



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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Executive Director's Report

No matter where Ben and I vacation, it ends up being a busman's holiday. Our time this winter in Bay, St. Louis, Mississippi was no exception. Arriving in a new location, the first thing we do is to make our way to the nearest historical society or museum.

At the Hancock County Historical Society we learned about their recovery effort after hurricane Katrina. The 2005 storm stalled over the town for seven hours and the storm surge was 27' (yes, 27' – not a typo) above sea level. Three days later, when residents were allowed to return, most found their businesses and houses gone or severely damaged. In Bay, St. Louis only 150 homes of over 700 listed in the National Register of Historic Places remain.

Their museum, the Kate Lobrano House, was no exception. The roof had caved in, a side wall was destroyed, the files waterlogged and their collection afloat, but luckily trapped in the courtyard of the adjacent church.

I made an appointment with the staff to return and talk about their disaster recovery efforts, as I am currently updating the disaster plan for our museum as part of the StEPS program. The volunteers gave insight on what needs to be done first after such a situation; but as important what they have done since then to minimize damage in any future disasters. We discussed the computer programs that they use. They are digitizing as much of their collection as possible and putting it "in the cloud." With true southern hospitality, I was welcomed. In fact, Charles Gray, the executive director, invited us to his house the next day for tea.

Ben and I also met with the director of the Waveland (MS) Ground Zero Museum. The museum was closed for renovations, but a few calls were made by the Chamber of Commerce, and the museum was opened so we could see their Katrina exhibit. A former resident and business owner also caught up with us there, and told us of her experience after Katrina during the recovery and rebuilding process. It took **five years** before their main street was once again open for business.

What I took away from both visits was planning is a necessity, but that people's lives and safety are the most important things. Both groups want to be remembered for their rich past, not just a hurricane. The people of the area are resilient. It was a very humbling experience.

Betty Moore



Betty Moore with volunteers from Hancock County Historical Society; seated right is Charles Gray, Executive Director

A Gift of a Lifetime

For years, Harold Fernald, former Winnacunnet High School history teacher, local historian, public speaker, reenactor, and HHS past president has said that his personal collection of Hampton history materials would "someday" come to the museum. That day came last November when five volunteers met at his house to move over fifty containers of Harold's research, teaching aides, and local history memorabilia to the Collection and Research Center (CRC). It took two pick-up trucks and a SUV to transport it all.



Harold looking over his collection before transporting to the CRC

Harold had carefully indexed each container as to its contents. Ed Baechtold, a former educator and IT specialist, has volunteered to coordinate the process of getting important information from that collection into our computer database while keeping Harold's collection intact. A daunting project, but Ed is up to the task. He says,

"As a lover of history, I get excited every time I open a new container from Harold's collection. I never know what nuggets I will find in there! I am sure that many of Harold's items will become great additions to the Tuck Museum collection."

Gifts to the Collection - 2015

- G.W. Barbour milk delivery day book - 1906 photographic essay, *The Storm of '78*- **Hampton Falls Historical Society**
- Book - *Documentation of the Seven Small Cemeteries, Hampton, NH*, working papers associated with project - **Connor McNamara** Eagle Scout Leadership Project Troop 177
- Collection of glass plate negatives (Hampton and Hampton Beach) - **Becky Brown**
- Photographs - Moulton House & Great Boars Head; Dance Carnival flyer, 1964 Hampton Union advertising rates, guest book Bowdoin Cottage, HB - **Karen Simas**
- Coloring book - "Welcome to Hampton Beach" **Maureen Buckley** HB Village District Commissioner
- Woman's angora shrug - **Ann Carnaby** Tracy Theatre Originals
- Scrapbook the construction of Kid's Kingdom - **Judy Conway** (then Judy Ward co-organizer of project)
- Deck of card from the USS Squalus - **John Cafferty**
- Books - Going to School Series: *Civil War: The Union* and *Civil War: The Confederacy*; Christa McAuliffe commemorative coin; reproduction Civil War cartridge paper & bullet; photographs of fire at B St. & Brown Ave. - **Eleanor Becotte**
- Books - four volume series *History of Hampton Dow, Randall, Hunt; Piscataqua Pioneers: Selected Biographies; Vital Records of Hampton*, 2 volumes; *History of Rye, NH; Vital Records of Kingston, NH; Vital Records of South Hampton, NH; Some of Newton, NH Vital Records; New Hampshire Families in 1790; General Abstracts of the Revolutionary War Pension Files* and research on the genealogy of the Benjamin Marston Family - **Ann Morton**
- Books (3) owned by Edmund Toppan - **Ron Bourgeault**
- Tercentenary hatchet of Judge John Perkins - **Lee Perkins**
- Leather scroll case, pastel "Landing Road" by Roy King, 1949 *Buccaneer*- **Priscilla Thoen**
- Reproductions of Bernice Palmer sketches - **Margaret Dennett**
- Hampton Garden Club Photograph Albums (8) - **Roseanne Tuholski** -HGC Historian
- Books - *Landmarks in Ancient Dover; History of Hillsborough, NH Vol. II, Moultonborough to the 20th Century; Publications of the Sons and Daughters of the First Settlers of Newbury, MA; Newbury Massachusetts 1635-1776; Old Postcard Views of a Yankee City - Newburyport, Massachusetts; The History of Durham, NH; A History of the Town of New London, New Hampshire; Portsmouth; History of the White Mountains; Gundalow; The Complete Great Migration Newsletter Vol. 1-10, The Winthrop Fleet of 1630* - Mary Ertl (Lane Memorial Library)
- National Standard fire extinguisher, Quick Aid Fire extinguisher - **Thomas Tillman**
- Research - CD of HHS minutes 1925-2001, 1925-2015 list of HHS officers and volunteers, 1925 list of charter members - **Cheryl Lassiter**
- Framed Christa McAuliffe photos and Hampton related correspondence - **Town of Hampton**
- Photographs - moving house from site of Fire Station #1 - **Bean Insurance**
- Barbara Toppan wedding dress (1939), wedding shoes, napkin from reception, wedding dress box, loan of family photographs for scanning - **Michael Toppan**
- Music CD - *Hypatia* -**Robert McClung**
- Music CD - *Songs of the Season* - **Anonymous**
- HHS 90th Anniversary Senate Resolution - **NH Senator Nancy Stiles**
- CD Research- Congregational Church Records - HHS Digitization Project **Candice Stellmach and Rich Hureau** (records loaned by **First Congregational Church, Hampton**)
- Historic newspaper front pages, military announcement Hitler's Death - **Mark Coellner**
- Booklets - *Salt Marshes of New Hampshire, The Old Maps of Rockingham County 1892* ; photographs of WWI for scanning, notebook -*House History of 16 Dearborn Ave.* - **Carol & Craig Orze**
- CD - "Historic Resources"(includes *New England Captives Carried to Canada between 1677-1760*) - compiled by Candice Stellmach, booklet - *The Public Trust Doctrine and Environmental Stewardship in Coastal, NH*; Book *Lucy's Summer* - **Candice Stellmach**
- Hampton postcards, ticket for Littlefield's party boat - **Marilyn MacIntosh**
- Hampton Fire Department patch 2015- **Rusty Bridle**
- Hampton Beach souvenir ashtray - **Ann Justin**
- Growler - Blue Lobster Brewing Company - **Doug & Elizabeth Aykroyd**
- Plate "Transportation Era of Hampton"; photo album Tuck Museum 90th celebration - **Karen Raynes**
- Hampton Playhouse handbill "Barefoot In the Park," two postcards - **New Castle Historical Society**
- Photographs - 1950 Hampton Beach fire - **Patty Rice Grandmaison**
- "Holman Collection" Hampton photos, commemorative plates; Blake/Holman correspondence, marriage license Philbrick/Locke, history of Adeline C. Marston, history of 24 Locke Rd., floorplan of car barn, Orace Moulton ephemera, Casino ephemera, booklet *Vacationland*, membership card HB Chamber of Commerce, programs, postcards, Hampton based calendars - **Lane Memorial Library**

- Hampton Victory Garden Records, project director report on Hampton Beach Riots; Hampton School District Annual reports 1997-98, 1998-99, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2009-10; *1921 NH Coast Directory*; *1938-40 Exeter, Hampton and NH Coast Directory*; *The Descendants of John Emery Newbury, MA*; *Reverend John Tucke 1702-1773*; *Newington, NH Families in the Eighteenth Century*; *The History of Newbury, Newburyport and West Newbury*; *Sandwich, NH 1763-1990*; *Seven Generations of the Descendants of Aquila and Thomas Chase*; *Genealogy of the Descendants of John Clough* Vol. 1 & 2- **Lane Memorial Library**
- Dory oar, wooden scoop - **Susan Koster**
- Book *Founders of Early American Families* - **Gilbert Marston True**
- Woman's clothing - embroidered dress, petticoat, pantaloons - **Nan McDermott**
- Harold Fernald Local History Collection - 50 boxes - research, class materials, public speaking notes, memorabilia - **Harold Fernald**
- Colt revolver belonging to police chief Harry Munsey - **Ken Munsey**
- *NH Provincial and State Papers* (40 Vol) - **Portsmouth Athenaeum**
- Eldridge Lindsey Collection, Glyn Eastman Collection, program *Dedication of the Hampton Beach State Park Facility 1989*; collected history Hampton Buccaneers 1948-2013 - **H. Alfred Casassa**
- Photographs - Odd Fellow building demolition - **Douglass and Sally Hunter**
- Souvenir china (8 pieces), local postcards, land agreement 1749; Hampton Beach pennant, Reuben Lamprey barn watercolor and business advertisement; Bendmere Lodge brochure, Ashworth Hotel brochure; photograph of the U.S. Lifesaving Station, North Beach - **Greg Thurlander**
- Oral History Transcripts - Glyn Eastman, Partridge House, Horace (Bud) DesRochers, Irene Palmer, Fred Rice - **Bill Keating**
Oral History Coordinator
- 2014 Hampton town and school reports; HB Village District 2015 Session handouts; books *The Devil of Great Island*, *Death by Petticoat*; professional books: *Basic Condition Reporting*, *Exhibit Makeovers*, *Small Museum Toolkit: Interpretation*; photographs Collection and Research center renovations and move - **TM Collection Committee**

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HHS Programs and Events for 2016

HHS invites you to attend any and all of its programs and events for 2016. Six programs will take place April through November, and special holiday events will be held in December. Also, the Historical Society is sponsoring an **Authors at the Inn** booksigning event at the Victoria Inn in May. "History, Mystery, Legends and Lore" is the theme, and will feature Seacoast area authors in those genres.

Discussing the programs, Cheryl Lassiter, Program Committee Chair, said, "For 2016, our challenge was to provide a diverse set of programs that would highlight Hampton's connection to the greater Seacoast and New England Regions. To accomplish this, we cast our programming net both near and far, drawing on independent scholars and experts as well as offerings from the New Hampshire Humanities Council."

The 2016 line-up is as follows: J. Dennis Robinson's Treasures from the Isles of Shoals; Authors at the Inn - History, Mystery, Legends and Lore; Kevin Scarupa's Storms of the Seacoast; Karen Raynes and Cheryl Lassiter's History of Miss Hampton Beach; Matthew Thomas's Powder Houses of New England; Glenn Knoblock's Brewing in New Hampshire; and, back by popular demand, Ellen Goethel's Hampton Salt Marsh Walk.

"We've assembled a slate of fabulous speakers whose topics are sure to please just about everyone," Lassiter said. "We know it'll be hard to choose which program to attend. Our recommendation? Attend them all!"

For more info, visit our website

- **Sunday April 3, 4:00 pm**
History Book Club
- **Sunday April 10, 2:00 pm**
Treasures from the Isles of Shoals
- **Friday May 13, 6-9 pm**
Authors at the Inn
Victoria Inn, 430 High St, Hampton; free event
- **Tuesday June 7, 6:30 pm**
Storms of the Seacoast
Lane Library, 2 Academy Ave; free event
- **Thursday August 18, 6:30 pm**
History of Miss Hampton Beach
- **time, date TBA; early fall**
Hampton Salt Marsh Walk
- **Friday October 14, 6:30 pm**
HHS Annual Meeting
Program: Powder Houses of New England
- **Thursday November 3, 7:00 pm**
Brewing in New Hampshire
- **Friday December 2, 7:00 pm**
Hampton Tree Lighting
Marelli Square
- **Saturday December 3, 1:00 pm**
Hampton Christmas Parade
- **Sunday December 4, 1:00 pm**
HHS Holiday Open House

HHS Receives Award From DAR

On March 13, the Ranger Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented HHS with a **Historic Preservation Recognition Award** for its outstanding achievements in preserving objects of historic cultural significance and oral history.

HHS was recognized for its historic preservation efforts in the following areas: Documents and Photographs; Cemeteries, Collection Care, Records and Scrapbooks; Listing of Past and Present Local Businesses; and Oral Histories.



HHS President Candy Stellmach accepted the award from Tylene Jousse, Honorary Ranger Chapter Regent, on behalf of HHS volunteers.

State Senator Nancy Stiles and Hampton Board of Selectmen

Chairman Rick Griffin spoke in support of HHS's receipt of the award.

Tuck Museum Executive Director Betty Moore and HHS Trustee Kathy McLaughlin developed the application.



Jousse, McLaughlin, Stellmach, Stiles, Griffin

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