Band Organ Rally
August 23–24, 2014, at The Farmers’ Museum, Cooperstown, NY

Hear the happiest music on earth from members of the Carousel Organ Association of America. The rally features the “King William” Stinson organ from Canada and organs made by Ruth & Sohn, Gavioli, and Wurlitzer from the eastern United States. Enjoy meeting strolling musicians with hand-cranked grinder organs. Holding its own is the Mighty, Majestic, Military Band Organ of the Empire State in the Carousel Pavilion.

All day
Visit the Children’s Barnyard at the Lippitt Farmstead

All day
Speak with museum interpreters and artisans about the historic buildings and 19th-century history.

10:00 am–noon
Take a Spin on the Empire State Carousel, 50¢ a ride; purchase tokens at Todd’s General Store

10:00–10:50 am
Music in the Cornwallville Church (Sunday only)

10:00–11:00 am
Spinning Yarn — Lippitt Farmhouse

10:30 am
Firing the Brick Oven for Bread Baking — Lippitt Farmhouse (Saturday only)

10:30 am
Medicines from the Garden — Dr. Thrall’s Pharmacy

11:00 am–3:30 pm
Build a Bluebird House or Toolbox — $15; Todd’s General Store

11:00 am
Your Turn: Printing on the Liberty Press — Middlefield Printing Office

11:00 am–2:00 pm
Roasting on the Open Hearth — Lippitt Farmhouse (Sunday only)

11:30 am–1:00 pm
Weaving Fabric — Lippitt Farmhouse

12:00 pm
Tour of the Empire State Carousel

1:00 pm
Tour the Historic Gardens with Susan Fenimore Cooper — Purchase $2 ticket at museum entrances. (Saturday only)

1:00–4:45 pm
Take a Spin on the Empire State Carousel — 50¢ a ride; purchase tokens at Todd’s General Store

1:30–4:00 pm
Dramatic Interpretation with the Templeton Players. See brochure at museum entrances for times and locations.

1:30 pm
Making Medicines — Dr. Thrall’s Pharmacy

2:00 pm
Flax Fiber to Yarn — Morey Barn

2:30 pm
Rope Making — Morey Barn

3:00–3:30 pm
Organ Restoration Talk — South end of Main Barn (Saturday only)
Ben Gottfried reveals the secrets of restoring carousel organs. Hear about his restoration of a Jimmy Verbeeck organ and a Mortier organ.

3:00–4:00 pm
Spinning Yarn — Lippitt Farmhouse

3:30 pm
Milking the Cow — Children’s Barnyard

4:00–5:00 pm
Help with Farm Chores — Children’s Barnyard

4:00–5:00 pm
Music in the Cornwallville Church (Sunday only)

4:00 pm
Your Turn: Printing on the Liberty Press — Middlefield Printing Office
Band Organs at the Rally
90-key Carl Frei 1985 — Watsontown, Penn.

“Celebration,” handcrafted 54-key Wurlitzer Super 105 — Shirley, NY


“Katie-Sue,” 56-key Bruder — Agawam, Mass.

“King William” Stinson 2000 — Ridgeville, Ontario

North Tonawanda 184 — Boonville, NY

78-key Stinson — North Tonawanda, NY

Updyke Military 41-key Band Organ — Hunlock Creek, Penn.

Wurlitzer #105 — Pittsburgh, PA

Brief Glossary
Band organ: A pipe organ that plays automatically, usually with percussions, and imitates a band of five or more musicians.
Barrel organ: An organ that plays via pinned cylinder.
Calliope: A set of steam or air whistles played by keyboard or rolls. These are not band organs. Very loud.
Military band organ: A band organ with brass trumpets and trombones; usually has bells as well.

Be Sure to Visit . . .
Crossroads Cafe: Fresh homemade sandwiches, soups, and chili; cold and hot drinks; fresh baked goods and ice cream. Open 10 am–4 pm.
The Farmers’ Museum Store: Merchandise based on the history and culture of New York State and rural America. Handcrafted items produced by our highly skilled staff and local artisans are featured. A section containing toys, games, books and crafts please children of all ages!
Todd’s General Store: Original and reproduction 19th-century products such as ceramics, glassware, band boxes, tinware, brooms, candles, soaps, candies, toys and games.

Plan to Return for These Events
Learn more at FarmersMuseum.org
36th Annual Harvest Festival, September 13-14, 2014
Step Back in Time Weekend: Quilts and Quilting, September 20-21, 2014
Tractor Fest, October 11-12, 2014
Things That Go Bump in the Night, October 18, 24, 25
Thanksgiving at the Farm, November 28-29, 2014
Candlelight Evening, December 13, 2014