



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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It's Pig Roast Time Again!

It's hard to believe but on Saturday, September 1 we will be holding our 6th annual pig roast. It has become one of the big end of the summer community events that brings us all together for an afternoon of fun and fellowship as we raise money for the museum.

Besides great food there will be a silent auction, raffles, and music. The event is from noon to 3 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults/\$10 for students, children six and under are free with an adult. Member tickets purchased before August 1 will be \$18.

The pigs are cooked by Chef Cliff Pratt and crew, and besides pork, we offer homemade baked beans, a variety of salads, tasty desserts and beverages, No one leaves hungry!

The activity starts weeks before as we assemble items for the silent auction, build the cooking pit, and spruce up the grounds in preparation for the big event. It is such a great day no matter what the weather- and over the past six years we have seen it all! Nothing dampens the spirit of the day.

You can join us the evening before for the ceremonial fire lighting between 8-9 pm, watch the pigs go on the fire at 11 pm, and stay until the wee hours of the morning with the all-night cooking crew. This has become an event in itself.

Tickets are available at the museum, Lane Memorial Library and Parks and Recreation Office. If you order eight tickets we will reserve a table for your group. There is a ticket order form included in the newsletter if you would like to order by mail.

We are looking for volunteers to help by working a 2-hour shift (which gives you time to enjoy the afternoon with everyone else), and for donating baked goods for the dessert table. For more information call Betty Moore 926-2543 .

From The President

Welcome to summer! As I am writing this it is HOT! I think I will go to the museum. It has air conditioning you know. It is a great place to bring your summer guests. Or, just stop in for a visit to see all the work that has been done this past year. You might decide that you would like to be a volunteer this summer. Give Betty a call for more information.

And speaking of all that work and volunteers, have you seen the barn? What a marvelous day we had with the raising of the timbers! If you didn't come to see the crew work you missed an amazing scene. The team worked in coordination and in such sync with each other that it looked like a choreographed dance! Okay, that might be overstating it a bit, but it was really quite something to watch them work. And Marilyn Green did a terrific job organizing and preparing food for the working crew.

It was a lot of work as well as a lot of fun. See the website for pictures of the day and updates on the progress. I am sure I have missed thanking someone, so a huge thank you to all who participated! And also to all of you who donated the much needed funds for this project. The barn is looking great and it will be a wonderful addition to our museum. (For more on this project see the "Barn Article")

Groups of 8th grade students came to Tuck Museum in early June. About 180 students from Hampton Academy spent 2 days learning about our history. Betty had a great story about Paul Revere for them. They also learned about Hampton and the effects WWI and WWII, as well as a bit on our very beginnings.

We also hosted the 3rd grade classes from Marston School in late May and early June. Volunteers met with the children at Pine Grove Cemetery to give them a tour and talk about the early people of Hampton and the cemetery itself.

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The adults with the classes enjoyed hearing about it as much as the kids did, (maybe more!) The following week the classes came to Tuck Museum to visit all the buildings and learn about Stephen Bachiler and the "little band of pioneers" who came to settle here. If you would like to learn more about Hampton history, or you already know all about it, volunteering in our school programs is a great way to learn and share the knowledge. (Call me!) The schools appreciate our programs and assistance in their history programs. This year the PTA gave us a \$300 donation and the 8th grade class donated \$100 to the barn fund. It is a good feeling for all of us to know we are helping our students gain the knowledge and appreciation of Hampton then and now.

Check out the calendar of events for more information on what is happening this summer. The Pig Roast is coming up soon. Mark your calendar for September 1. Tickets are on sale now. The annual meeting will be on October 12th in the evening. We will again have a dinner at the St. James Masonic Lodge, with a speaker and highlights of this year's events. We also have elections to the Board of Trustees. Plan to attend this meeting for a good meal and all the news. (There will be more information in the next newsletter about this meeting.)

On a final note, we received a certificate of appreciation from The James House Association at their annual meeting this month for assisting in promoting their programs and events in our newsletter. Although we are not affiliated with one another, we do enjoy a cooperative relationship in the promotion of each other's organization. The James House is located off of Towle Farm Rd. For their hours of operation and more information about James House you can visit their website through a link from ours. Both organizations provide an appreciation for, and a look at the history of our town. We thank The James House Association for the recognition of HHS, and wish them well in their future endeavors.

I hope you all have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Sammi

A Peek in Our Closet

Join costume expert, Ann Carnaby, September 16, at 2 pm as she presents *OVER & UNDER WEAR*, a program showcasing items from our clothing collection. Ann has volunteered with us for the past year working with our costume collection. She says she "likes being here because working with the clothing is like being sent on a journey...you learn the story of people and a time in history."

Some of the highlighted items will be our red wool cloak (recently pictured in a *Costume Society of America* publication), a feed sack nightgown, and an exquisite 19th century paisley shawl measuring over 100" x 100", that is still as vibrant as the day it was made. Also included will be some of our "unmentionables" with an explanation of how they were worn.

Ann has also offered to examine any old clothing items from your family. She will try to date them, talk about fabric, construction techniques, and who might have worn them. The program will be held at the museum and refreshments will be served. Ann began her love of clothing at age nine when she started making doll clothes—she says all she wanted to do her whole life was to make pretty things. This program should be a real treat!

Since 1981 Ann has been the owner of Tracy Theater Originals, located on High St. in Hampton, where they offer costumes, show props, makeup, wigs and accessories to the theatrical community. Recently, they were commissioned to create reenactment clothing for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, IL. Using period patterns and available research, they "built" clothing, muck lucks and fur lined sleeping bags for the "Abandoned in the Arctic" documentary produced by Geoffrey E. Clark – which chronicles the arctic exploration of Adolphus W. Greeley 1881-1884 .

An exhibit of the Greeley Expedition is at the Portsmouth Athenaeum through October 13, 2007. Two lectures are also scheduled ICE CHRONICLES & CLIMATE CHANGE 7/27 at the Portsmouth Public Library, and THE MAKING OF AN ARCTIC DOCUMENTARY at the Randall Gallery 8/4, reservations recommended for both 603-431-2538.

Director's Report

I would have to say that in my 20 years (WOW) of being associated with the HHS this is the most exciting time!

Right now the barn is taking center stage. Since the barn raising on June 2, the building has been roofed, and clapboarding will soon take place. Three years ago, Chet Riley volunteered to coordinate the barn dismantling and raising the frame on museum property – he did an outstanding job! Dave DeGagne is the 'main man' in the reconstruction of the barn and it is moving along at a steady pace. Percy Annis has been working right along. We have had a dedicated group of volunteers who have been working on this project.

Fundraising for the project was done by Al Casassa, Charlotte Preston, Bob Wallace and Ben Moore.

Our collections management system is undergoing an overhaul. Going back twenty years ago when I started, we wrote every item down in a lined notebook and sent out a thank you form that could be personalized-which in its time was a very up to date and professional procedure. With advances in computer technology we have become so much more sophisticated. But these changes only comes with time, talent and financial resources. Bill Keating standardized the data entry procedure developed ten years ago by Don Morton and Ansell Palmer. Bill's wife, Carol, has refined the category list we use in processing items and Ann Carnaby is working to fine tune our data collection form.

The kitchen/office area is unbelievable! Truthfully, I have not had much of a chance to sit down since it was completed six weeks ago, but we have created a space that adds value to the building and provides an area for us to do so much more in the way of offering programming on site. What a wonderful facility we are providing for those that will do this work after us. As can happen when time passes, I forgot to mention in the last newsletter, two other people who helped with the demolition during the kitchen project – Jim Metcalf and Jenna Lobdell. How could I miss the people that did the dirty work?

Pat Triggs Weeks has been working on new photo exhibits on Hampton schools for display in the

schoolhouse. The tourist cabin should be in its final stages by the end of the summer.

When all of us do a little the results are great!

Betty Moore

New Members Reception

New members will be receiving an invitation to join us on Sunday, August 19 at 2 pm for a special event. The afternoon includes a behind the scenes tour of the Tuck Museum (from store-rooms to basement), refreshments and a chance to meet some of the Directors and learn more about our organization.

It is a popular event. Those of you 'old-timers' who missed this in the past are welcome to join us, too! For more information and to RSVP call Betty 926-2543.

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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.

Barn Update

On June 2, we had a wonderful day for a barn raising! Bright and early Aaron Sturgis and his crew of timber framers joined our group of volunteers and the barn raising proceeded. It took great planing between Arron and Chet Riley to have the work go so smoothly. John Hall from Delta Crane volunteered his time along with his father, Jack. Watching John lay in the pieces with the crane and move them inches at a time took such skill. The framers were amazing to watch as they worked in unison along with the HHS barn raising crew for the day: Chet Riley, Dave DeGagne, Percy Annis, Ken Lobdell, Bud Desrochers, Billy Shea, Shane Baker and Ben Moore.

Auxiliary help was provided by so many. Marilyn Green went into action organizing volunteers- who furnished a wonderful spread that served not only lunch but dinner to the hungry crew. Thanks to everyone who make food for the day! Doug Aykroyd and Scouts from Troop 177 provided event safety. Rich Hureau and Dianne Riley photographed while Sara Moe and Ken Hanson videotaped the event. Rich has posted pictures of the day on our website - www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org

Since that time, Paul and Luke Powell have sheathed the roof in preparation for shingling. The ship lap siding had been installed. Chuck Weinholt and Dann Shaw also helped with that project. The next step will be the clapboards, windows and doors installation. We are pleased with the progress which would not be possible without the help of so many by their time and financial donations.

We are finalizing the barn donor plaque. The list of names as they will appear on the plaque is shown on the right. Please check the spelling of your name and the way it is formatted. If you have any questions or concerns call Ben Moore 926-2543 as soon as possible.

Final Draft of Barn Donor Plaque

A final draft of the plaque is presented below. Please review it and contact Ben Moore, 926-2543 if you see any errors or omissions. The plaque will be ordered in July so please do not delay if you see a correction that is necessary.

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Pig Roast Ticket Order Form
 September 1, 2007

I would like to order tickets for the Hampton Historical Society Pig Roast

_____ Adult tickets at \$20 each _____
 _____ Advance Sale Member tickets at \$18 each _____
 (Must be ordered by August 1)
 _____ Student tickets (ages 9-16) at \$10 each _____
 _____ Table for eight at \$150 per table _____
 Children 8 and under free when accompanied by an adult
Total _____

Checks made out to Hampton Historical Society
Mailing address P.O. Box 1601 Hampton, NH 03843

Ticket options (select one)

_____ Mail tickets directly to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

or

_____ Hold my tickets at the serving line. But notify me for confirmation

Phone # or email address _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/4 Rockingham County Craftsmen
Summer Craft Fair on the museum grounds
10am to 3 pm, museum open
Rain date 8/5

8/13 7 pm Hampton Area Community Band
Concert on the museum grounds
bring a lawn chair & picnic

8/19 New Member Event – Behind the Scenes Tour
2 pm refreshments RSVP 926-2543

9/1 Pig Roast –Noon to 3 pm
\$20 Adults/\$10 6 and older

9/16 program Over & Under Wear
Ann Carnaby 2 pm at the museum

10 /19 Annual Meeting
at Masonic Lodge more
information forthcoming

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for their support of the Society:

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