

GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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President's Report

Here's wishing you all a happy Thanksgiving, joyous December holidays, and a healthy New Year.

As we close one year and begin the next, I'd like to take a moment to thank Betty Moore for many years of service as our museum director. In recognition of her service, the Board voted in May to rename the "60's Wing" the "Betty Moore Exhibit Hall." Here you can find exhibits covering the almost 400-year history of our town. We are so fortunate that Betty will continue to "shepherd" our collection! See pictures at right showing the sign being presented to Betty and shown in place on the museum wall.

Looking over the events and changes of last year, I think we should all be pleased with the progress we've made with our reorganization. The Board of Trustees has stepped up and done a fine job. Our Program Committee, chaired by Patty O'Keefe, has kept us educated and entertained; our buildings are well-maintained, and our grounds were neat and colorful all summer long thanks to Gary Grashow and his crew; and Kathy McLaughlin and Rich Hureau have kept the membership and the Town well-informed of our activities.

Museum visitor and community response has been excellent; and clearly, that excellence is due to Lori Cotter and Deb Knowlton and their two committees. With Betty Moore at the helm of the Collection Committee, we've made some noteworthy additions to our collection. The financial success of this year's Pig Roast and other fundraising activities have been guided and tracked by our treasurer, Ed Baechtold, with the help of Ben Moore. And all of these activities have been identified and directed by our own "traffic cop," Mike Stiers. It truly is a lot of work, and with the addition of three new Board members (Paul Powell, Mike Compos, and Molly St. Jeanne) our loads will be a little lighter heading into the 2020 year.

In this coming fiscal year, we will be concentrating on filling out the subcommittees for our reorganization. This effort begins this month with a meeting, and the new, expanded organizational chart will be posted on our website on the About Us page. I ask the membership to review this chart to see where you might fit in to make our museum even better.

We do not customarily mention Board members leaving, but special note needs to be given to the retirement of Bob Dennett. He has been on the Board since 1988, making him the longest continuously serving Board member. For most of those 30+ years, he served as the Society's

treasurer. He has also been its president and, over the years, has written many articles for the newsletter. The trustees will miss his wisdom and his contributions. Although we wish him a fond farewell from the Board, we will be seeing him around the Green during many of the museum's activities.

Linda Metcalf President



Above, from left to right: Betty's sons Jason and Greg, Betty, Linda and Jim Metcalf.



Auditor Needed

The Society is in need of a volunteer to serve as the "auditor" for the year ended October 31, 2019. The job involves checking the financial reports to ensure that they are supported by sufficient records. It would probably require no more than 8 hours of your time. If you would like to volunteer, please send your contact information to Ed Baechtold by email to info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org.

Executive Director's Annual Report

This is the last report I will be making as the Executive Director. During the past two years the board and transition committee have been working in unison shaping a plan that incorporates the duties of the executive director into a committee-based organization, with board members acting as liaisons to each of the committees. This change takes time, but time well spent in getting things in order.

I feel privileged and humbled to have the main exhibit area of the museum named in my honor. Over my past 30 years of association with the society, I have worked with so many volunteers that have given their time and talent to the museum that I must give them thanks and credit for this tribute.

Much of my job has been absorbed by Trustees Lori Cotter, Rev. Deb Knowlton, and Mike Stiers. Lori has taken charge of the museum docents, non-student tours and the museum store. She and our lead guide, Elly Becotte, have formed a great team and as a newcomer, Lori is looking at things with a fresh perspective adding a burst of energy that is welcomed. Rev. Deb has jumped into community outreach, participating in programs within the community and looking at new ways to reach more people. She works with Patty O'Keefe and the Program and Education Committees. Deb's enthusiasm is contagious, and she is a pleasure to work with providing a connection between the HHS and the community. Mike Stiers is capably managing the administrative portion of my job. He is the clearing house as to who gets what as far as mail, inquiries, purchases and is skillfully handling the behind the scenes activities of the museum.

Change is good - it forces us to look at things from a new perspective and take advantage of new opportunities. President Linda Metcalf has done a great job of moving us in the right direction.

I am impressed with the level of commitment, creativity and caring of those I have the pleasure of working with. I especially thank my husband, Ben, who has worked with me on so many projects. I look forward to being part of the new process as the organization evolves into something even stronger!

Betty Moore

Visitor Services and Museum Outreach Committee

We are a new committee with two main responsibilities. Firstly, we connect with our lovely docents who give their all in making sure visitors have a wonderful tour of our museum and facilities. A huge thank you goes out to Elly Becotte, Christine Dalbec, Deb Knowlton, Sammi Moe, Sandy Ciolfi, Bill and Carol Keating, Carol Angelari, and, of course, Betty and Ben Moore for rising to the call to assist our museum visitors.

We are continually training for new docents...if you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact Tuck Museum or stop by. We had close to 300 visitors from across the US walk through Tuck Museum for tours and do research this

March through September, the highlights being members of the Tuck family, Bachiler/Batchelder family, Seacoast Scene writers and NHPR radio staff, as well as Hampton Academy 8th graders.

Secondly, our museum outreach assists with answering calls/emails to the museum about genealogy questions, mailing online purchases, answering State of NH curriculum questions, and organizing community group visits to the museum. Two upcoming visits will be the Questers group and the Kittery Rec. Dept. We thank the membership for supporting what we do best, sharing Hampton history!

Lori Cotter

Education Committee

In the spring of 2019, approximately 140 first graders attended our Goodie Moulton (traveling trunk) and Ox Cart Man programs portrayed by Pat O'Keefe. Thanks to Betty, Sammi and Bill for your assistance with these.

In June we hosted 140 3rd graders at the museum for Museum Day - perfect day! Thank you volunteers! Unfortunately, our Pine Grove Cemetery Day with them was rained out.

Betty also did programs at the museum with school classes from North Hampton, and Lori Cotter guided a group of Hampton Walkers through Pine Grove.

On Ocotober 22, Pat, Betty and Sammi did a mini museum tour with Sarah Cropper's 2nd graders from Sacred Heart.

Pat O'Keefe

Membership Committee

Membership dues and additional donations in our annual appeal continue to contribute significantly to our operating budget. Currently, there are 407 members on our mailing list. Of these, 120 are Life members, 13 are Complimentary members (such as other historical societies), and 274 are dues-paying Family, Senior, Senior Couple, Individual, and Business members. The renewal rate this year was 75%. In addition, of the total membership, 18 are new members this year.

Many members (including Life members) contribute additional funds for the operating expenses of the Society; in fact, this year additional donations exceeded dues by almost two to one! Altogether, dues and donations exceeded \$12,700. We thank you very much.

The 2019/2020 Annual Appeal begins in November. Please be on the lookout for the mailing. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Jim Metcalf

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A New Turner Painting at the Tuck Museum!

The Tuck Museum has acquired a new addition to its collection of paintings by Charles Henry Turner. We purchased this painting on Ebay and received it on Nov. 6. Turner is one of Hampton's most noteworthy painters (1848 - 1908). Born in Newburyport in 1848, Turner grew up in Hampton, raised by his grandparents William and Theodate Goss at their home at the intersection of Lafayette Road and Watson's Lane.



The painting, shown at left, is somewhat smaller than our others, being just 9" by 12" (15" x 18" with frame), but when you consider that one whole room of the Tuck Museum is called the "Charles Henry Turner Room" (with 7 paintings), you'll understand the considerable enthusiasm about this acquisition among our volunteers and docents. A new Turner! Almost as exciting as being threatened by a Viking on Meeting House Green!



Our research has found that the painting is called *Hampton Mill* and is dated c. 1886. It is oil on canvas.

The series of events that led to this purchase is kind of interesting. HHS Trustee Mike Stiers is in charge of checking emails that come into our info@ email address. A recent one caught his eye because attached to it was a small image of one of our Turner paintings (our *Gundalow Near Hampton Landing*, 1889, shown below), which had been captured from our website. Why would someone be sending us such an email? Mike forwarded it to me.

It turned out to be a request from a TV producer in London who works for the National Geographic Society on the documentary series *Drain the Oceans*. She was interested in our painting for use in an episode of the series about the American Revolution, and was requesting a high resolution image of it and permission to use it. How cool is that! So after I recovered my composure, I sent her the image and the permission (for a small fee for HHS), which is how we usually handle such requests (although it's not like we get a lot of requests from such heavy hitters as the National Geographic Society!).

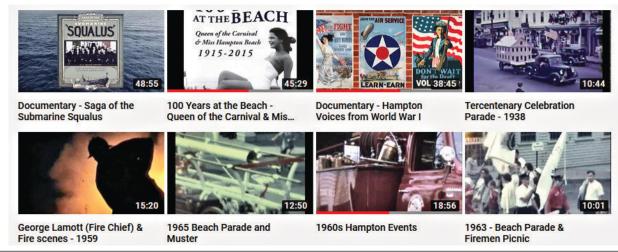
Meanwhile, it got Mike Stiers, who is an Ebay enthusiast, wondering if there are any Turner paintings on Ebay. Mike is a relatively recent member of HHS and this was the first time he even considered such an idea. So he did a search and found the new painting we wound up buying.



I don't know exactly when the "Drain the Oceans" episode will be completed and whether it will actually have our painting in it, but if/when it is finished, we'll let you know. If you look at the website for the show, there are episodes about the Spanish Armada, Nazi Killer U-boats, and "Lost Nukes of the Cold War." Um, Gundalows? Well, if that's what they're looking for now, we're the people to see about a nice painting! Come to the museum yourself and see our Turner paintings in person.

Rich Hureau

Now Showing on the HHS YouTube Channel!



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2018 - 2019 Volunteers Over 300 Hours

Mike Garland Jim Metcalf Betty Moore Rich Hureau Ben Moore Karen Raynes

100 - 299 Hours

Ed Baechtold Bill Keating Liz Premo
Eleanor Becotte Carol Keating Chet Riley
Lori Cotter Linda Metcalf Diane Riley
Gary Grashow Kathy McLaughlin

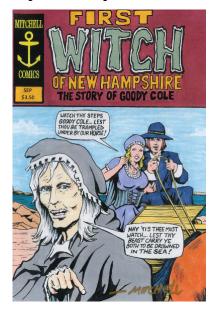
25 - 99 Hours

Carol AngelariWhit HansenPatty O'KeefeMike ComposDeb KnowltonMichael StiersChristine DalbecCheryl LassiterPriscilla ThoenBob DennettDyana MartinBarbara TosianoMary ErtlSammi MoeKate Pratt

Other Volunteers

Tracy Emerick Elizabeth Aykroyd Mindy Messmer Ron Frigon Gary Martin Douglas Aykroyd Janet Gilman Regina Barnes Jason Moore Paul Powell Rob Bauer Lisa Grashow Nancy Brady Gloria Robinson Rick Griffin Pat Bushway Dave Hardy Sam Robinson Ann Carnaby Amy Hansen Tom Sherman Mary Casey Tom Henley Joshua Silveira Blake Chichester Ann Justin Helen Smith Sandra Ciolfi Kathe Lobdell Nancy Stiles Skip Webb **Andrew Cossar** Ken Lobdell Renny Cushina Tom Loughman Chuck Weinhold Margaret Dennett Marie Matthews Karen Weinhold **Bud Desrochers** Patty Wiser Mark McFarlin Lois Desrochers Mary McLaughlin Jane Wright

Now on sale at the Tuck Museum store the Story of Goody Cole comic book!



Board of Trustees, Officers, and Committee Chairs. 2019-20

Officers

President - Linda Metcalf Vice President - Kate Pratt Secretary - Mike Stiers Treasurer - Ed Baechtold

Trustees

Michael Compos Lori Cotter Gary Grashow Rich Hureau Deborah Knowlton Ben Moore Paul Powell Molly St. Jeanne

Committees and Chairpersons

Collections - Betty Moore
Education - Pat O'Keefe
Pig Roast - TBA
Membership - Ben Moore
Buildings and Grounds - Gary Grashow
Audit - TBA
Nominating Committee - Mike Stiers
Publicity - Kathy McLaughlin
Communications - Rich Hureau
Programs - Pat O'Keefe
Oral History - Bill Keating
StEPs Evaluation - Karen Raynes

Business members

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

234 Lafayette Road Realty, LLC 401 Tavern, LLC Atlantic Motel Bearing Point Wealth Partners, Inc. Bison Nuclear, Inc. Casassa Law Office Cornerstone at Hampton Eccentric Hair Edward Jones - Hampton Galley Hatch Restaurant, Inc. Hampton Beach Casino, Inc. Kingfish Trolley Lines, LLC Krieger and Company CPA's Northeast Auctions Preston Real Estate QA Technology Company, Inc. Remick & Gendron Funeral Home & Crematory RLSafeHome Robert Dennett The Troiano Wealth Advisory Group Tobey & Merrill Insurance Tracy Theatre Originals Unitil Corp.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 12 months ended October 31, 2019 Unaudited

Operating Account

Revenues, Gains, Other Support

Dues	4,560
Donations - unrestricted	10,049
Museum Gift Shop Sales	1,820
Fundraising	30,536
Interest and Investment	19,202
Endowment Funds income	2,129
Programs & Other	220
Total Revenues and Support	68,516
penses and Losses	
Tuck Museum Program	1,879

Buildings and Grounds	16,205
Public Programs	556
Publicity and Website	395
Membership & Newsletters	2,024
Fundraising expenses	5,083
Gift shop purchases	507
Management and General	1207
Technology	807
Total Expenses	28,663

39.853 **Change in Unrestricted Net Assets**

Restricted donations received	50
Restricted donations expended	0
Net change in liquid assets	39,903
Liquid Assets, Beginning of Year	178,620
Liquid Assets, End of Period	218,523

Treasurer's Report

Membership dues and donations, along with good fundraising results and solid investment income, allowed us to have an excellent year. We maintain our solid financial strength.

Ed Baechtold

Audit Committee

Thanks go to Andrew Cossar for his services as auditor for the financial statements of the Society. In an effort to share our financial results with the membership and public, our IRS filing, Form 990, will be available on the web site, www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org.

Building and Grounds Committee Report

In 2018 the front porch was completely renovated by volunteers Ben Moore, Mike Stiers, Michael Compos, and Gary Grashow. This year they applied their efforts to painting the porch and did an outstanding job.

Annual maintenance was performed on the heating and air-conditioning systems.

Even though the museum was closed during the winter months, plenty of snow shoveling was needed to keep the building accessible.

A work party was held in August where helpers attended to painting, storm door repair and maintenance.

The bathroom toilets were replaced with new watersaving comfort height models. A sillcock was replaced.

Special thanks to Karen Raynes, Betty and Ben Moore who keep the grounds looking so nice.

More volunteers are needed; please consider donating some of your time and effort to our projects. Contact Gary Grashow at ggrashow@grashow.com.

Respectfully Submitted, Gary Grashow

Communications Committee Report



The major development for this year was the establishment of our YouTube Channel. On it you will find the 3 documentaries HHS has created (Hampton Voices From WWI; 100 Years

at the Beach; Saga of the Submarine Squalus) plus old videos from a variety of Hampton events over the years (e.g. the 1938 Tercentenary parade). See our website Home page for a link or scan the QR Code at right with your tablet or smartphone.

As usual, numerous email reminders were sent out for all events that occurred during the year, plus History Book Club "start reading this book" alerts and meeting reminders. Most of this info is gathered and written in appropriate format by Kathy McLaughlin, our publicity guru. Liz Premo keeps our Facebook area up-to-date, using info from Kathy and sometimes other sources.

Rich Hureau

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Calendar of Events - Tentative Schedule

Dates and times subject to change

December 6 - Join us at 6:30p.m. in Marelli Square for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Sample the famous HHS molasses cookies.

The museum is closed from December 20 – March 20. Check www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org for winter/spring schedule. Also open by appointment.

April 16 at 6:30 p.m. - Celebrate National Poetry Month with Hampton Academy students; Local poets' and students' readings and works. Tuck Hall.

May 7 at 7 p.m. - Plant Propagation: Heirloom, Heritage, and Manufactured Seeds with Bill Keating, Master Gardener; Tuck Hall.

June 6 & 7 - Viking Weekend 2020. Visit the Draugar Vinlands encampment on the museum grounds; learn about Viking lifestyle, customs, and culture; and watch demonstrations of skill. 10-4 Saturday and Sunday; schedule of daily events to follow. Back by request (see page 8 for pictures from last summer's event).

June 25 7 p.m. - "Untold Stories of Hampton Women of the Past"; Rev. Deb Knowlton, Coordinator. Tuck Hall.

July 18 at 10 a.m. - Guided Tour of Pine Grove Cemetery; RSVP requested. \$10/adults; students 8 and up free. Not recommended for small children or those with mobility issues due to the uneven ground. Refreshments to follow at the Congregational Church. 603-929-0781.

August 29 - Noon - 2:30 p.m.; 19th Annual HHS Pig Roast — On the grounds of the Tuck Museum; great food, silent auction, 50-50 raffle; biggest fundraising event of the year for the Society. \$20 adults/\$10 students.

September 24 at 6:30 p.m. - "History of the Isle of Shoals" with Jen Seavey, UNH Marine Lab. Tuck Museum.

October 15 at 6:30 p.m.; HHS annual meeting and program "The Traveling Trunk," Betty Moore, Collection Manager, presenter. Short business meeting with speaker to follow. Tuck Museum.

November - NH Humanities Program - details to follow.

For help with our school programs that are held in April and May 2020 contact Patty O'Keefe beachwalkers404@msn.com.

Community Engagement Committee Report

This is my first report as the new chair of the Community Engagement Committee, a position that is one of the many "pie slices" that has been served out to board members from the whole pie that Betty Moore has been faithfully and devotedly serving to the community for nearly a decade. Thank you, Betty, for all your amazing years - we new folks don't know how you ever did all of this! Because this was a year of transition, many of the events described in this annual report were coordinated by Betty and others before this task became part of my portfolio.

Looking back to November of 2018, I think back to one of the Tuck's favorite community engagement activities - that of sharing cookies and hot drinks at the Hampton tree lighting. We did what we do best - baked delicious molasses cookies and shared them with many of the over 700 participants in that event.

Our December Open House for HHS volunteers followed before we closed the Museum for the winter - another gracious, delicious, neighbor gathering.

Spring arrived, and so did increased confidence as more persons assumed positions in the new structure and began to undertake their new duties. Mary Casey, a graduate student, spent time doing research at the Museum, aided by Lori Cotter, Betty and others and then we shared a sweet evening, learning about "Bee Keeping in NH" from Joe Marttila. The presentation of the Squalus video at the Lane library in June packed the room with SRO, and broad appreciation was expressed for the professional and informative presentation of this historic event. (More to come in Fall)

July and August brought planning for the Pig Roast which was a wonderful community event - one which brought in more than anticipated in needed funding but also a robust opportunity for neighbors to spend time with neighbors on a lovely summer afternoon.

The fall has included a night with a Girl Scout troop using the space, hosted by Betty and Ben; a Viking reenactment; presentations at the United Methodist Church about the history of Hampton and Hampton's African American residents; as well as the first get-together with Dean Merrill toward planning the 100th anniversary of the Tobey Merrill Insurance Agency. We stand poised to welcome the Queen at our annual meeting - closing out an amazing year.

Tuck Museum has much to offer Hampton residents and we look forward to next year with the expectation that our engagements with the community can be every bit as lively and informing in ways that make us all grateful for roots in this "place of the whispering pines."

Respectfully submitted, Deb Knowlton

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HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 10TH 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 by President Linda Metcalf.

Minutes of the October 18th 2018 Annual Meeting- Secretary Kate Pratt

It was noted that the minutes are published on page 3 of the Annual Meeting Report. Discussion- none - Moved by Ben Moore to accept the minutes as presented, second Chet Riley. Motion passed unanimously.

President Linda Metcalf pointed out that Betty Moore has stepped down as Executive Director. She has held that position for over 20 years. She still will remain engaged with the museum and HHS. The HHS Trustees are in the process of taking on the continuing responsibility of the operation of the museum.

In May the board voted to name the 60's wing at the Tuck Museum of Hampton History the "The Betty Moore Exhibit Hall". A sampler with her name will hang in the hall.

President Metcalf reported the HHS trustees that are leaving the board this year:

Kathy McLaughlin stepped down in April. Paul Powell completed the rest of her term. Kathy still does the publicity for HHS. **Blake Chichester** stepped down. Jim Metcalf completed his term.

Rick Griffin has been on the HHS board since 2010. He served as vice-president and is a key player at the Pig Roast for being in charge of the 50/50 raffle. He is a Hampton Selectman.

Dyana Martin has been on the board since 2004. She was the director of the Hampton Parks and Recreation Department, retiring this year. She has been the chair of the HHS Pig Roast since 2013.

Karen Raynes has been on the board since 2010. She was vice- president and secretary.

Nominating Committee Chairman Mike Stiers was introduced and noted the other committee members: Lori Cotter, Jim Metcalf, Lisa Grashow and Betty Moore.

Gary Grashow & Paul Powell will remain on the board: Gary for 3 year term, Paul filling out a 1 year term. Two new members were nominated; Business owner (Wicked Flannel) **Molly St. Jeanne** and **Michael Compos**. Terms to expire 2023.

Betty Moore moved to accept slate, Gary Grashow second, all approved.

It was noted that all who stepped down will still remain engaged with HHS/Tuck Museum.

Volunteers for nominating committee in 2020 are Lisa Grashow and Jim Metcalf. Ben moved to accept, Chet Riley second, all approved.

President Linda asked all Trustees to meet after presentation. Linda moved to adjourn the meeting, second Jim Metcalf; all approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Chairman of the Programs Committee Pat O'Keefe was introduced; mentioning the next HHS program is "Squalus Sunday" at the Tuck Museum with producers Karen Raynes & Mike Garland showing and discussing the documentary video "Saga of the Submarine Squalus" November 10th 2019 1-4p.m. (movie shown 2-3 p.m.).

Pat introduced the evenings program "A Visit with Queen Victoria" by Sally Mummey, a NH Humanities presentation to the sounds of "God Save the Queen" and the Queens entrance with her "guard."

Submitted by Secretary Karen Raynes

Mission

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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Pig Roast 2019 Report

The Hampton Historical Society hosted their annual Southern Style Pig Roast again this past August 24th. The day was as always, a memorable one. The skies were blue and the air was warm. The menu included roast pork, applesauce, homemade baked beans, salads, brown bread and rolls, two special BBQ sauces—and lots of homemade desserts! There was also hot dogs and burgers on the grill for those that are not partial to pork.

The entertainment was the famous and fabulous BillyBilly Band that has become a staple at the event. This year we also had Ron Frigon with his antique popcorn machine giving away delicious popcorn to everyone at the event, and as always, there was a wonderful silent auction full of great products and of course the 50/50 raffle!

This event takes a team to put together and it is always worth it.....every job is fun! From those that start their shifts months in advance preparing for the Pig Roast to those that start their shifts at dark—lighting the fire, cooking the pork overnight, to those that work day of cutting the pork, setting up the tables and tents, decorating, collecting auction items, collecting food and ice, setting up the lawn, working the grill or serving lines, taking photos, manning the silent auction or the dessert tables, selling the raffle tickets or cleaning up in the end-they are all important jobs that make the event as special as it is every year. Special thanks to everyone that took part in the 2019 Hampton Historical Society Annual Southern Style Pig Roast.....as always it was a wonderful and fun filled event for the volunteers and the community.

Also special thanks to our sponsors this year—Newburyport Bank, Middleton Building Supply, and Tobey and Merrill Insurance—we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for supporting our biggest fundraiser of the year! Thank you to all the volunteers—you make this special every year and thank you to all that attended the event—we hope you had an enjoyable time and hope to see you all again next year!

Dyana Martin HHS Pig Roast Chairman







Vikings on Meetinghouse Green!

Drauger Vinlands, a Viking historical reenactment and living history group based out of Exeter, NH, took part in Viking Weekend on Sept.7-8, 2019. The images below show some of the their activities. Draugar Vinlands is dedicated to the accurate portrayal of culture and combat during Viking-age Scandinavia. They will be making a return visit this upcoming summer, from June 6-7, 2020. We think you'll enjoy their performances and accurate lifestyle reenactments, so be sure to mark your calendars!













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