt. “We did the same thing at Christmas. Emmanuel Episcopal Church made it possible for us to be able to host a Christmas party, and Santa was there, we had backdrops so that family photos could be taken with the foster parents and their foster children. That’s not something that they would normally have. There were crafts, and there was delicious food.”

Visions Federal Credit Union in Norwich also joined in on the efforts. Employees of Visions took



Some of the volunteers and employees of Fostering Futures NY, a branch of Improve Norwich Now, at their 2021 Christmas party. The event was made possible by the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and featured crafts, food, and a photo station where foster and kinship families could take pictures together. (Photo from the Improve Norwich Now Facebook page)

the time to create blankets that were then donated to the Fostering Futures program, among others.

Looking forward to 2022, Westervelt said that INN and FFNY hope to establish five more volunteer teams, to focus primarily on kinship families.

“For some of these children, it would be my prayer that this is a game changer. That this program shows them that there are a bunch of people, a team of people, who care about them and their future,” she said.

Most importantly, the Fostering Futures NY program is for foster parents, and driven by foster parents, according to Albrecht. “What we really love about this program is that it is foster parent driven,” she said. “As foster parents, they control nothing. They’re really at the mercy of the courts and biological parents and things like that. But this program they control.”

Aunt Mary’s House

Another major development for Improve Norwich Now is the establishment of Aunt Mary’s House, a residential space geared toward assisting parenting and pregnant mothers.

“That is an entity that is focused on supporting parenting and pregnant moms over the age of 18 who need

support. They need mentoring support, they need parenting skills and support,” Westervelt explained. “This residential location is going to provide them with an opportunity to be single breakers, to be able to change the future for themselves and for their children, and really open up pathways to, as the mission states, to reach their full potential.”

While Aunt Mary’s House is not yet established, INN is already well into the planning process. Westervelt said the organization is working to secure a location, hire an executive director, and raise funding for development of the program and operational expenses.

“We have some financial support through connections with local foundations, but we’re going to need to do a fair amount of fundraising for that initiative to be able to take hold,” said Westervelt.

“We are actually in the process right now of accepting applications for our executive director position,” she continued. “That person will be tasked with basically teaming up with the existing team, but then expanding that team, and seeking funds, securing a location, making plans to bring that location up to where we need it to be, to be able to welcome these moms and babies.”

Westervelt said she decided to start Aunt Mary’s House after recognizing a need in the community, and realizing that for some mothers, the decision of keeping their baby can come down to available resources and support.

“We have women in our community who are not seeing any option other than abortion for their children, their pregnancy,” she said. “So basically Aunt Mary’s House is born out of a desire to actually offer a tangible response to this problem of, I’m pregnant and I don’t know what to do and I think my only pathway is abortion, or have this baby but not really be able to care well for my child.”

While Aunt Mary’s House will one day become its own 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, it is currently operating under the Improve Norwich Now umbrella, and Westervelt said the program will be a huge focus for INN throughout 2022.

Though they have some financial support, fundraising will be a consistent effort for the organization to be able to cover the costs of operating the home, such as utilities. Recruiting volunteers and raising donations of items such as diapers, food, and cleaning supplies will also be a large effort in the coming year.

“This is going to be a game changer for our com-

munity,” said Westervelt. “This is a service that does not exist right now, but is very needed. So this is a really exciting opportunity in 2022.”

Focus on recruitment

In addition to building up Aunt Mary’s House, INN members are preparing to take a deeper look at their existing programs in the upcoming year. The goal is to strengthen each branch of the organization, to ensure they have a strong foundation and can become sustainable.

“In 2022 we’re not necessarily going to be looking for new branches of Improve Norwich Now. I think we need to utilize 2022 as a time to really refine and ensure quality for our existing initiatives,” Westervelt explained.

“Especially being able to press into literacy, to Fostering Futures, and to Aunt Mary’s House, and see these initiatives to a point of growth and sustainability that is going to really show us what the next step is beyond that.”

Part of that goal is continuing their literacy initiative, and collaborating with more entities to provide needed resources to children in the area.

“As to the literacy piece, we will continue to press in there as much as possible. We have reached out to the local school district, specifically Gibson School, and offered connections there to be able to promote literacy in our community,” said Westervelt. “So it remains to be seen where that will take us, but we’re definitely willing to be team players in addressing that need.”

In the Fostering Futures branch, Albrecht said a goal for 2022 is to offer at least three family events for foster and kinship families affiliated with the program. Perhaps the largest part of their efforts, however, will be working on recruiting volunteers.

According to Albrecht, the agency hopes to establish five additional volunteer teams in 2022, which will allow them to provide needed support to kinship families in Chenango County.

“We currently have seven

active teams, our goal is to have at least five additional [teams] recruited, trained, and background checked by the end of 2022,” said Albrecht. She added that FFNY is trying to engage local businesses and organizations in volunteering as well. “What we’re diving into now is doing as much of a social media blast as we can, contacting employers, churches, and even other organizations to be able to offer volunteers and be able to assist.”

Westervelt said she hopes to see more members of the community step in to help these families, and that it would be great to see businesses and organizations in the community become a part of the program.

“We’re hoping to be able to recruit from businesses. To see businesses come together and say, hey, we can actually adopt a foster family through Fostering Futures, we can bring four to six people together as representatives of our company, and work with a foster family. It would be nice to have that happen at least five times in 2022,” she said.

She also emphasized that the volunteering requirement of 30 minutes per month is fairly minimal, and doesn’t have much of an impact on the daily life of the volunteer. However, that 30 minutes a month has a massive impact on the children and families.

“It’s going to be vital to have community members who are willing to just commit to that once a month interaction, which is really a very reasonable ask,” Westervelt said. “That makes such a huge difference in the lives of those foster parents and the children.”

“We’re going to be looking for more people to be willing to step up and make that kind of a commitment, to give beyond what they could even imagine,” she continued. “It doesn’t seem like such a huge impact is being made on the part of the volunteers, but on the part of the foster parents and the children, the impact is really beyond what we could imagine it could be.”

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Exciting year ahead for Northeast Classic Car Museum —

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The new exterior fascia design will help promote the first rate world class automobile display that exists inside the museum.

The ultimate goal of this project is to generate increased activity and traffic to the Museum as well as start in motion an investment that will upgrade the appearance of this section of the City.

For the past 25 years the museum has worked to expanded its physical footprint and quadrupled the number of vehicles on display. It has significantly increased the numbers of visitors to the museum and advanced its reputation as a world class museum.

The Northeast Classic Car Museum's vision for 2022 is to focus on marketing to host outdoor events this summer such as Cars and Coffee Cruis-ins, Ice Cream Socials, and Car Club Groups to promote economic commerce that will benefit the City of Norwich and Chenango County.

The museum has been busy over the past year developing a multi-functional parking lot with decorative period lighting

and landscaping that will be used to host outdoor events that will attract visitors to the Museum, which will benefit the entire Museum District.

Robert M. Jeffrey, Executive Director of the Northeast Classic Car Museum stated "We have reasons to be optimistic and excited about the year ahead of us in 2022. The NECCM is a world class Museum and we have been busy continually investing in major capital projects to upgrade the appearance of the Museum and the aesthetics of the Museum's surrounding property, thanks to generous community support."

The Northeast Classic Car Museum's Exhibit Committee was busy in 2021 updating the Museum's Pre War and Post War Exhibits as well as the new special exhibit "PONY Cars."

The Pony Car Exhibit is a collection of American-made classic cars that became very popular in the 1960's and early 1970's.

Pony Cars is a classification for affordable, compact highly-styled coupes or convertibles with a "sporty" or performance oriented image that was



Selecting the winner of the annual Ford Mustang Sweepstakes at the Northeast Classic Car Museum. Representatives City Supervisor of Wards 1, 2, and 3 James J. McNeil; Chenango County Board Chairperson George Seneck; Northeast Classic Car Museum Vice President Edward O'Reilly; Northeast Classic Car Museum Past President RC Woodford; Northeast Classic Car Museum Volunteer Milt Shepler and NECCM Executive Director Robert M. Jeffrey. (Photo by Tyler Murphy)

marketed to the younger generation of the 1960's and early 1970's. The Pony Car Exhibit has story boards and other related educational information that highlight the history of the Pony Car.

The number one factor to the museum's success is the level of dedication displayed by the volunteers, staff and the museum's Board of Trustees.

The museum has over 65 volunteers who generously donate over 8,000 hours annually of their time and energy to make the Northeast Classic Car Museum a great place to visit. Without the volunteers, the Northeast Classic Car Museum would not succeed.

Directional markers have been added to museum exhibit spaces, along with

signage reminding visitors of safety procedures. There are hand sanitizing stations located throughout the museum. Until further notice, the Northeast Classic Car Museum's Event Room will remain closed.

Increased cleaning and disinfection has been implemented within all museum exhibit spaces and office areas, while

a protective clear acrylic shield has been installed at the museum admission desk and Gift Shop check-out counter.

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