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It took three years and countless volunteer hours and almost broke the Historical Societies bank account but the smelter memorial project is done! Its dedication was part of Northport's 2009 Labor Day celebration. Senator Bob Morton was our guest speaker, and on behalf of Northport we would like to thank the Senator for his unwavering support in the memorial project.



Even before the monument was finished plans were underway for our next project



The old fire hall on Summit Street. Many years of neglect had reduced the building to the demolition stage. The wooden driveway ramp had rotted out to where it was unsafe to walk on. Some of the large wooden upright timbers had settled and the building had developed a pronounced list to the north.

In August ownership of the fire hall was transferred from the city to the historical society and our thoughts turned to how to raise the needed funds estimated to be in the 18 to 20 thousand range.

February 2010 we raffled off a solid gold vintage pocket watch and almost at the same time letters were sent out to friends of Northport asking for help. The response was overwhelming with almost six thousand dollars being raised by the end of April.

It was decided that the work would be in three stages. ONE/repair of foundation and driveway ramp, TWO/hang the old bell and redo the roof, THREE/ replace siding as needed and a fresh coat of paint.

The goal is to have our vintage 1935 fire truck on static display during the summer months



Stage One was completed 3 June, on the 5th of June our benefit auction raised \$2300.00 our thoughts turned to stage two and the possibility of having it done by Sept.

A new quilt has been donated and it is hoped that by selling raffle tickets enough money can be raised to start work on stage two this summer. Tickets are \$2.00 each, we need to sell a thousand tickets to put the new roof on before winter. Can you help?

the quilt and ordering information may be seen at

<http://northporths.homestead.com/quilt.html>

tickets may ordered by mail sending check or money order to
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