



Gatherings from the Green

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Antique Quilt Program

The Historical Society will be a co-sponsor, along with the Lane Library of a program on November 20. The presenter is Betsy Telford of Rocky Mountain Quilts, York, Maine and is titled "The Sociological and Historical Development of New England Quilts, 1780-1880". The program will begin at 6 p.m. at the Lane Memorial Library on Winnacunnet Road. To bring your quilts dated pre-1950 for an appraisal, call 926-3368.

Museum Work Parties

The winter work parties will start again in January and we look forward to seeing our volunteers back in the Museum continuing on the task of cataloging and organizing the collection.

There are two work sessions, the Wednesday morning group and the Thursday afternoon group. The sessions will start on Wednesday, January 7 at 9:30 am and on Thursday January 8 at 1:00 pm. Call Betty Moore at 926-2543 for more information.

Membership Renewals and Annual Appeal

As we complete the fiscal year of the Society, it's time again to renew your membership and consider a donation to the programs of the Society. The membership renewal letters and the annual appeal will be mailed next week. Please reply as soon as possible so that we can plan our budget for the current year.



Christmas Events

The annual Open House will be hosted by the Trustees at the Museum on December 5 from 7 to 9 pm. This will coincide with the lighting of the Town Christmas tree at Depot Square. Members, families and friends are invited.

On December 6 the Society will participate in the Annual Christmas Parade, if you would like to join in the parade please contact Ben Moore at 926-2543

Museum closed for improvements

As we mentioned in our last newsletter the Board has approved the replacement of the heating system at the Museum. In addition to the necessary replacement of the old heating system and its asbestos insulation the project will include the addition of climate control to the property.

To allow the work to proceed efficiently the Museum will be closed to the public from November 17 to November 30. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

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Annual Reports of Committees

Report of the President

It has been a pleasure to serve as President of the Society for the last two years and I thank my fellow Board members for their support during our term together. Most of the Board members will be standing for reelection but I want to especially thank Priscilla Caira and Paul Corbett, who are retiring from the board, for the time and energy they gave to the Society. There are many other members of the society who also volunteered their talents to the organization. Betty Moore, our Executive Director, has worked nearly full time at the Museum for many years, Bob Wallace has served as the Chair of the Building and Grounds committee in addition to being a host at the Museum almost every week, Bob Dennett, our treasurer, has faithfully served the Society for over 10 years. By no means is this an inclusive list but it indicates the level of support that the Society receives and needs to grow and prosper.

As I have mentioned in the past the HHS needs to work on several fronts to accomplish its mission. We operate the Museum, we organize programs for adults and children and we fundraise to support these activities.

Our programs this year included a presentation on Witchcraft, the Fishing industry in Hampton, Treasures from Grandfather Attic, a tour of the Pine Grove burial ground and the 365th anniversary celebration. Thanks to Elizabeth Aykroyd, David Goethel, Doug Aykroyd, Betty Moore and the 365th committee for making those programs possible. We also hosted the April meeting of the Association of Historical Societies of NH. Susanne Falzone organized visits by Hampton school children in the spring and fall.

Our fundraising events this year were an antiques appraisal day in May, thanks to Sammi Moe who chaired this event, and our second annual Pig Roast in September. The Pig Roast was again very successful and a great time for all who attended. The thank you list for this event is too long to print here but a big thank you goes out to Co-Chairs Cathy Fletcher and Cliff Pratt, to MC Brian Warburton and to our DJ Yvonne Pappargeris. The music added a lot to the day.

We didn't forget the administration of the Society. The by-laws were revised and the changes were accepted by the membership. We are currently working on a Museum Assessment Program (MAP) focusing on our public image. Both of these tasks are under the leadership of Vice President Elizabeth Aykroyd. We completed the earlier MAP task, which focused on a general overall assessment of how the Museum operated. We conducted a membership drive for local businesses and were happy with the results, Karin Jacobson and Priscilla Caira, Membership Co-Chairs, worked on membership development throughout the year. We also updated our web site: www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org, thanks to Rich Hureau for his continuing work on the site.

Lastly and perhaps most important to the long-term success of the Society, we began on the job of improving the buildings. A new heating and air conditioning system will be installed later this year and restrooms will be added to the ground floor. An interior ramp will also be added to assist our handicapped visitors on their tour. These improvements are the beginning of a master plan to add space to the facility for office, archives and workspace/storage and to make the entire site handicapped accessible. We will be sending out more information on the improvements over the winter.

Again thanks to all the volunteers who make the Society and Museum something we can be very proud of in our community.

Ben Moore
President

The Education Committee

The education programs continue to be an important part of the society's mission throughout the year.

With four visits by the Hampton Public schools 1st, 3rd and 8th grades and a traveling tour to the second graders at Center school the committee remains connected to the children of Hampton in helping them appreciate the rich history of their town.

We also have visits from boys and girl scouts and home school programs. We appreciate the opportunity to educate the youth of Hampton in hopes that they may carry on the many stories of Hampton's past.

Coordinator: Susanne Falzone
Volunteer teachers: Betty Moore, Sammi Moe, and Janet Caylor

Membership Committee Report

The Hampton Historical Society presently has 390 members. This number is comprised of 23 Business Members, 23 Family Memberships which equals 54 members, 18 Individual Members, 237 Life Members, 18 Senior Members and 20 Senior Couple Memberships which equals 40 members. We welcomed 7 new Business Members, 5 new Individual Members, 1 new Senior Member, 6 new Family Memberships and 1 new Senior Couple to our Society during the 2002-2003 year.

A Welcome Reception for New Members was held on August 23, 2003. All new members were invited to a special "behind the scenes tour" of the Tuck Museum and the outlying buildings. Board Members were present, a short program about the history of the Tuck Museum was presented and refreshments were served. It was an educational and enjoyable time. This has become a regular event.

This year we also initiated a Business Membership Drive targeting the businesses of Hampton. The result was encouraging. Additionally, the HHS joined the Chamber of Commerce to meet and talk to owners of Hampton businesses. Hopefully, this will result in more interest from the business community.

The dues for 2003-2004 will be as follows: Individual- \$15, Student- \$10, Business - \$100, Life-Individual- \$250, Family-\$25, Senior Citizen 65+ - \$10, Senior Couple 65+- \$15.

Membership renewal forms will be mailed late November. Thanks to everyone for your prompt renewal last year.

Karin Jacobson & Priscilla Caira
Membership

Annual Committee Reports (continued)

Executive Director's Report 2002-2003

As Executive Director, my duties include: supervising the Tuck Museum Committee, training, keeping track of volunteer hours, staffing the museum, and other projects the Board requests.

Tuck Museum Committee – This group is responsible for the overall care of the collection. It includes cataloguing new acquisitions, working on special collection projects, assisting in exhibit preparation, and museum housekeeping.

Thanks to the following members: Percy Annis, Jr., Elizabeth Aykroyd, Nancy Coes, Natalie Conner, Jean DeZarn, Catherine Fletcher, Paul Corbett, Linda Metcalf, Betty Moore, Ann & Don Morton, Ansell Palmer, Doris Sanders, Sparky Waltz, Bob Wallace, Eleanor Young.

Our decision last year to convert some of our exhibit space to meeting space has worked out very well. Our work parties finally have enough room and good light to work on our "off-season" projects. We are able to comfortably host meetings of up to 40, and provide comfortable board meeting space. The rotation of the collection keeps the exhibits changing on a regular cycle and gives members and well as visitors a reason to visit the museum. We are working on finding aides to access the collection better, making more of the information available to visitors, and the expansion of our web site.

A copy machine donated to the museum in October will make our work much easier.

Dehumidifiers were purchased for the main museum and the fire museum to help with excess humidity in the summer. A disaster plan was completed and presented to the Board.

Museum Services Committee - We are now on our second year of being open year-round. We have found it to be very helpful to students and researchers. Our schedule has allowed the opportunity for more visitors.

I would like to recognize the following volunteers that staff the museum: Percy Annis Jr., Elizabeth Aykroyd, Priscilla Cairn, Ed & Janet Caylor, Paul Corbett, Bob Dennett, Catherine Fletcher, Karin

Jacobson, Russ Merrill, Linda Metcalf, Sammi Moe, Betty & Ben Moore, Virginia Taylor, Bob Wallace, Pat Triggs-Weeks, Eleanor Young,

MAP I Assessment- This year has been consumed with the MAP I Assessment, which was done last November. We have spent the year working on the recommendation that our reviewer, Vivian Zoe made to the organization.

NH Records Project - An assessment was completed in June. We have been modifying some of the ways we care for our manuscript collection. Recommendations from both this project and the

MAP I regarding the addition of climate control were acted on by the board as they have approved the addition of air conditioning in the future building expansion program.

I have spoken to the Monday Club, Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire, and school groups. I have also helped with senior seminar projects, trained new volunteers, and assisted the various committees as necessary.

Betty Moore
Executive Director

HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FYE October 31, 2003

Revenues, Gains, Other Support

Dues	\$2,620
Donations	3,605
Museum Gift Shop Sales	152
Fundraising	5,805
Interest and Investment	207
Greater Piscataqua/Paige Fund	1,714
Grants	2,970
Program and Other	1,045

Total Revenues, Gains, Support	18,118
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Expenses and Losses

Tuck Museum Program	591
Buildings and Grounds	5,148
Publications and Newsletter	561
Public Programs	100
Education	63
Publicity	493
Membership	238
Grant expenses	2,319
Fundraising Expenses	618
Management and General	637

Total Expenses and Losses	10,768
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Change in Net Assets	7,350
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Net Assets, Beginning of Year	62,861
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Net Assets, End of Year	\$70,211
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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.

Upcoming Events

November 20-	6 pm at the Lane Memorial Library Antique Quilts
December 5-	7-9 pm at the Tuck Museum Annual Open House hosted by the Trustees
December 6-	Annual Christmas Parade- 1:30 pm Lafayette Road
December 9-	Program planning meeting 7 pm at the Museum Members are welcomed to attend and participate
January 7	Winter work party 9:30 am
January 8	Winter work party 1:00 pm

Officers, elected by the Trustees on October 14

President	Ben Moore
Vice President	Elizabeth Aykroyd
Secretary	Sammi Moe
Treasurer	Bob Dennett

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
- Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of the Seacoast
- Community Bank and Trust Co.
- Eno Building Supplies
- Exeter Chevrolet Buick-Pontiac Inc.
- Funarama
- Galley Hatch Restaurant
- Hampton Dental Care
- Hampton Eyecare Associates
- Howard Page Aluminum & Vinyl Products Co. Inc.
- Larry's Canopy
- Mackensen & Company Inc.
- Marguerite's Beauty Salon
- Preston Real Estate
- Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory
- Seacoast Florist Inc.
- The Inn of Hampton & Conference Center
- The Old Salt
- The Widow Fletcher's Tavern
- Tobey & Merrill Insurance
- Unitil Corp

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