

Andrew A. Burns Room Dedication at SRAC

The SRAC Exhibit Hall was dedicated to and named in memory of Andrew A. Burns during a recent ceremony at the Susquehanna River Archaeological Center (SRAC) in Waverly, NY. The Board of Directors and Barbara Sowinski of Standing Stone, PA viewed the plaque in his honor.



An engineer by profession, Andrew later purchased and expanded the historic Three Bear Inn in Marathon, NY. Retiring to Standing Stone, PA, Andrew followed another passion throughout the U. S., Central and South America researching many ancient cultures. Involved in many organizations in Bradford County and a strong supporter of gun rights, Andrew donated his estate to the National Rifle Association.

SRAC used the donation to complete interior and exterior renovations for the main floor of the Center located at 345 Broad Street, Waverly, NY. The gift funded projects including: designing and constructing the display case containing the replica of an actual tusk and jaw of a locally (Spring Lake) excavated Woolly Mammoth, creating the storyboard, kiosk, and murals for the woolly mammoth exhibit, installing new front doors to SRAC, carpeting the lecture hall, repairing a small area on the roof and drain that had begun to leak, fabricating and installing the door leading to the second floor, upgrading the stairs and back doors to the lecture

hall, removing, insulating, and replacing the exterior woodwork on the side and rear of the building, covering the back windows of the Center with insulation and painted boards to match the remainder of the building.

SRAC's Deb Twigg commented, "Because of the generosity of Barbara Sowinski, SRAC has finished renovations of the main floor of our Center, and has begun making plans for the other two floors in the coming year. We'd like to thank all of the people who have supported us through our first two and a half years in Waverly, and look forward to many more thanks to the support we have received from our community."

SRAC is open from 1-5pm Mondays through Fridays and Saturdays from 11am – 4pm. To learn more about SRAC, visit www.SRACenter.org.