



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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Annual Report of the President

It has been a very exciting year for our Society. We were able to complete several long anticipated improvements to our buildings; we began work on a strategic plan for the Society, the exhibits of our collections were updated and we accepted many new items into the collection including the frame of a 1795 Barn. To make these achievements possible, we enjoyed the support of many volunteers who collectively gave over 6,000 hours of their time to the Society and to our member's financial support.

The building improvements consumed most of the year. The addition of air conditioning and the replacement of the failed heating system were completed in November 2003. Over the winter and spring we remodeled the 1960's wing and refreshed the exhibits, the results have been well received by our visitors. The roof shingles were replaced on the main building in early spring. In late spring the addition of ground floor restrooms was completed. During the summer and early fall we were pleased to benefit from the work of two Eagle Scout candidates from

Troop 177 who renovated the Fire Museum interior and exterior.

The discussions of a strategic plan for the Society have been ongoing since early spring and should be completed during our next fiscal year. To support that plan we engaged in a second assessment program sponsored by the American Association of Museums.

Throughout the year we received additions to the collection and while we are extremely limited in space for the storage and display of the artifacts we must continue to seek to add items that are important to our knowledge of Hampton's history.

Perhaps the most important addition to the collection during this year was the c. 1795 barn from the property at 234 Lafayette Road. Led by Chet Riley, we successfully dismantled the barn frame in May and June and it is now in storage awaiting the time when we can raise the barn once again on the grounds of the Museum. This was a major effort of our volunteers and the effort to raise the monies necessary to bring

back the barn will be equally difficult. The reward will be a structure that can serve the Society and community for the next several centuries.

The financial support of our members was sustained in the year. Special donations to our building projects totaled around \$18,000 and donations to the barn project were approximately \$12,000. We received a bequest from the estate of Leonore Paneko of \$10,000. The third annual Pig Roast was again a success, in spite of dismal weather.

I have greatly enjoyed my time as President of the Society and thank all of our members and volunteers for their support. We will continue to be a strong organization with your continued efforts.

Ben Moore

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 (new) President...

Hello! I am Sammi Moe and I am your newly elected president of HHS. I have been a member of the Board of Trustees for a couple of years now, and have served as the secretary. I know several of you and hope to meet many more of you at our programs and functions this year. I am working with a great Board this year and they all have many talents to share with the Society. Having Ben continuing to serve on the board will be a big help to me as well. I am also grateful to have Betty Moore continue to serve as our Executive Director of Tuck Museum. She is very knowledgeable and has already given me a great deal of assistance. She keeps things running smoothly in spite of all my interruptions!

I have two children still at home. Sara is in 7th grade this year, and Carolyn is in 4th. They have been great volunteers for HHS! (Perhaps you have seen them serving food at the Pig Roast, or helping to carry things between buildings.) My husband Byron is a pilot and is not seen around the museum as much, but he is very supportive and a willing volunteer when asked. We have called Hampton home for about 10 years now.

My background is in the education field and I have worked with Suzanne Falzone in the past couple of years on our education committee.

This year I will be chairing this committee. Suzanne did a great job of implementing the many school programs we offer to the Hampton schools, and this year we will be adding a few more. We are designing programs for the junior high students and we already have 8th grade students scheduled to come in this month. We also work with home school groups and scout troops. If you are interested in working with this committee we would love to have you!

Last year the focus was mainly on the buildings and grounds of the museum. With the assistance of many volunteers we have created a nice and comfortable environment. The Boy Scouts have also done a great job with the projects the Eagle Scout candidates took on this past year. The museum volunteers are really enjoying the comfort of the new heating and cooling system, and the new set up of the exhibits space. If you have not been in, come check it out! We will be staying open year round on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons.

This year will continue to see progress. We will be doing our best to raise the necessary funds to reconstruct the barn that was acquired from the new owners of the Widow Mary Leavitt property. We will be raising the 1795 barn on our museum grounds hopefully this spring. I know

that this is an ambitious project as we will need to raise about \$60,000, but with our wonderful volunteers and your support I feel we can do it. Please help us "Raise the Roof"!

I love this community and truly enjoy learning more about its history. Volunteering with HHS and at the museum has been a great experience.

So now you know a little bit more about me. I hope to see you at our Holiday Open House, or at the programs this year.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sammi Moe

Help Wanted!

Looking for people willing to volunteer to assist with various programs. We have openings in the education programs working with school students of all ages, docents at the museum, baking and serving at functions, general sharing of your memories and/or knowledge, and more!

We would love to hear from any of you willing to give of your time, be it one time or on a regular basis. Training will be provided where needed. We know everyone has something to offer and we will find that niche just for you. Everyone welcome!

Call Betty or Sammi at Tuck Museum, 929-0871, or call Sammi at home, 929-0881.

Tuck Museum Director's Report

The museum has had another busy year. We tolerated months of disturbance with all the renovations, but the final results were worth it. In addition to the new restrooms, the lower exhibit area was completely renovated thanks to Dann Shaw who led the work effort and his helpers- Percy Annis, Sammi Moe, Paul Powell and Ben Moore. Dave DeGagne completed other repairs.

We are in the middle of another MAP (Museum Assessment Program) review on Public Dimension. Over the winter we had group meetings looking at how we present ourselves to the public. Elizabeth Aykroyd led the work effort on this project

We have a talented core of volunteers who give their time and energy to the maintenance of the collection. The work we do would not be possible without the help of Percy Annis, Nancy Coes, Don & Ann Morton, Ansell Palmer, Linda Metcalf, Skip and Elizabeth Webb, Bob Wallace, Eleanor Young, Sparky Waltz, Sammi Moe, and Pat Triggs Weeks. Elizabeth and Doug Aykroyd created exhibits for the main museum and some traveling display boards. Rich Hureau has done an outstanding job on our ever expanding website and has been taking digital pictures for winter 2004 projects. We went through a deaccessioning project of books that were duplicates or outside the scope of our collection with Pat Triggs-Weeks assistance. We have hosted other historical societies who have enjoyed visiting the museum and getting a "behind the scenes" look at the collection.

Eagle Scout candidates Chris

Larivee and Jonathan Coulp-Yu have been working on projects in and around the Fire Museum. We have enjoyed getting to know them, their families and other volunteers that have contributed time to the museum through these tasks.

Museum open hours are Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday from 1-4 PM. Visitors and researchers will be welcome during our Wednesday morning work party, too.

We are always looking for volunteers and welcome you to join us. No matter what your interests or skills we can find a niche for you.

Membership

Our membership increased slightly in the year. While we gained 15 new members, attrition in the membership was 12 so the net gain was 3.

Programs

We had a full calendar of activities in 2004. Ten programs and 2 fundraising events were organized. We were pleased to co-sponsor four programs with the Lane Library. Overall approximately 350 people participated in the programs during the year.

Publicity

The barn project gained the Society a great deal of publicity during the year and the 2003 Pig Roast was also featured in the local papers. Press releases were published for all of our programs and generally a note was in every issue of the local press with our hours of operation and current happenings.

The barn project was featured

on a segment of NH Outlook on NH Public TV (channel 11) and numerous spots on the local public TV access channel 22 were shown.

Pig Roast

Another successful year, in spite of the rain from Hurricane Ivan. We sold a record number of tickets, enjoyed a successful silent auction and 50/50 raffle and had fun. Thanks go out to Yvonne Pappargeris for her DJ services, to Brian Warburton for the great job as MC (and for arranging the donation of hats from Coca Cola), to Coke for the hats and soft drinks and to the Parks and Rec Department of Hampton for the use of the Rec Building at Tuck Field for use as our dining room.

The pork was delicious and we look forward to the 4th Roast in 2005.

Thanks to Cliff Pratt and Catherine Fletcher for a job well done.

Web Site

Rich Hureau continued to expand and add to the Society's Internet presence. The site is a great way to keep in touch with the current goings on at the Museum.

Education Committee

School programs were done at the museum for the first and third grades. In-school programs were done for the second grade and third grades. This fall an exhibit showcasing some of Marston School's third grade local history projects is at the museum. Over 600 students participated in our various school programs.

Holiday Open House

*The Board of Trustees of the Hampton Historical Society
Cordially invites Members and their Guests to a
Holiday Open House
Sunday, December 5, 2004 from One to Four P.M.
At the Tuck Museum, Park Avenue, Hampton, NH*

Refreshments will be served

*Join in the Holiday Cheer
Meet the new President and Board of Trustees*

**Hampton Historical Society
Statement of Activities
Fiscal Year ended October 31, 2004**

Preliminary and unaudited

Operating account

Revenues, Gains, Other Support:

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| Dues | \$1,945 |
| Donations | 3,432 |
| Fundraising events | 6,832 |
| Bequests | 10,000 |
| Investment income | 869 |
| Income from Paige fund | 1,576 |
| Other income | 323 |

Total revenues & support 24,977

Expenses

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| Tuck Museum | 1,204 |
| Building and Grounds | 5,871 |
| Public programs | 786 |
| Membership & newsletters | 776 |
| Fundraising expenses | 868 |
| All other | 1,448 |

Total expenses 10,953

Change in net assets 14,024

Restricted donations received 27,318

Other restricted revenues 3,325

Expended on building improvements (76,466)

Net change in liquid assets (31,799)

Liquid assets, beginning of year 68,412

Liquid assets, end of year \$36,613

Pig Roast Update, October 2004

My co-chair, Cliff Pratt and I, extend our heart felt thanks to all of you, for your support and effort in making this year's Pig Roast such a success . Even with all the rain, we had a good turn out, and everyone who came, dressed in all sorts of rain gear, had a great time. We were able to use the Recreation Building across the road from Tuck Museum, set up tables and served 138 people (not counting children). We sold 208 tickets. The Silent Auction as set up in the museum and made approximately \$1,486.00. Chaired by Sammi Moe. The 50/50 made \$268.00 and thanks to Richard Millette who donated his share , we made \$268.00. The total profit, less expenses was \$5,190.00.

Cliff and I thank the board of Trustees, Ben Moore, the President of the Hampton Historical Society, and Betty Moore, Director of Tuck Museum, for their outstanding support throughout the months of planning the Pig Roast. To all the volunteers who served that day, couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for your support, help and friendship, you make our job almost fun. We are looking forward to seeing you all next year at the 4th Annual Pig Roast.

Co-Chair Pig Roast, member of the Board of Trustees
Catherine Fletcher

MAP Grant Update

On October 6 peer reviewers, Sunnee Spencer and Bruce Reinhold, visited the museum as part of our MAP (Museum Assessment Program) grant through the American Association of Museums and the Institute of Museums and Library Science. While here they toured the facility and met with trustees, committee chairs, and members. We discussed our current role as a society/museum in the community and our hopes for the future of the organization.

Bruce and Sunnee had many thought provoking observations and insights and all of us that were involved in the process felt it was a very beneficial experience. A report of their findings will be available in a few weeks and will be the basis of our strategic plan.

Barn Update

We have worked a few days during the summer to complete the process of storing the barn timbers for the winter. Back in July we de-nailed and stored in a local garage the smaller posts (up to 24 feet in length) and in mid September we relocated and wrapped the larger girths, plates and purlins (36 to 38 feet in length), all is now secure for the winter.

We are in the early days of discussions on the construction details and will meet over the next six months to iron out the details of the materials that will be used in the reconstruction. We have also had several meetings to work on the fundraising plans for the barn, the kick off of the campaign to raise the donations will occur before the end of this year. Member and community donations to our goal of \$60,000 have so far raised nearly \$5,000. We thank those members who have already responded to our appeals for donations, if you would like to make a donation please send your check to PO Box 1601, Hampton 03843, please note on the check that it is for the Barn Fund.

Eagle Scout Projects at Tuck Museum

Recently two Eagle Scout projects were completed at the museum. Eagle Scout candidate Chris Larivee from Boy Scout Troop 177, with the help of community volunteers, has completely renovated the Fire Museum. The walls and floor were repainted, the cases repaired and repainted, and all the exhibits were cleaned and reinstalled with new information labels. A new feature is a Children's corner where visitors may try on coats and hats and ring the fire bell.

Work on the interior of the Fire Museum inspired Jonathan Coulp-Yu also of Troop 177 to work on the exterior of the building. With Jonathan's group of volunteers, the exterior of the Fire Museum was repainted, a stunning brick sidewalk was installed that connects three of our buildings, and low maintenance landscaping was added, tying the buildings together.

Their work inspired our own building and grounds committee to add shutters to the original house structure on the main building, making it look as it did in 1925. Thanks to all who helped make these projects such an outstanding success.

Remembering Ruth

Ruth Stimson, a longtime HHS member and recognized local historian, passed away suddenly on July 14, 2004. Besides being an UNH extension educator for over 40 years, Ruth was an avid environmentalist. Locally, she helped protect hundreds of acres of Hampton salt marsh, as well as initiating mosquito control in Hampton. She was the driving force behind Seashore Park in Hampton, which was later dedicated to her. Ruth's activity in local boards and organizations also included the conservation commission, library trustees, and garden club. Those that worked with Ruth knew her love of sayings. One is particularly appropriate "The past is my heritage-The present, my responsibility-The future, my challenge." She enriched our lives immensely.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| November 21 | Programs planning meeting , Tuck Museum, 12:30 PM |
| December 2 | Board of Trustees Meeting , Tuck Museum, 7:00 PM |
| December 3 | Hampton Town Tree Lighting , Downtown Gazebo, 6:00 PM |
| December 4 | Town Holiday Parade , Downtown, 1:30 PM |
| December 5 | HHS Holiday Open House , Tuck Museum, 1 - 4 PM |

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

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

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