



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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August 31st - 12th Annual Pig Roast!

On Saturday, August 31, from noon until 2:30pm, the Historical Society will hold their 12th Annual Pig Roast. Please join us for the silent auction, live musical entertainment, activities for kids, as well as the very popular 50/50 raffle. This is our single largest fundraiser, which provides the majority of income to operate the Tuck Museum and to conduct school and community programs throughout the year, so its success is vital to our financial stability.

The pork is cooked overnight on site by our experienced crew, and many of the same generous volunteers come each year to serve the variety of salads donated by local restaurants. The menu includes our popular homemade baked beans, applesauce, beverages, and a wide range of dessert selections.

Tickets are \$20 for adults. Students (for those ages 9-16) are \$10. Children 8 years old and under are free when accompanied by an adult ticket holder. Purchase of ten tickets reserves you a table. Tickets may be purchased from Trustees, at Marelli's Market, Hampton Parks and Recreation office, Provident Bank, the Tuck Museum, and on our [website](#). Once again, we are pleased that the Provident Bank is our prime sponsor.

For tickets, more information, or how to donate items for the auctions, please call Linda Metcalf 926-5861 or the Tuck Museum 929-0781. Come celebrate Hampton's 375th anniversary with us!

Executive Director's Report

From school tours, to schoolhouse renovation, to Civil War programs, to planning for the big 375th weekend, the spring has sped by. Winter preparations for Civil War Saturday surpassed expectations on April 27, with tents, re-enactors, new exhibits, and a ham and bean supper in the Leavitt Barn. Elly Becotte helped coordinate all the events. A week later was Lilac Sunday, during which we planted two memorial maple trees and nine specialty lilacs to enhance our shrub border. This was achieved by a grant from the Rye Driftwood

Garden Club, and the efforts of Karen Raynes, who also maintains the museum's "Mrs. Batchelder's Herb Garden."

On June 15 we presented a unique tour of the High Street Cemetery, complete with stories of Hampton's Civil War veterans buried there. The weather was perfect, and all of us, visitors and volunteers alike, had an extraordinary day. Gathering the information was half the fun and Karen Raynes did a great job coordinating it all.

Cheryl Lassiter is completing the design for a new exhibit called "Founding Documents," which will debut during the 375th celebration weekend. For visitors to be able to see replicas of the original records that founded the town and formed our government is very powerful and a fitting display for our town's celebration. It brings us back to our roots.

As an agent of the 375th committee, HHS will host the civil war re-enactors camping on the museum grounds on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 10 and 11. And be on hand Friday night to see our special guests, "Vikings," who will kick off the start of the weekend alongside the mythical Thorwald's Rock, bringing to life the Viking lifestyle, their methods of travel and wardrobe, and a demonstration of sparring.

We have been coordinating with Experience Hampton and the Parks and Recreation Dept. to provide a weekend filled with activities for all ages. The fun-filled weekend will close with a dedication to the new Goody Cole monument marker, made possible through the generosity of musician Robert McClung, inspired by his work on his progressive rock CD *The Legend of Goody Cole*.

Please plan on joining us for some portion of the 375th weekend. HHS will have demonstrations, tours, and videos, and whether you come as a visitor and/or volunteer, you will have a great time! For more information check our [website](#) and also the official site www.Hampton375th.org.

Betty Moore

President's Report

Documenting the Invisible.

In 1925, few in this town of farmers and fishermen probably understood the grandiose life of characters from the era of the Great Gatsby, but such was the diversity of our growing regional culture. But we cannot surmise that wealth provided an escape - they did not suffer less, dream more, or have higher expectations for their children. As the middle class was expanding, giving birth to leisure time, peoples' reflections also expanded. Their thoughts involved more than just meeting daily needs. Letters and journals are full of political opinions, financial risk, and venturesome travel by way of even newer inventions.

It was during that year, eighty-eight years ago, that Ira Jones and Edward Tuck reached a profound understanding about preserving the history of this community. Their discussions led to the purchase of the Fogg house on Park Avenue in Hampton, original site of the Meeting House Green, and to the founding years of the Hampton Historical Society and Tuck Museum.

In pursuit of the Society's mission, our volunteers constantly dig through the growing collection of diaries, scrapbooks, old photos, and family letters, even old cemetery records, and eventually the dead come to life. We learn about characters from an era that read by candle light, communicated by letter, and traveled by horse - all with the power to open our minds, gain insight to a world of wider possibilities. As the times change, the modes of transportation differ, but the human insight bears a common thread.

The fruit of historical research is a deeper understanding not only of facts, but of the emotions, changing morals, pains of poverty, war, and disease, all captured from script on darkened pages or carved in stone, ideas which may be revealed in photos or handed down through scraps of time. Through history we learn to exemplify the good of those who went before us, those who suffered and celebrated diverse events in their lives, and especially from those who forged a clear path through tough times.

During the yearlong preparation phase for our very successful Civil War Saturday event in April, Cheryl Lassiter, Betty Moore, and Elly Becotte scoured countless details about the Civil War battles and regimental histories of the men of Hampton. They collected invaluable information. As the research

unveiled each piece of a soldier's life, it became our hope to use those experiences and create a uniquely personal glance into the pains of war.

Their work enabled Karen Raynes to then produce the recent Stones and Stories Tour of the High Street cemetery.

On a beautiful day in June, led by a scholarly team of volunteers, a simple walk through the cemetery enabled all of us to open our eyes to a new understanding of a long forgotten war, of such difficult decisions made for an entire nation. Guests remarked how sad were some of the historical revelations, but also how this particular tour unveiled the special character of Hampton today -- in that so many actually took the time to relive the past.

That is the strength of communication and the reason we must continue to educate our members and guests and encourage them to continually re-experience history.

Building for Tomorrow

The strategic planning committee decided about two years ago that it was necessary to expand the walls of the Tuck Museum, as the attic is full, the climate-controlled storage areas are bursting, and the time has arrived to review modern methods of digital storage.

We have been fortunate to hire a Winnacunnet grad and well-known architect, Steve McHenry, who is the founder of McHenry Architecture, located in Portsmouth. Our goal is to build off the west portion of the single story structure of the museum. This will provide us adequate expansion space with minimum interruption in Museum services.

Ben Moore, treasurer, assures us that \$50,000 from our current cash balance will provide the basis for the building project, leave us with reasonable working capital, and not detract from our normal work on the collection and the maintenance of the existing property. CAD drawings will be completed within two months and more information will follow. This fall we will be expanding our fundraising efforts to include support from the founding families and from the generous Hampton community in order to complete this project.

The design will hopefully include a workroom in an unfinished basement. The first floor open area will consist of portable-walled, expandable work areas which will be adapted mostly for staff use -- for research, print, photography, recording, accessioning, and computer technologies. The new attic space will be usable, but

probably finished in the future. A great deal of reorganization of the current museum will take place, but our goal is to balance the needs of the growing number of visitors and required work areas, and to provide adequate space for both display and storage of our increasing collections.

Fortunately many trained volunteers are specializing in scanning and photographing items that easily crumble with time, while others are recording and transcribing oral histories that are priceless. All forms of digital formats enable us to continually re-adapt the recorded history and create a wider variety of entertaining and educational products and programs.

Please stop by the museum and investigate what possibilities we may have for your particular skills. Volunteers are key to our future.

Candice Stellmach

We Need YOU!

During the weekend of August 9-11, the museum complex **will** open to visitors as part of Hampton's 375th celebration. That means being open 20 hours over a 3 day period. The challenge on our part (and we like challenges) is that we need plenty of help.

Volunteers will be stationed as greeters throughout the museum complex. Worried about what to say? Don't be - we will have a "cheat sheet" available for each building. You can help us out while visiting with people you haven't seen in ages. Call Betty at 926-2543 to volunteer for a time slot and find out how you can be part of history!



Click the pig to order your Pig Roast tickets online via PayPal!

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 August 31, 2013

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 (must be ordered by August 12)
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 13** - 375th Event
Tour of Historic Hampton Beach
Bus leaves Town Hall at 9am; cost is \$15
- **August 9, 10, 11** - 375th Event
Town-Wide 375th Event at Tuck Field
Museum open, activities, tours, games etc. Check the local papers and www.Hampton375th.org for current schedule
- **August 21** - 375th Event
Hampton Then and Now
Repeat of popular program; 7 PM Tuck Museum; Free
- **August 31** - **12th Annual Rig Roast**
noon - 2:30 PM; Tuck Museum; \$20 adults
- **September 15** - **Walking Tour #2** – Harvest Ramble and Repast
1 PM from Barn; \$10; RSVP 926-2543
- **October 6** - **HHS Annual meeting**, 2-4 PM at Tuck Museum.
Our special guest, Sally Mummey, provides a wonderfully entertaining program free to the public - *Mary Todd Lincoln - An Unconventional Woman*. Provided through the NH Humanities Council. Seats are limited, so arrive early!

Also at that meeting, the drawing for the one-of-a-kind Civil War Quilt.

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