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**MESICK MUSEUM CELEBRATES 2013 SUMMER OPENING DURING ANNUAL MUSHROOM
FESTIVAL**

The Mesick Museum opens for the 2013 season during Mesick's Annual Mushroom Festival. The museum will be open for the first time this year on Saturday and Sunday, May 10-11, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. For the remainder of the summer they will be open every Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. or by appointment.

The museum started as part of the Mesick Centennial celebration in 1989-90. The centennial volunteers recognized a need to preserve the items they had collected. They continued to meet regularly until they finally found a home in downtown Mesick. Over a decade later, they opened their doors in 2004. Operated by a board of volunteers, their mission is: "to collect and preserve an accurate record of our past and to inform the public of the history of the Mesick area."

Board President Deborah Kohn has taken over the position created by her mother because she values the history of the community where she grew up. "I'm carrying on because of my love of history," Kohn said. "It's important to preserve the heritage of the people who have lived here. I want to be able to share this information with future generations."

Located at 113 Mesick Ave., the museum features a variety of exhibits, including musical instruments, furniture, a printing press, and a loom – all items that highlight historic life in Mesick – as well as a digital slideshow of historic photos. The museum also sells DVDs, a Mesick history book, and an annual calendar to raise funds for operation. For more information please visit www.mesickmuseum.com.