



# GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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## The President's Report

The final weeks of 2003 were devoted to the heating and air conditioning system installation. The contractor, Palmer & Sicard did a great job and the cold snap that we have experienced in early 2004 has not overly challenged the system, we made it without a frozen water line. The new system provides an even comfort level throughout the building. With a humidity control feature that will be installed in the future and with the air conditioning to be provided in the summer the collection, visitors and volunteers will be much more comfortable.

High winds in early November were not as easy to deal with and we have a roof repair project that heads our New Year's resolution list. Part of the cost will be covered by insurance and the rest will come from the treasury. The bathroom and ramp project is still on the list for 2004 but we are facing a much higher cost than we had foreseen. We are seeking some donations now for those projects.

In addition to the building improvements, the other goal for 2004 is the creation of a strategic plan for the Society and Museum. Tracy Emerick has agreed to lead us in this work. We look forward to incorporating the knowledge from the two assessment programs and the input of the Trustees, members and volunteers into a workable plan for the future.

The MAP III Public Dimension self-assessment phase has now been completed under the leadership of Elizabeth Aykroyd. The peer review team will be completing the second half of the project sometime in late spring or early summer.

We have the Program calendar set up for 2004 as is detailed elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter. We trust you will find the programs educational and entertaining, and that you will support the fundraising events and attend the social gatherings.

We are doing a great deal of work with a small group of dedicated volunteers on a shoestring of a budget. More support from the members is always needed and welcomed. Tasks and skills are many and varied; from research to grounds work and I encourage you to get involved. We also need to expand our membership; one of the best ways to introduce your neighbors and friends to the Society is to invite them to one of our programs or to visit the Museum with them. Give it a try.



### **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.

## Executive Director's Report

It's great to be able to read Ben's President's report before writing mine so we don't write the same thing (and mine can be shorter.)

The new heating system **is** wonderful. What Ben didn't mention is that we were still cleaning and moving cases behind the installers the day before our December open house. But, you would have never known it the night of the event. The museum looked festive thanks to the loan of a collection of Annalee dolls that belonged to Nancy Desrochers. Elizabeth Aykroyd was in charge of the transformation with help from Catherine Fletcher and Sammi Moe and Ben Moore. Percy Annis and Doug Aykroyd set up their train sets for the holiday display, which entertained both children and adults. Due to our space limitations, I was in charge of turning the "office with a sink" as I call it, into a catering center and then back again into a workspace. Just like home - you only have so many places to hide things - the trick is to remember where you put them once they

are tucked away. The Trustees outdid themselves with refreshments and it was a lovely evening!

In January the work parties started once again. It's great to see progress being made. Our main focus has been on cataloguing the collection, but now we are getting to some interesting projects - researching favorite topics, developing finding aids, indexing the scrapbook collection, organizing the schoolbooks - and just having fun. We meet Wednesday mornings from 9:30 noon and Thursday afternoon from 1-4 PM. Stop by if you want to see us in action.

Because of the new heating system ductwork in the 1960s wing, cases had to be emptied and walls exhibits removed. We determined now is the perfect time to rearrange the museum. This winter we will be deciding how to tell Hampton's story with more graphics and "punch". All ideas welcome.

Betty Moore

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## ***Programs and Events 2004***

- February 15      Sunday, 2 pm      Loren Smith    "Colonial Furniture Design"  
 Location - Congregational Church, Winnacunnet Rd  
 Date February 22 – call museum to confirm
- March 23      Tuesday, 7 pm      Chet Riley    "Preserving and Restoring Old Barns"  
 Location: ~~Tuck Museum 40 Park Avenue~~ **Congregational Church,**  
 Winnacunnet Rd
- April 17      Saturday, 6 pm      Pot Luck Supper at the Congregational Church  
 Location: 1st Congregational Church, 127 Winnacunnet Road  
 Speaker- Ann Morton    "Tracing a Local Family"
- May 22      Saturday 8am – 1pm    Yard Sale Fundraiser – Tuck Museum  
 Start saving now!
- May 25      Tuesday 7 pm      Ring Swamp Cemetery Tour
- June      Cooperative programming with Lane Memorial Library, details in future newsletters
- July 25      Sunday 1- 4 pm      Ice Cream Social at the Tuck Museum
- August 7      Saturday 9-3 pm      Rockingham County Craftsmen Fair  
 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 12-3pm      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 17      Sunday, 2 pm      Annual Meeting of the Society at the Tuck Museum  
 Speaker – Ray Drapeau "Walking Through History With Coins"

Check local papers, cable channel or call the museum to confirm times and location.  
 Send us your e-mail address, and we'll notify you of upcoming events.  
[info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org)

## Master Craftsman to Speak

On Sunday, February 15, at 2 p.m. Master craftsman, Loren Smith, will present a program discussing colonial furniture design. This interesting program will include a wood carving demonstration. Loren is the owner of Loren Smith Woodworking in New Durham, NH. Mr. Smith teaches seminars at UNH and has done many demonstrations at Strawberry Banke Museum.

The program will be held at the Congregational Church on Winnacunnet Road. A snow date has been set for February 22. If weather seems questionable, call the museum at 929-0781 for confirmation.

## Love Old Barns?

Congregational Church

On Tuesday, March 23 at 7 pm at the ~~Tuck Museum~~, Chet Riley will share with us his experiences in the art of barn restoration. A resident of Hampton for over 35 years, Chet recently spent 3 years restoring a 200-year-old barn on his property on Exeter Road. In the restoration process, Chet became aware of the importance of barns in our local history.

His talk will include: how construction technologies help us date the age of a barn; what we can do to save our old farm buildings, and why it is important. He'll also explain preservation easements {RSA 79D} and how they work to keep our old barns part of the community.

Chet will discuss resources available to barn owners along with a request to initiate a barn survey in Hampton. This promises to be a very informative talk.



One of the many Hampton post cards to be found on Ebay.  
But where was the Merrimac House?

## Additions to the Collection mid 2002-2003

- "Five Generations of Estow-Hobbs Family" and souvenir china: candlestick Congregational Church, candlestick Elmfield, chocolate pot Hampton Academy, teacup and saucer Hampton Academy, teacup and saucer First Baptist Church gift of Helen Hobbs
- "Returned Heroes" 1919, panoramic photographs from the Portsmouth Athenaeum
- 1856 tax valuation Hampton, 1877 receipt Lane Store, bill of Daniel Hobbs, Congregational Church Manual and other papers of Isabel Hobbs Calwell- gift of Judith Parker
- From Ansell Palmer a memorial flag used at Purple Heart ceremony of Rita Palmer, and copies of Simon Nudd Lamprey's Civil War letters
- "Old Home Week Chronicle" Vol. 1 No. 1 1904 gift of Judy Colin
- Photographs of Richard Nixon at Hampton Beach 1952 from Judy DuBois
- Eleanor Young gave a campfire girl necklace and uniform, Hampton Academy baseball jersey, and Kodak Brownie camera C 1930
- Exeter, Hampton and Amesbury Railway pickaxe and Argus 35mm camera and case was donated by Bruce Aquizap
- Bernie and Betsy Dunbrack gave a photo album of the 350th celebration and a "Hampton Trivia" game
- Simon Lamprey Account book came from Linda Ross Romboletti
- Joyce Houle gifted a two-man saw
- Patricia Triggs Weeks donated a collection of information regarding the schools (graduation programs, invitations, ephemera, catalogs, exhibitions, "Academia" magazines, compositions, "The Trumpet " magazines) information and pictures of Adeline Marston, Helen Hayden, Dr. Pierson, 19th century town reports, Goody Cole doll
- From Harold Fernald and Pat Triggs Weeks school displays and programs came basketball shorts, football jersey, information relating to Goody Cole, collection of schoolbooks and publications, collection of merit certificates, North Primary School report, photograph of Lamies Tavern
- Author Robert Wallace Blake gave a copy of "Bayonets and Bougainvilleas"
- Photographs of Hampton Academy addition from Joe Hammond
- Pat Doland gave photographs of the 350th parade
- Lucy Dow's "The Beautiful Place of Pines" gift of Sandra Orchel
- From Nat Figuruers came photographs of school classes, 1916 town valuation, pew receipt First Congregational Society 1844, dance card Soldiers Welcome Ball 1916, rules and regulations of the Exeter and Hampton Street Railway, Horace E Hobbs business cards/taxi service
- Two painted signs of the Hampton Town seal from the Hampton Garden Club
- Hampton Water Works hat and mug gift of Ruth Stimson
- Two Salty Marsh Garden Club Scrapbooks through Bob Wallace
- Nightstick and policeman's rain hood and hat belonging to Elroy Shaw from John McEachern
- From Carol Felter we received copies of the Page Family Papers, letters to Susan Page, copy of John Page diary 1857, history of the Page homestead
- Hampton Academy oak school desk from John and Connie Holman
- 4 postcards - Odd Fellows Block, Shady Lawn, Lane Memorial Library and Carnival Week donated by Hampton Falls Historical Society

### Email Addresses Wanted

How often do you find out about an event you would have liked to attend **after** the fact? Send your email address to [info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org) and we'll help manage one small part of your busy schedule. We'll send you a reminder before each of our upcoming programs and events.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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*Loren Smith*  
2 pm Congregational Church
  
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**BARNs”** *Chet Riley*  
7 pm Tuck Museum
  
- April 17         **“TRACING A LOCAL FAMILY” & Pot**  
**Luck Supper** *Ann Morton*  
6 pm Congregational Church
  
- May 22            Yard Sale Fundraiser  
8 am - 2 pm Tuck Museum  
Start Saving Now
  
- May 25            Ring Swamp Cemetery Tour  
7 pm

**For information about the programs for 2004  
see page 3.**

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