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The Attleboro Area Industrial Museum is partnering with the Attleboro Access Cable Service to produce a series of programs called Making It In Attleboro. These programs are designed to make the general public of Attleboro more aware of the rich and varied industrial community that still calls Attleboro home. Several local industries were visited and their products, processes, and facilities were shown and discussed. Viewers learn about the making of such varied products as fire extinguisher bodies, high tech castings, silver items, and picture frame hardware. With over seventy five manufacturing companies in Attleboro there is a lot of unique and interesting industrial activity in our city.



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"History To Go" program lives on!

This year will be the fourth year of the museum's highly successful "History to Go" program. Each spring the museum director brings a traveling exhibit of interesting artifacts and a power point slide presentation to all of the third grades in the Attleboro school system. This presentation highlights the history of the city and its industrial contributions. Students get to see and handle products of some of Attleboro's well known companies both past and present. Items such as a working model steam engine, a giant model of a sports ring, and early native American stone tools are also a part this program. At the end of the program students make a keychain that they keep to remind them of Attleboro's jewelry history. The pictures below show our "History To Go" program all packed up and ready to go and our working model steam engine that is part of our presentation.



"History To Go" travel kit is ready to go.



Model steam engine from "History To Go" program.

People Powered Machines Go To Massachusetts Humanities Conference

The Mass Humanities Foundation will be holding their annual conference at Holy Cross University in Worcester on June 8th. The theme of the Convention is With Power For All: Energy and Social Change in Massachusetts. As part of this program the museum's director, George Shelton, Will be presenting a program on People Powered Machines of the 1800s and early 1900s. The museum is honored to be asked to participate in this prestigious cultural conference.



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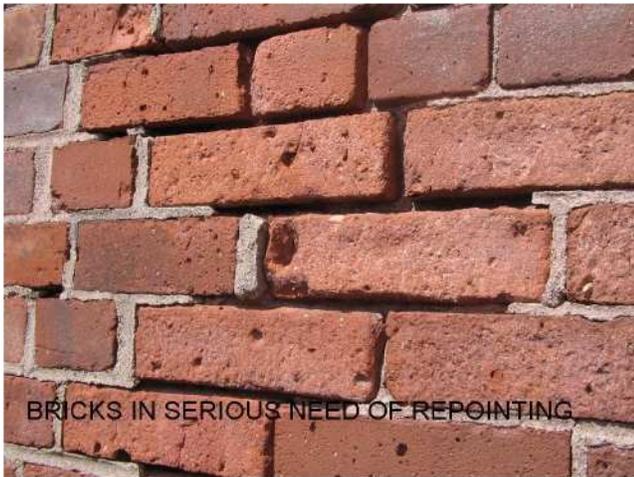


Treadle Fret Saw

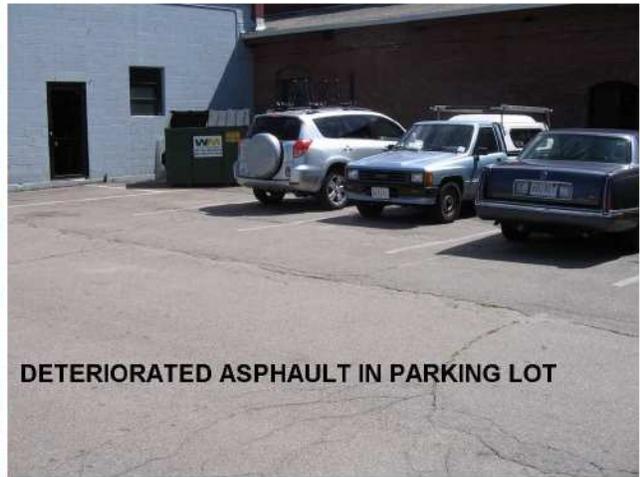


We Have Issues!

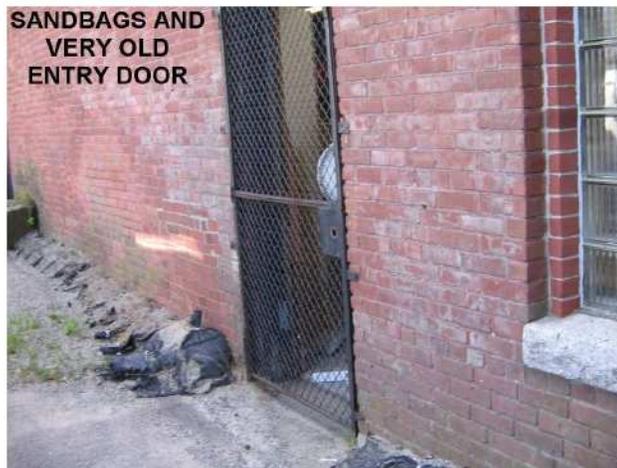
We have Issues! Actually, it is our more than one hundred year old building that has some issues. Two of these issues will be addressed this year thanks to a grant from the Augat Foundation. The first issue is the deteriorating bricks and mortar at the rear of our building. Repair and repointing will take place this spring to address this problem. Our parking lot is also scheduled for re-gradeing and resurfacing. This will solve the problem of rainwater infiltrating the wall of our building and entering under our door. Solving these problems will help insure that our museum lasts well into the future. Once again, we are very grateful to the Augat Foundation for allowing us to improve and protect our historic museum building.



BRICKS IN SERIOUS NEED OF REPOINTING



DETERIORATED ASPHALT IN PARKING LOT



SANDBAGS AND VERY OLD ENTRY DOOR

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Museum Members we need you!



Once again it is time for the Attleboro Area Industrial Museum's membership drive. In the last year the museum has been active in the community with educational and cultural programs mentioned in the article on page 2 and 3. Attleboro has a rich history that is worth saving . The museum strives to make this history available to all Attleboro residents. If you are presently a member, please consider continuing your support for another year. If you are a former member please consider renewing your membership. Of course new members are most welcome. We need you as museum members. Help us to preserve Attleboro's history!

It is the mission of the Attleboro Area Industrial Museum, Inc. (AAIM) to collect and preserve the artifacts, photographs, documents, publications, tools, and machinery that relate to the industrial history of the Attleboro area; to make these materials readily available for both research and enjoyment; and to act as a resource center for the education of the public about the industrial history of the Attleboro area, so that knowledge of the past may contribute to a fuller understanding of the present and inspiration for the future.

AAIM was incorporated on July 4, 1975 as the City of Attleboro's Bicentennial Project.

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