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MUSEUMS

SHOT COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGICAL MUSEUMS

As a result of interest expressed by various people at last year's conference of SHOT held in Washington, DC, a meeting was set up to discuss the problems of Technology Museums, including Pioneer Villages and Technological Historic Sites. It became obvious very quickly by the number of people at this meeting and by the discussions relating to this area and that the problems, such as funding, research, collection, interpretation and display, encountered by people working in this field were in many instances the same. The general feeling of those present was that there was at this time no organization that encompassed their requirements for information and for a forum. Having recently attended the museum workshop at the conference on the history of Canadian science and technology at Kingston, I can also say that the problems noted above are not limited to the United States alone. As SHOT for many years has had a low-profile committee on Technology Museums it was decided to reactivate it. Ted Penn of Old Sturbridge Village was asked to be secretary and two other members present, myself being one of them, were asked to serve on the committee. A decision was made to put out a newsletter to be distributed initially to those present at the meeting and those who could not attend but had expressed interest in the area. Subsequent discussions that took place over several days brought forth the idea of having a session at next year's conference, to be held in New Jersey, dealing specifically with Technology Museums and all of the problems associated with them, from interpreting to finance.

As the programme for next year's conference is still open and will be for some time to come, I would appreciate hearing any suggestions for such a session. As in all probability very few of us in Canada will attend, this should not prevent us from having input, since this session would benefit those here working in the field.

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