



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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SAVING THE BARN

We are pleased to announce that the c. 1795 barn at 234 Lafayette Road has been dismantled and successfully removed from the site. As had been reported in the local press the barn had been scheduled for demolition. Our efforts along with the actions of Elizabeth Aykroyd and the Heritage Commission, and the owners of the property have allowed it to be saved for further use by the community.

Over 500 hours of volunteer time was used in the process of dismantling the barn and moving the timbers to storage on the grounds of the Tuck Museum on Park Avenue. This project would not have been possible without the commitment of our volunteers who worked in all weather conditions. We thank them for their time and skills. The people who worked on the project were: Percy Annis, Shane and Trish Baker, Bob Dennett, John Dennis, Bud DesRochers, Jack Hall, Brad Jacobson, Doug Maughan, Ben Moore, Jason Nevens, Paul Powell, Chet Riley, Pat and Alan Shapiro, Dann Shaw, Bill Shea, K.C. Symonds, Wayne Symonds and Bob Wallace.

Supporting the project behind the scenes were: Cathy Fletcher and Rich Hureau along with Tom Dwyer, Steve Ells, Betty Moore and Diane Riley. Several of the volunteers were from Timberland and we thank Timberland for its work in supporting community-based projects. We also recognize the contributions of Mark Dolloff of Unitil and Tri-Rent-All.

It would be wrong to merely list one of these names without going into a bit of detail. The saving of the barn would not have happened without the effort of Chet Riley. Not only did Chet work for two straight weeks on the site, he also had the technical skills and knowledge to direct the work in a safe and correct fashion. He was a gem to work with and for, and he also involved his friends and family in the project. Without him and his team the barn would not have been saved.

The Society will now move on to the equally hard job of raising the funds necessary to erect the barn once again. The plan is to reassemble it on the grounds of the Museum on Park Avenue in

2005, but continued membership support will be required to accomplish this. We need to raise over \$60,000 and trust that the members will get behind that goal! Donations can be mailed to the HHS at PO Box 1601, Hampton 03843. Additional information on the barn project along with photos taken during the dismantlement can be obtained on our web site-www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org. Donations over \$100 will be recognized on a plaque to be placed in the barn.

We look forward to the day when the barn can be used and viewed by all. It will be a wonderful asset for the children and adults of the Hampton area.

MISSION

The mission of this organization shall be to promote and honor the history and heritage of the town of Hampton, New Hampshire and its founders and inhabitants; and to preserve such history for future generations.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been an extraordinary start to the year.

We greeted the arrival of spring with a small snow cover but we knew that green grass and warm temperature weren't far away. Spring is the time of renewal and cleanup and we were active on those tasks at the Museum in advance of the season. Dann Shaw, Percy Annis and I spent our Saturdays at the Tuck prepping the walls in the 1960's wing for a fresh coat of paint and doing a variety of other projects in that room to renovate its look. Betty Moore, Sammi Moe and Percy Annis applied the paint. Paul Powell most graciously volunteered to build the interior access ramp that will ease the climb from the 60's wing level to the Tuck Hall. We had a contractor install a new ceiling and the roof on the main building was replaced. As summer approached a small addition to the building was completed for new restrooms.

Elizabeth Aykroyd, Betty Moore, Linda Metcalf, Sammi Moe and Ann Morton planned the exhibit update that will be housed in the renovated 60's wing and we turned the Tuck Hall back to a meeting area (as well as the library). In addition to fresh paint, a

new ceiling and the updated exhibits we also installed a new carpet in that area. The grand reopening is scheduled for July 25.

The building and exhibits are not all that occupied our time, Betty Moore and her team of volunteers have worked over the winter on the continuing collection management project of cataloguing the collection and Tracy Emerick has begun the task of updating the strategic plan of the Society. We have also been working on raising monies for the improvement projects and while we have collected about \$17,000 we still need to refill our coffers after having committed nearly \$60,000 to the building projects this year.

We've enjoyed the programs scheduled in the first half of 2004. Loren Smith presented an excellent program on the craftsmanship of fine furniture creation in February. In March Chet Riley educated us in the art of barn restoration. The Pot Luck Supper in April was accompanied by an excellent program on genealogy, presented by Ann Morton. In May we co sponsored two programs with the Lane Library on Celia Thaxter and the Isle of Shoals. In June Betty Moore conducted a walking tour of the Ring Swamp Burying Ground. We

have a very busy program and event schedule for the remainder of 2004 and trust you will come to many of them. We are using the internet to send out reminders of programs, if you would like to receive our reminders please send your email address to: info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org.

In planning programs for the future, we would like to present an overview of the history of the families who settled Hampton. If you have any research and would like to be involved in that program please drop us a note.

Lastly, as discussed in another article in this newsletter we had the opportunity to save a c. 1795 barn that was to have been demolished. With a great deal of community help we worked very hard in May and early June and saved the post and beam frame. It is now in storage at the museum. We will need to raise monies for its reconstruction and have a goal to complete that barn raising in 2005.

We have accomplished a great deal thanks to a great team of volunteers. We can keep succeeding with the continued support of members' time and donations.

Ben Moore

GRAND REOPENING OF THE MUSEUM

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The dust has settled and the contractors have left the scene. It is time to reopen the Museum to the public and we want to celebrate the completion of a number of improvements that have been made to the Tuck Museum. Please join us on Sunday July 25 from 1 to 4 pm as we celebrate a grand reopening of the museum to the public.

The list of improvements is long and includes the new HVAC system (air conditioning at last!), the addition of ground floor restrooms and a ramp to allow easy movement within the building. Perhaps most important, we remodeled the 1960 wing. That renovation has updated the look and feel of the space and was accompanied by a major change in the exhibits, which are now concentrated in that space. Elizabeth Aykroyd and Betty Moore were responsible for the change in the exhibits and taken with all of the other improvements it is a facility that we can be proud of!

Other volunteers who worked on the renovation were Percy Annis, Doug Aykroyd, Bud DesRochers, Sammi Moe, Ben Moore, Paul Powell and Dann Shaw. It was a long process but well worth the time, energy and monies involved.

"One bite at a time". A few months ago, while grabbing a quick dinner out, Ben and I updated a couple of our members about the projects going on at the museum. The new HVAC system, ceiling replacement, painting, carpeting and lighting in the 1960s wing, the restroom addition - and I commented how overwhelming the projects seem with no end in sight. And we were told, (that tackling these projects) "Is the same way you eat an elephant - one bite at a time". And that was before dismantling the barn!

After years of fundraisers like garden tours, yard sales, pig roasts - to see the long talked about improvements become realizations is really exciting! Some pictures of the work in progress have been posted on our website. The interior ramp, which I worried about the most because I felt it would take up so much space, looks great and will be a benefit to **all** of us.

Right now we are doing the post-construction cleanup and putting the finishing touches on the new exhibits. The museum opens the end of June with the official grand reopening celebration on July 25. In the next month, work will be done in the Fire Museum as part of an Eagle Scout project. The farm museum will be getting changes, too, as we want to include more information on other early industry in Hampton.

So, I still have some chewing to do...

Betty Moore

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Hampton Historical Society:

Lawrence Bell
Warren Berthelsen
Holly Dianich
Dyana Martin
John & Pat Morganstern
Mike O'Neil
Chet & Diane Riley

Lucinda Spaney
Sharon & Issac Valdez
Skip & Elizabeth Webb



Programs and Events 2004

For more information visit the web site at
www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org

July 25	Sunday 2- 4 pm	Grand reopening of the Tuck Museum
August 7	Saturday 9-3 pm	Rockingham County Craftsmen Fair on the Grounds of the Tuck Museum
August 23	Monday 7pm	Hampton Community Band Concert - Grounds of the Tuck Museum
September 14	Tuesday 7 pm	Jeanne Gamage "Historical Resources Available at the Lane Memorial Library" Location - Library Academy Avenue
September 18	Saturday 12-3 pm	The Third Annual Pig Roast on the Green. For ticket information- call 926-2543
September 21	Tuesday 7 pm	Betty Moore "Historical Resources Available at the Tuck Museum" Location Tuck Museum 40 Park Avenue
October 3	Sunday 2 pm	Annual Meeting of the Society at the Tuck Museum. Speaker - Ray Drapeau "Walking Through History With Coins"
November 12	Friday 7 pm	Joy Anne MacConnell "Lillian Clarke, Hampton Beach Silhouette Artist"
November 13	Saturday 9 to 5	Fundraiser- Silhouette cuttings by Joy Anne MacConnell -by appointment only, call Betty Moore 926-2543 for more information.
December 5	Sunday 1 to 4 pm	Holiday Open House, Tuck Museum

Check local papers, cable channel or call the museum to confirm times and location.
Send us your email address and we'll notify you of upcoming events
info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org

EDUCATION UPDATE**PIG ROAST III**

With our museum under construction, our spring school tours ended up being done at Marston School. Susanne Falzone and Sammi Moe developed a slide program and brought along artifacts from the museum for the third graders to enjoy.

A few weeks later, the same third graders followed up with a visit to our c1850 one room schoolhouse where Pat Triggs Weeks gave them an opportunity to go back in time. The classes also explored Founders Park.

Local history projects from Ms. Chagon's third grade class are on loan to the museum for the summer. They are quite clever and charming - we have everything from the old Hampton Academy burning, to the trolleys traveling over the wooden Hampton River Bridge, to the fish houses at North Beach.

AUGUST 23 CONCERT ON THE GREEN

We are pleased to once again host the Hampton Community Band, directed by Tony Cyrus, for a Concert on the Green. The date is August 23, from 7 to 8 pm. Please your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the late summer in Hampton on the grounds of the Tuck Museum.

The third annual "SOUTHERN STYLE PIG ROAST" will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2004 from 12 noon to 3 pm on the grounds of the museum. Cliff Pratt and Cathy Fletcher will co chair and many members will also be asked to volunteer time during the event.

We again plan a fun filled afternoon with music, 50-50 chances, a silent auction and GREAT food. The menu will include: succulent roast pig, salads, baked beans, rolls and desserts, beverage included. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and plan to spend a relaxing afternoon in the company of friends. Tables will also be set up for dining.

One item on our want list for the roast is a supply of seasoned oak and mulberry wood for the fire, if you can help on that request please call Ben Moore at 926-2543.

The pig roast has been a very successful fundraiser for the Society and it is always a fun afternoon. We hope to can serve 300 meals this year. The money raised goes to the operations of the museum.

Tickets are priced at \$20.00 a person, children under 12 are free. Tickets are available by mail. Please send your check payable to the Hampton Historical Society to PO Box 1601, Hampton 03843-1601. Get your check in early with a group of 8 people and we will reserve a table just for you.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers that would like to host in the museum for either our scheduled hours or special events. From now until October 1st, the museum is open Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 1-4 pm. Training is provided, and we put new volunteers with more experienced ones. Spend an afternoon sharing a common interest- you meet and work with great people! For more information call Betty Moore 926-2543.

**ANNUAL FUND DONATIONS
SINCE JANUARY 2004**

Percy Annis
Elinor Brown
Hugh Cassidy
Christine Dargie
Holly Dianich
Keith Freeman
Kenneth McVicar
Russ & Ada Merrill
Ella Louise O'Donnell
Mike O'Neil
Helen Smith
Katherine Sullivan
Richard and Jane Taylor
Edward Tuck
Sharon & Issac Valdez

SOCIETY RECEIVES PANEYKO BEQUEST

On October 30, 2002, a long time member and benefactor of the Museum passed away, Leonore Lane Paneyko. Mrs. Paneyko was born in Hampton, and although she resided in New Jersey, she had done much during her life to improve the museum. She made our first security system possible and had

donated many artifacts to the Society. Mrs. Paneyko also very kindly remembered the Museum and several other Hampton institutions in her will. We have received her bequest and it will be added to the operating funds.

With the future restroom and ramp project pending, the

society can certainly put to good use such monies. A suitable plaque will be created to recognize this gift as well as the other bequests we have received. If you are interested in finding out how your estate planning can benefit the museum and its mission contact Ben Moore 926-2543 for information.

PICTURE A BARN

Photographs by Richard Hureau



The barn before work began.



The framework of the barn provided important clues as to its age.



Each part of the frame was carefully marked so that reconstruction will be facilitated



The frame of the barn was held together by approximately 250 oaks pins about an inch in diameter.



Icabod lifts the ridgepole from the frame.



Chet Riley (on ladder) directed the barn's safe dismantling.

The Historical Society has reached an agreement with the new owners of the former Sanders & McDermott office building (Widow Leavitt house on Lafayette Road) to save from demolition the 38 foot by 36 foot barn on that site. The barn was built circa 1800 and is an excellent example of a small in-town barn. We will be raising funds for its raising on the Society property and hope to be able to do so in 2005.

Members and the community are encouraged to contribute to the fund to save and rebuild the barn. All donations over \$100.00 will be recognized on a permanent plaque in the barn. Our rough estimate of the cost to erect the barn is \$60,000. Four levels of recognition will be available.

We are very excited about this project: it will save and reuse an historic structure from Hampton's past; it will be used as the home of our Farm Museum; and we will doubtless find many other uses for it in the future. We would appreciate your financial support in this undertaking.

Please accept my contribution to the Hampton Historical Society's Barn Raising fund. I understand that my contribution is tax deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes.

I wish to give at the following level:

- Donor- \$100 and over _____
- Supporter- \$250 and over _____
- Sponsor- \$500 and over _____
- Benefactor- \$1,000 and over _____
- Other- _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

I prefer not to have my name on the plaque in the barn.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 25	Grand Reopening of the Tuck Museum 2 to 4 pm
August 7	Rockingham County Craftsmen Fair 9am to 3 pm
August 23	Hampton Community Band Concert 7pm
September 14	“HISTORICAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT THE LANE MEMORIAL LIBRARY” <i>Jeanne Gamage</i> 7 pm Lane Library
September 18	3rd Annual Pig Roast 12 - 3 pm Tuck Museum

**For Information about the programs for 2004
see page 4**

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

We thank the following business members for their support of the Society;

- Ashworth By The Sea
- BCOB, Certified Public Accountants, PC
- Casassa & Ryan
- Community Bank and Trust Co.
- Funarama
- Galley Hatch Restaurant
- Hampton Eyecare Associates
- Mackensen & Company Inc.
- Marguerite's Beauty Salon
- Preston Real Estate
- Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory
- Seacoast Florist Inc.
- Tobey & Merrill Insurance
- Unitil Corp

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