



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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President's Report

Many of you have warmed our hearts this winter with a generous donation to the Hampton Historical Society Operating Fund. With rising costs all the way around, we are significantly being "hit in the wallet" in order to run our non-profit organization. We are an all volunteer staff, and what you provide us is important, at any amount, either in monetary ways or in volunteer hours. We are tremendously grateful!

With that said, it is a new opening year for us. Our museum is back to regular hours Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays 1-4, and we welcome visitors. Our goal is to look for volunteers who would be interested in helping out a few days a week. Newly retired and looking for something to do? Just moved here and want to contribute to a fun organization? Well, we are looking for you!

Opportunities for volunteers; all are easy to learn (we train) and fit with your schedule:

- Help with Museum tours and/or outer building tours
- Help with school field trips
- Work parties, landscaping, gardens, etc.
- Photography, video
- Technical support

Assist with committees such as Membership, Fundraising, Grant writing, Special Events, and Programs. These are only some of the many ways you can help.

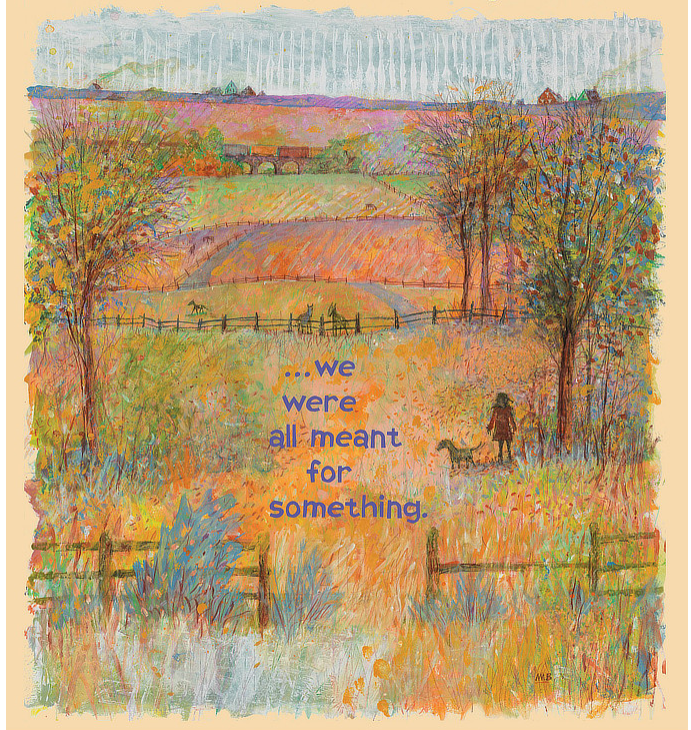
As you will see in our spring newsletter, we are an active bunch of people, looking to expand, preserve, and teach about our Hampton history. Give us a call (603-929-0781) and let us know how you can help. Don't forget to join us at our many programs offered this year, and stay a little late to talk to us. We are glad that you are a member and look forward to providing for you many new and rewarding membership offers. Thank you.

Lori Cotter



Students preparing for Poetry Night

National Poetry Month April 2023



Artwork by Marc Brunen. Line excerpted from the poem "Carrying" by U.S. Poet Laureate Ada Limón, from *The Carrying* (BkFwev Edition, 2018). For more free poetry resources, visit Poetry.org/npm.

Poetry Night at the Museum

Come join us for a fun evening of sharing 7th and 8th graders' original writings of poetry. These students have learned about historical research and chosen to write a poem about a historical event, person, or interest they found in Hampton history.

Our first meeting was to introduce them to the museum and take a look at what we have. In small groups the students learned how to research and take notes, use those notes to write lines of poetry, to find a poetic form, and learned to read poetry in front of an audience.

We celebrate National Poetry Month together on **April 13th, Thursday, at 6:30 p.m., Tuck Museum.** Hope to see you there!

Want to volunteer at the museum?
Call us at 603-929-0781 or email us at:
info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org

From the Collection Corner

Jake Tumelaire from Independent Archaeology Consulting has spent the past few months photographing and cataloguing our Native American tool collection. Many of these objects were found by WHS students of Harold Fernald as they would do archaeology digs on the Edgerly Farm in Hampton Falls in the 1960-1980s. That area today is where Shopper's Village is on US 1.



Jake states that some of our arrowheads are 7,000 to 8,000 years old, and that we have an impressive collection of gouges that cover from thousands of years ago to the Woodland Period. He has offered to give a presentation on his findings as well as talk about local Native American settlements. The board has requested that he be the speaker at our October 2023 Annual Meeting. So stay tuned...

Karen Raynes, Mary Ann Nelligan and Lori Cotter have put together an exhibit called *Seeking Safe Harbor in Hampton: Stories of Ships and Shipwrecks*. Gathering from our collection and outside sources, they have assembled an impressive binder of research, copies of original documents, and images to accompany the exhibit. Other objects related to the exhibit can be found throughout the museum and barn. We have some interesting items from our collection featured on display.



Betty Moore

Treasurer's Report

When the HHS Board approved the current fiscal year budget beginning in November 2022, the Board knew it would be a challenging year financially. Expenses, especially in the energy sector, continue to climb. On the income side, member dues and donations remain solid due to the continuing generosity of HHS membership, but income from charitable gaming is projected to be less because proceeds from gaming dates are now split between two charities instead of one.

HHS investments have rebounded a bit after a disappointing prior fiscal year. As anyone who has a personal investment portfolio knows, markets continue to fluctuate. HHS has a balanced investment approach and maintains close communication with its investment manager. Hopefully, investments will bounce back significantly this fiscal year.



Charitable gaming revenue represents a significant portion of HHS income, along with member dues and donations. HHS has six dates remaining at Ocean Gaming at Hampton Beach in 2023:

- May 13 (Saturday)
- May 14 (Sunday, Mother's Day)
- July 20 (Thursday)
- July 21 (Friday)
- October 3 (Tuesday)
- October 4 (Wednesday)

If you patronize gambling institutions, please keep these dates in mind, and tell your friends!

History Book Discussion Group



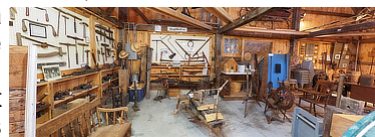
With great sadness we say farewell to Barbara Tosiano, who has led our book discussions since fall of 2014. We have read many great books and had animated discussions.

We thank Barbara for providing questions for discussion and delicious snacks to go with the theme of the book and accompanying research. From wars to westward expansion, presidents to mental hospitals, we have delved into a variety of topics.

We welcome members and their friends to join us. Our next gathering will be Sunday, **June 25, 4 p.m.** at the Tuck Museum. The selection is *Tangled in Blue* by Rosa Brooks. It is a contemporary read about policing in American cities. If you would like to be placed on the email notification list, contact bettyhmoore@comcast.net.

Visitor Services Report

We anticipate that 2023 will be even more eventful than 2022, with more and more folk returning to normal as the worst of Covid recedes. We have some new exhibits this year including a very interesting one on Hampton area shipwrecks over the years. We look forward to seeing you whatever your needs - research, guided tours, just browsing, etc. In addition to the museum itself, we have four outbuildings - a fire museum, a historic barn filled with tools and equipment, a one room schoolhouse (just renovated), a beach cottage (originally at Hampton Beach), plus Founders Park and other monuments.



All of this takes a fair amount of work and we could really use more volunteers. Please stop in at the museum or call (603-929-0781) if you are interested in helping or know someone who might be interested.

Mike Compos, Visitor Services

Gifts to the Collection - 2022

- Photographs of Kopanski Family – Patty Morrison
- Postcard “The Strip” ca. 1950s, stereoview cards of men’s group at Hampton Beach – Coventry (NY) Town Museum
- Wooden Nickel – 1938 Tercentenary – Nancy Heitz
- Photograph Class of 1925 HAHS – Betsey Lamie Davis
- Postcard folder of Hampton Beach ca. 1920s – Jeffrey Olson
- Books - 2008 Poets Guide to New Hampshire, 2010 Poets Guide to New Hampshire – Nancy Donovan
- Navigational Maps – Seacoast Maine/NH – William Burns
- Postcard Hampton Town Hall ca. 1940s – H. Alfred Casassa
- Princess style telephone – Elly Becotte
- Postcard folder of Hampton Beach scenes– Steve Driscoll
- Watercolor “Sailing Ships” by Ruth Stimpson – Kay Moore
- VHS Tapes – “Memories of Hampton Beach,” “Town of Hampton Moving into a New Millennium,” “Town of Hampton 350th Parade,” autograph book of Carrie Hopkins – Lane Memorial Library
- Slate chalkboard (Toppan Family), photographs building the railroad through Hampton Center (copies), photographs Whittier Hotel – Christine Dalbec
- Blueberry basket, **highchair**, pie basket, iron cauldron (used at Shady Lawn Guest House), religious ribbons, photographs of Shady Lawn Guest House – Robin (Russell) Damuth Souvenir China demitasse cup - Hotel Whittier – May Youngclaus
- Calligraphy exercise ca. 1821, photographs – Depot Square, Centre School Class photo ca. 1930s, Batchelder Icehouse and pond, slides related to Hampton by Richard Sanborn – Hampton Falls Historical Society
- Booklet - Seacoast Region of New Hampshire ca. 1940, article “A House with a Ghost” 1929 Country Life, booklet Cradle of American Shipbuilding, abacus used in primary school – Anonymous
- Photographs – Shaw family, Hampton Tercentenary, postcards Hampton and Hampton Beach, ephemera Squalus submarine, Tercentenary, Hampton residents – Richard Shaw
- Postcards – Hampton River Bridge, Lamb’s Corner – Bucksport Historical Society
- Purple Heart and case, photographs, correspondence, and ephemera relating to John A Cuss – Laurie Ball
- Brass **tea kettle** – Maureen Moran
- “Check-O-Meter,” gardening dibble, horseshoeing hammer, shoe last – Percy Annis
- Scans of photographs – entertainers at Hampton Beach, Hotel Allen guests and entertainers, wooden box with sliding lid, auction broadside 1895– Kathy Compos
- WWII ration tokens “OPA” 1 – Barbara Defreitas
- Lighting source, poetry book The View From Here – Priscilla Thoen
- Research and copy of 1741 plan (map) of Massachusetts Bay Province’s northern boundary, copy of surveyor’s journal for 1741 plan – Tocky Bialobrzanski
- Photograph – Leary children in front of wooden breakwater – Maureen Leary O’Hara
- Ephemera relating to Clifford Lindsay – Louise Smith
- Linen postcards of Hampton Beach ocean scenes – Carol Ann Archer Ed. D.



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- Photograph album Hampton Garden Club activities – Roseanne Tuholski (HGC)
 - Fireman’s Hat – Bud Desrochers
 - Building plans from 387 Lafayette Rd. (Seacoast Plaza) – John Rowley
 - Correspondence from Rev. Benjamin Chase to Paine Wingate Chase (1828) – Barbara Howell
 - Deeds – Mary Toppan to Hampton Academy 1917 & 1928 (for land for school), correspondence relating to land purchase – Lori Cotter for Hampton Academy Trustees
 - Political picture & pin, booklet *Busy in Conference* – Priscilla Fanning

Museum/Collection generated research and work

- Book – *The Woman’s Hour*, binder – exhibit research, *Remember the Ladies*, poster from exhibit*, Susan B. Anthony one dollar coin, binder celebrating National Poetry Month, binder General Jonathan Moulton exhibit research, binders with research – “Hampton Voices I” and “Hampton Voices II” (relating to WWI) – Karen Raynes – Exhibit Committee
- Photographs and framed prints of the “Manning Plan” for Hampton Beach – Rich Hureau
- Binder – General Jonathan Moulton House research – Betty Moore
- Hamptonopoly game, 2021 annual school and town reports, Hampton Holiday Parade ephemera (Experience Hampton), poster Viking Days 2022*, popcorn bag Hampton Cinema, books *Victory Garden*, *War Garden and Home Storage*, *The Great War Cookbook*, posters HHS events and Fall Festival* –photograph 2022 Miss Hampton Beach (Hannah Ritchie) – Collection Committee
- Oral history transcriptions and notes – 9 citizens – Bill Keating – Oral History Committee
- Book – *The Cabinet Makers of New Hampshire* – Mary Ann Nelligan – Research and Exhibit Committee
- Book – *1722-1997 Nottingham’s Old Homes* – Mary Ertl – Collection Committee
- Photographs – Toppan/Clark House Lafayette Rd. – Lori Cotter

*Museum posters or artwork designed by Cheryl Lassiter

Communications

In the November, 2019 issue of the HHS newsletter, page 3, I described a request from a TV producer in London who works for the National Geographic Society on the documentary series *Drain the Oceans*. She was requesting a high-res version of our Charles Henry Turner painting *Gundalow Near Hampton Landing* for use in an episode of the series about the American Revolution.

A few months after that, the pandemic hit and we were never sure what happened with the video. It turns out that the episode was created and did include our painting. It is in season 3, episode 7 (titled "The American Revolution"), and came out in June, 2020 (guess they had plenty of time on their hands during Covid lock-down!).

Our painting is shown very briefly at the 10 min, 23 second point in the 48-minute show. It is paired with a Fitz Henry Lane painting, *Harbor of Boston, with the City in the Distance*, also showing a gundalow.

A brief video snippet of the part of the show where they show our painting is available for viewing on our website. On a printed newsletter, scan the QR-code at right



Or use this link:

<http://www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org/gundalow.htm>

Don't blink or you'll miss our painting, but it gives you an idea of what the show is about. If you want to view the entire episode, you can see it free if you are a Disney+ subscriber, or buy it for streaming viewing at various places like YouTube (search for "Drain the Oceans season 3" and you can pick which episode to buy - currently \$3 for SD quality). The show itself is very interesting.

In other video news, Joshua Silveira's two DVD videos, *Flats, Shacks, and Claws* and *Saltmarsh Farming on the NH Seacoast* (currently on sale in the Museum store) will soon be available on the HHS YouTube channel for free viewing. We will announce it on the Home page of the website. The DVDs will continue to be for sale for anyone who wants their own copy.

Meanwhile, Karen Raynes is continuing to research the 1930s “Manning Plan” proposed renovation of the beach area. We will be announcing the finished exhibit when she has it ready.

Rich Hureau

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Thank you to the following who have made recent donations to our operating fund, above and beyond membership dues.
We thank you for your continued support!
Nichole Duggan, Membership Director

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The mission of the Hampton Historical Society is to increase public knowledge and understanding of the history and cultural heritage of the town of Hampton, New Hampshire, from its earliest inhabitants to the present generation. We will communicate that history through an active museum, educational programs, and a resource library.

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Community Engagement Committee Report

Happy Spring! As we head into the warmer weather and longer days, we have a number of great events planned for the remainder of the year.

On **April 13th at 6:30 p.m.** at Tuck Museum we'll commemorate **National Poetry Month** with 7th and 8th grade students from Hampton Academy presenting their own original poetry. With help from Lori Cotter and Karen Raynes, the students will research their chosen topic and then compose and present a poem based on what they learned.

On **May 17th at 7:00 p.m.** we'll hear a talk from the Tide Mill Institute of Dorchester, MA about **17th – 19th century tide mills**, which will include our own Brown's Mill right here in Hampton. The talk will include a discussion of how a tide mill works, tide mill history in the U.S. and Europe, and tidal power potential today and in the future.

Join us in **June (time TBA)** at the museum for a discussion with **Hampton's Heritage Commission**. This is an opportunity to hear about what the Heritage Commission does for our community and the projects that the commission is currently working on. The commission representatives will provide an overview of their work and then there will be time for questions and answers.

A perennial favorite, the **Pine Grove Cemetery Tour**, will return on **July 15th at 10:00 a.m.** Lori Cotter and Betty Moore will lead this fascinating view of the history of our town and share both the facts and the myths about our earliest neighbors. Prior to the tour on the 15th, Epoch Preservation, Inc, a gravestone preservation business from the Massachusetts North Shore, will do a presentation on **July 12th at 7:00 p.m.** on their recently completed **restoration work in the Ring Swamp and Pine Grove cemeteries**.

On **August 19th at 1:00 p.m.** at the museum, Humanities To Go of NH Humanities will present **New England Quilts and the Story They Tell**. Come and hear Pam Weeks weave world history, women's history, industrial history, and just plain wonderful stories into her presentation about quilts and quilting through history.

And as we have for the past two years, we will once again celebrate autumn in New Hampshire with our **Fall Festival!** Mark your calendars for **October 8th** and come and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment, live music, games, demonstrations, and food. This is a wonderful event with something for everyone to enjoy, so plan to join in the Fall Festival!

The **HHS Annual Meeting** will be held at the Tuck Museum on **October 15th**, beginning with a short business meeting, followed by a presentation by archaeologist Jake Tumelaire about his work analyzing and cataloging our collection of **Hampton Native American Artifacts**.

As you can see, we have an interesting variety of events coming up and we hope you'll join us!
Pat Bushway

Buildings and Grounds Report

This report covers November and December 2022 and January thru October 2023. Our mechanical systems were serviced during the month of November. The boiler was cleaned, and the air-handler filters were changed. The security and fire alarm system passed its annual inspection.

At the start of the holiday season the committee members displayed Toy Soldiers outside around the museum and along Park Avenue. The Parks and Rec Department cleared winter snow from the walkways around the museum and plowed the parking lot.

Mike Compos refinished the inside of our front door and sidelights along with the wood paneling in the Betty Moore Hall.

Betty and Ben Moore replaced all of the museum's first floor window blinds.

As warmer weather approaches work on our beach cottage will begin. The cottage, is located on the museum grounds, and is included in museum tours. Inside finishes will be freshened up, repairs will be made and the cottage's interior and exterior will get a coat of paint.

Let's not forget our beautiful gardens. Each year the beds get cleaned up and mulched. Plants are divided, weeds are removed, fertilizing and watering takes place.

All this work is done by volunteers. In addition to those mentioned above, Mike Stiers, Marilyn Wallingford, Karen Raynes, Bob Lobdell, Ed Baechtold, Lori Cotter, Joe O'Neil and Pat Bushway have helped out.

We need more volunteers. If you're interested in getting involved and having some fun, email ggrashow@grashow.com or text me at 603-209-2476.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Grashow, Buildings and Grounds Chair

3rd Annual Fall Festival

The Fall Festival Committee has begun planning the 3rd Annual Fall Festival! This year's admission-free Festival will return to the Tuck Museum on **October 8th**. As always, the Tuck Museum buildings will be open and the field will be filled with incredible music, food, and entertainment. The Fall Festival will run from 11 AM - 3 p.m.

This year's table raffle will be filled with exclusively local goods and services from the many businesses and organizations that make Hampton an amazing town to live, work, and play in. We will also run a 50/50 raffle with tickets available for purchase throughout the day.

As we continue to plan and expand this event, we are looking for some extra help! If you are interested in joining this committee please email locallymolly@gmail.com with the subject line "Fall Festival Committee."

Calendar of Events 2023 – Tentative Schedule

- **April 13** – 6:30 p.m. – *Poetry Night at the Museum*; 7th and 8th grade students from Hampton Academy read their poetry about Hampton
- **May 17** – 7 p.m. – Presentation from the Tide Mill Institute of Dorchester, MA about **17th-19th century tide mills**, including the Brown's Mill in Hampton. Tuck Museum
- **June** (date & time TBA) – **Hampton Heritage Commission** – Learn about the Heritage Commission and what it does for our community. Tuck Museum
- **July 12** – 7 p.m. – program about recent **restoration work in the Ring Swamp and Pine Grove cemeteries**. Tuck Museum
- **July 15** – 10 a.m. – **Pine Grove Cemetery Tour**; starts at Tuck Museum
- **August 19** – 1 p.m. – *New England Quilts and the Story They Tell*; Tuck Museum
- **October 8** – **Fall Festival** – Tuck Museum grounds
- **October 15** – 6:30 p.m. – Annual Meeting; program about *Hampton Native American Artifacts at the Tuck Museum*