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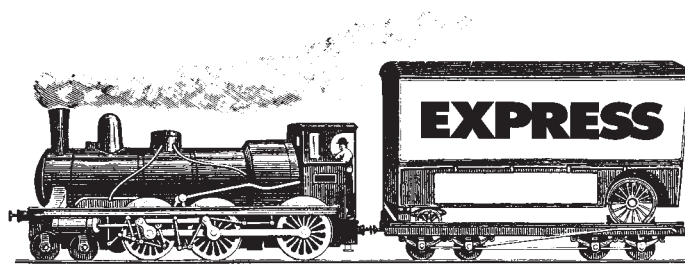
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Mark Bowie of Pittsfield, MA, a third generation Adirondack photographer, and **Timothy Weidner** of Glens Falls, Executive Director of **The Chapman Historical Museum**, a major repository of the **Seneca Ray Stoddard** collection, published a new book, *In Stoddard's Footsteps/The Adirondacks Then & Now*, from **North Country Books** and **The Chapman Historical Museum**, with Bowie literally following Adirondack pioneer photographer Stoddard's footsteps to re-photograph

the exact locations of some of Stoddard's classical Adirondack images revealing changes in the landscape and its people over the past 120 years. The book comprises these new photos, as well as Stoddard's originals, and the narrative is by both Bowie and Weidner. Stoddard's career spanned the settling of the Adirondack wilderness producing some 8,000 photos, the most comprehensive photo-documentary record of late 19th Century in the region in the heyday of the Guides, steamships, grand hotels and pioneers. He was also a skilled map-maker, surveyor, illustrator and writer who promoted the region from his Glens Falls studio. Bowie, whose grandfather, **Richard Dean**, earned the title of *Dean of Adirondack Photographers*, is a writer and a renowned nature photographer with his images appearing on over a dozen *Adirondack Life* magazine covers where he is a contributor, and he has been published nationally in *Natural History*, by the **Sierra Club**, Conde Nast Publications, Portal Publications and Tehabi Books. His first book was *Adirondack Waters: Spirit of the Mountains* and he is working on a third book, *The Adirondacks: In Celebration of the Seasons*. In addition to leading digital and landscape photography workshops, he has been featured on *Adirondack Outdoors*, *Insight* and PBS's documentary *Seneca Ray Stoddard*. Weidner, a graduate of the Cooperstown Graduate Program in Museum Studies, has mounted numerous museum exhibits and publications featuring the work of Stoddard and other 19th Century photographers. The book is available in area bookstores, at North Country Books (800) 342-7409, www.northcountrybooks.com or The Chapman Historical Museum (518)792-2826, www.chapmanmuseum.org.



Mountains East And West, that she wrote music and lyrics for inspired by her recent

Pamme Swan of Earlville, who has been the weekly Tuesday evening performer at **Big Moose Inn** for the summers of 2007 and 2008, released a new CD, *Songs From*

times at Big Moose Lake and her interest in the local history. The 12 songs include ones about **Chester Gillette**, **Grace Brown**, **Noah John Rondeau**, **Anne LaBastille** and the **Loomis Gang** all in her rich folk/family-listening style that underscore her talents as a storyteller. This is her sixth CD, and she sings and plays guitar accompanied by two mandolins. Her family has been campers for generations in Raquette Lake and Old Forge where her parents, **Audrey and Gary Swan** of Sherburne once lived. Copies may be available at **Old Forge Hardware**, **Adirondack Reader**, **Hoss's Country Store** and the **Adirondack Museum** or at www.pammeswan.com.

Liz Forsell, **Blue Mountain Lake Postmaster**, and **Robin Richards**, **Lake Pleasant Postmaster**, are subjects of a feature as two **Hamilton County postmasters** in the December 2008 issue of *Adirondack Life* magazine.

Paula Layaw of Ilion and a regular visitor to Old Forge with her husband **Joel**, won \$1,000 on the Million Dollar Mania Game in July, \$500,000 on the Pick 10 Game in August and \$1,000,000 recently in the Cash City Instant Game. The former Administration Manager at the now defunct H.M. Quackenbush Company, she is now an Office Manager at the Iron Workers Local 440 in Utica. Joel works as a machinist at Remington Arms in Ilion, and they both are fairly lucky people. He has recently won a truck, car and money too. Their plans for the future are to build their dream house on land they have owned in Herkimer and to continue to enjoy time in the Central Adirondacks, he hunting and fishing, and together hiking, the restaurants and especially Old Forge Hardware.



Robin Smith, a Grade Four student at the **Town of Webb Schools**, donated her fine ponytail to Locks of Love, on November 25, 2008, after waiting a whole year to finally get the 10 inches required for the donation. She is very proud of her contribution and is looking forward to hearing from the organization when they finally receive it. She is the daughter of **Lourdes and Craig Smith** of Old Forge.

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