



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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BARN RAISING

We have begun the construction process for raising the barn. A building permit has been issued, two trees that were on the site have been removed and the survey work for the lay out of the foundation has been completed. Jack Dion will install the foundation and floor as soon as the excavation work is complete. Vic Lessard has begun the excavation work.

Oak pegs are being made by Dave DeGagne and Chet Riley and Dave will be repairing and replacing timbers as necessary this summer and fall. While it is still possible that the barn can be raised this year a more realistic time schedule may be in the spring and summer of 2006.

Fund raising is still of extreme importance; we can not start the raising unless we know that the money is in place to seal the frame from the weather. We wanted to show progress and we will complete the foundation and floor but monies are still needed to roof and side the barn.

We continue to seek donations to the Barn project; we are about half way to our goal of \$60,000. Donations received since our last newsletter are listed below. All donations over \$100 will be acknowledged on a permanent plaque in the barn. Listed below are the donations we have received since May 2005.

Donations of \$100

Kimball Auto Enterprises, Inc.
Larry & Debbie Marsolais
Sara Rhoades
Grant & Beth Seaverns
Gerald D. Sterritt
Troop 177 BSA
Bill & Nenita Winkley
Eleanor Young

Other donations

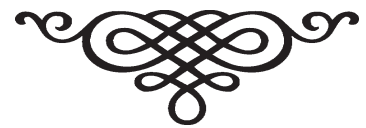
Glenn French
Linda Quinn
Rosemarie Schwartz

If you want to be a part of the construction team please call or email Ben Moore (926-2543; BFMoore@comcast.net). Donations to the barn project can be sent to the Society at PO Box 1601, Hampton 03843-1601.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Hampton Historical Society will be held on Sunday, October 16 at 2 pm at the Tuck Museum. At that time Trustees will be voted on by the membership.

The speaker will be Frank Wood, co-owner of DeWolfe and Wood, a rare book business in Alfred, Maine. He will talk about the Care of Old Books and Works of Art on Paper. We met Frank when he came to look at some of our duplicate books a year or so ago. He started selling rare and used books on a part time basis in the 1970s and went full time in 1991. One of DeWolfe and Wood's specialties are Shaker books as Frank had worked at the Sabbath Day Lake Shaker Community. Their store in Alfred has over 100,000 books, postcards and paper items. After the program Frank has offered to do a quick appraisal of items brought in by the audience. Should be an interesting afternoon! Refreshments will be served.



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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we approach autumn I hope everyone had a great summer. I love the fall and all it has to offer. Beautiful colors, kids going back to school, and of course our annual pig roast fundraiser! Please read the article about this event and plan to join us. It is always a good time and great food! And don't forget the annual meeting on Oct. 16, at 2:00 p.m. We will be having a program, "Care of Books and Works on Paper " by Frank Wood. Come find out how to care for those important documents, books and pictures, the happenings at Tuck Museum, and HHS news.

And speaking of kids returning to school, we can always use help with our school programs. We will be having the first graders from Center school coming to see us in October for "The Ox Cart Man" program, and in November we will take the traveling history trunk into see the second grade classes. Please give me a call if you are interested in helping us with these, or any programs. We offer full training and always enjoy the kids. Everyone is welcome to volunteer!

We have had many new members join the Society this past year, thanks to Ben

Moore who headed up a new member drive! We now have well over 500 members. I am looking forward to meeting many of you. Volunteer opportunities abound, but we also like to see you at our events and programs, or enjoying the museum. We appreciate your support through your dues and donations, and if you have the time to volunteer for a one time event or on a regular basis that's great! If your schedule does not permit for some volunteer time, please say hello to us anyway. We truly do understand and there is never any pressure.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter, and find it informative. If you would like to read it online in an effort to save some mailing costs and a few trees, please visit our website at www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org, and let us know by emailing us at:

info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org. Be sure we have your email address, and we will let you know when a new newsletter is online.

Thanks everyone! See you soon. Now read on to gather all the information you need to make the most of your HHS membership!

Sammi Moe

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Volunteerism is at an all time high this summer. It couldn't be the addition of air conditioning, could it? I know on some of these hot summer days working at the museum moves to the top of my "To Do" list! More likely it is the fact that there are so many things happening here we keep energizing each other.

The Trustees approved the purchase of a new computer (our first). We have been setting it up this week. With all the scanning and other work that we are doing it is so nice to have cutting edge technology that works as it should.

Between the Pig Roast and all the programs that are coming up in the next few months there should be something for everyone.

Betty Moore

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Suzanne Cloutier
Virginia & Robert Collins
Connelly Communications,
Inc.
Robert & Velma Drinwater
Mary Alyce Knightly
Vic Lessard
Kelley & Alan McLean
Penny & James Parsons
Hannelore Roesch
Dede & Mike Smith

AUGUST "HAPPENINGS"

Sunday August 21 –Book signing at Tuck Museum 2-4pm – see separate article

Monday August 22 - The Hampton Community Band led by WHS music director, Tony Cyrus, will be performing on the grounds of the Tuck Museum from 7-8pm. The band is made up of musicians of all ages from the seacoast area and they play a variety of music that appeals to everyone. It's a lawn chair and blanket evening (you could even bring a picnic). You'll see your friends and neighbors and know why you live in a small town. The museum will be open.

Tuesday August 23 - Patricia Aveni will present a program on The History of Dolls. Many of you know her because she is the owner of the Dover Doll Clinic-where she has been tending to dolls for over 30 years. The program starts at 6:30pm and is suitable for families. We will have some of our own dolls on display.

Saturday August 27 – Tour of Seacoast Historical Societies- see separate article.

PIG ROAST TIME AGAIN!

The 4th annual Southern Style Pig Roast will be held on the grounds of the Tuck Museum Saturday, September 17 from 12-3 pm. Entertainment by Yvonne's Music Factory, a siler auction and 50/50 raffle are part of the fun. This has become a real community event and is the main fundraiser to benefit the Tuck Museum.

Besides the pork, which is cooked to perfection overnight by Cliff Pratt and crew, an array of salads, baked beans and desserts are available along with two secret BBQ sauces. Stop by Friday evening as the cooking begins for the pre-roast celebration.

Tickets are \$20 - children 12 and under with a parent are free. Tickets are available at the Tuck Museum, Colt News, Lane Library, the Recreation Department at Town Hall or through Catherine Fletcher at 926-0124. Don't miss the fun!

Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, cleanup and bake for the dessert table. If you have a couple of hours to give that afternoon, please contact Betty Moore at 926-2543.

SALT MARSH WALKING TOUR

October is the perfect time of year to enjoy one of Hampton's treasures- our salt marsh. Once again naturalist and marine biologist, Ellen Goethel, has volunteered to guide us through the marsh talking about the history and ecology of this valuable resource. The tour is scheduled for Saturday, October 1. The rain date is October 2.

We will meet at 2 pm at the Tuck Museum, where we will show some of the tools that were used in haying at the marsh and some of our Turner oil paintings of farmers working on the marsh. From there we will carpool down to the starting point of the tour. Wear appropriate attire, as it can be wet, and be ready to have a fascinating afternoon. This opportunity only comes up every few years, so try to join us.

**ASSOCIATION OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
ROUND ROBIN BUS TOUR**

On Saturday, August 27 starting at 9:00 a.m. the AHSNH will be hosting a bus tour of the Historical Societies on the seacoast. The Tuck Museum will be the second stop on the tour, at about 10:00 a.m. The group will be having coffee with us, touring the museum and grounds, and talking with us about what we do and who we are as a historical society. If you would like to meet folks from other historical societies please plan to join us for an hour or so. The group will be starting in Concord with a pick up in Raymond, then beginning the touring in Rye. They will then come to Hampton, Hampton Falls, Exeter, (bring your lunch), Stratham, and back to Rye before departing for home. If you would like to join the group and visit the various societies involved please call Linda Day at 753-9846 for more information and reservations. You can also email Linda at lindaday@historicalsocietiesnh.org, or visit their website at www.historicalsociety.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are the backbone of any organization, and ours is no different. We are fortunate to have many volunteers who are willing to assist with the various tasks that keep HHS running. Over the years we have grown and evolved into an important community asset in so many ways. The local schools depend on us to aide in the education of the children, local people and those traveling great distances come into the museum to research their families and histories, we provide community programs of interest, and of course the collection of artifacts must be maintained, catalogued, conserved and preserved. These are a few of the things we do, and I am sure the current volunteers could tell us much more. However, we do need to update our list of those willing to assist us. Here is a partial list of areas requiring volunteers and an approximate time commitment involved. Training is available where necessary. We are sure you will find the time spent enjoyable and gratifying. If you are interested, please call and chat with Betty or Sammi. We would be happy to answer your questions.

Museum Docent: approx. 3 hrs/week

Event volunteers: (Pig Roast, Programs, other), 2 – 4 hrs, one time or several, your choice, events and areas of need vary.

Baking for Events or Programs: varies

Building and Grounds: (gardening, cleaning the museum, etc.) varies from approx. 1 –3 hrs on an occasional basis.

School Programs: about 3 or 4 times throughout the school year, 2-3 days each session for approx. 3 hours. (You are welcome to volunteer for one session or all, and this is a great way to learn more about Hampton's history.)

There are probably a few more places to volunteer, and if you have an area of service you would like to share with us we are always happy to hear from you. Thank you!

Sammi Moe – 929-0881, Betty Moore – 926-2543, Tuck Museum – 929-0781

BOOK SIGNING – HAMPTON AND HAMPTON BEACH

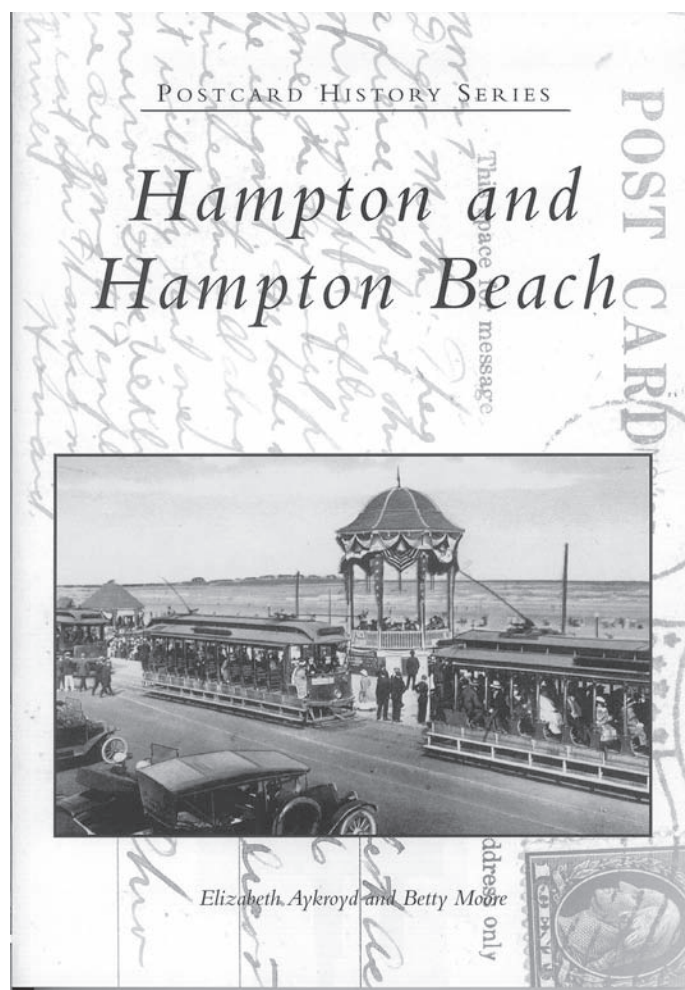
On Sunday, August 21 the authors of the just published "Postcard History Series: Hampton and Hampton Beach", Elizabeth Aykroyd and Betty Moore, will be signing books at the Tuck Museum from 2-4 pm. Over 240 postcards, some extremely rare were selected from the Tuck Museum's extensive collection.

In this publication the landscape of Hampton is shown through postcards as Hampton changed with the coming of the railroad, trolley, and interstate. Nature also played a part as development changed the shoreline, and the current at the Hampton River altered the harbor area. The cards selected date from the early 1900s to the 1950s.

An exhibit "Then and Now" features postcards selected from the book with views from the same area today taken by Jerry Miller. Refreshments will be served. Signed copies of the book are available at the Tuck Museum Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 1-4 pm. The book is also available at local retail outlets and sells for \$19.99. The proceeds from the sale of the book go to the maintenance of the museum. The museum is located at 40 Park Avenue at the entrance to Tuck Field. For more information call 926-2543.

BEACH CLEANUP

In conjunction with the Blue Ocean Society and their marine debris survey, we are doing monthly cleanups of an area at Hampton Beach. All volunteers are welcome. This takes about 1 1/2 hours once a month. Our area is between Ross St. (Dave's Garage) and Boar's Head. Please call Sammi (929-0881) if you would like more information, or wish to volunteer.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 21 – Book signing “Postcard History Series: Hampton and Hampton Beach” 2-4 pm Tuck Museum
- August 22 – Community Band Concert on museum grounds. 7-8 pm
- August 23 – History of Dolls 6:30 pm. Tuck Museum
- September 17 – Pig Roast 12-3 pm Tuck Museum
- October 1 Salt Marsh Tour with Ellen Goethel – Tuck Museum 2 pm (rain date Oct 2)
- October 16 - Annual Meeting Care of Books and Works of Art on Paper – Tuck Museum 2 pm
- November 17 – The Granite Kiss – location to be determined

Please check the website or call the museum for any last minute changes.

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

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