



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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Membership Annual Report 2008

The year was dominated by our participation in a state-wide membership challenge from the Finlay Foundation. We will not know the results of our work until later in the year. The publicity and interest generated by the chance to win a \$25,000 prize for achieving the largest membership growth has resulted in a 48% growth in our membership, bringing us to a total of 682 members. Thanks to all of our new members and to our trustees for working together to achieve this result.

We did conduct a business membership mailing late in 2007 and were rewarded with three new business members. We welcome business members and list them as supporters of the organization in each newsletter and provide a link to their business on our web site.

Membership forms are available online at hamptonhistoricalsociety.org and at the museum. Please consider using a membership as a gift to family and friends.

Our annual appeal for donations and membership renewals will be mailed in early December.

In Memory of Catherine Redden

April 12, 1949 – September 26, 2008

Cathy was involved in our community in many ways. She was the Lane Memorial Librarian for 15 years, 1993 – 2008. Cathy was also active in the Hampton Rotary, and a Trustee of the Hampton Historical Society, serving as our secretary until she became ill. Even after Cathy was confined to home she participated on the board via email and telephone, always willing to help where she could.

We will miss her.

President's Report

We started our year off with the "new and old" board of trustees meeting to make plans for the year. The officers were elected and plans put to work.

School programs, visitors to the museum, ongoing projects, cataloging items from the collection, and so much more keep the volunteers occupied all year long. There are a few highlights I will mention, but keep in mind this is just a few of the things that go on at Tuck Museum. Our historical society is very busy! There are always ways to become involved and places to volunteer.

The school programs start in October, and continue throughout the school year. In addition to our local schools we have scout troops, home schoolers, and others who will call upon us to provide educational tours and materials. The Hampton PTA has given us a nice donation for the past few years which helps our programs function.

The barn was dedicated with a gala grand opening for our donors and sponsors, and then the grand opening for our community took place. The party was great! The building is already being put to good use and seems like we have always had it there. I don't know how we managed to store so much stuff before we had the barn!

The beach cottage was also opened this summer. The vintage accoutrements really make the building! Thanks to Ann Carnaby for sewing the curtains and the great fabric, to Pat Triggs-Weeks for the clothing, and to all who helped to put it all together.

The annual Pig Roast was great! We had a lot of fun and it was again a successful event. The weather was good, and the food was wonderful! In fact, it was so good there was not much left

over. I know we all enjoyed the silent auction and guessing the "what's-it" too!

Thank you again to all of the trustees, volunteers, and members and friends who make HHS and Tuck Museum such a terrific place! A special thank you to our Executive Director of Tuck Museum, Betty Moore, for being the main force behind everything we do! It has been my pleasure to serve as president for the past 3 years, and it is now time for a change. It is an honor to hand over the gavel to Ben Moore. Ben has accepted the position as our "new" president and will bring his vast experience in so many areas of business and service to community. I look forward to continuing on the board as immediate past president and secretary. The Board of Trustees serving HHS this year is a wonderful group! The Hampton Historical Society and Tuck Museum are in good hands and will continue to thrive.

As always, please call any of us if you have questions or ideas, or want to volunteer. Thank you!

Respectfully,
Sammi Moe

Director's Report

The momentum created in the past few years has carried over into a series of projects that were accomplished in 2008. Many of the things mentioned in this report will be covered in more detail in the individual committee reports. But it is impressive to see them listed in one place. Thank you! Thank you!

Highlights of the year include:

- Award to "Barn Crew" from Hampton Community Coalition
- Military Room/Parlor Renovation – Dave DeGagne, Dann Shaw, Bill Keating, Jim and Dave Margarita, Percy Annis, Bud Coutu, Chuck Weinhold, Ken Lobdell Sammi Moe, Ben & Betty Moore
- Building Improvements – Ken Lobdell (storm doors), Nathan Page & Percy Annis (windows)
- Electricity added to the barn – Chet Riley, Percy Annis, Ben Moore
- Eagle Scout Project – patio and walkway organized by candidate Dan Argue – special thanks to Guy LaRivee and members Chet Riley, Percy Annis, Ken Lobdell, Bud & Lois

DesRochers and Doug Aykroyd

- Donor's Grand Opening of the Barn – coordinated by Marilyn Green
- Community Grand Opening of the Barn
- Completion of Tourist Cabin and Grand Opening– Ben Moore, Bud DesRochers, Ann Carnaby, Elizabeth Aykroyd, Betty Moore, Priscilla Triggs-Weeks, Carol & Bill Keating
- Membership Challenge – Coordinated by Ben Moore

Other recognition:

- Website, newsletter, email notices, scanning – Rich Hureau
- Collections – Carol Keating, Priscilla Triggs-Weeks, Nancy Coes, Diane Riley, Linda Metcalf
- Scrapbook Scanning Project – Cheryl Lassiter
- Exhibits – Percy Annis, Doug & Elizabeth Aykroyd, Dave DeGagne, Bill Keating
- Research – Elizabeth Aykroyd
- Procedures / Program Development – Bill Keating
- Museum Hosts – Bob Wallace, Elizabeth Aykroyd, Janet Caylor, Rich Hureau, Carol and Bill Keating, Linda Metcalf, Priscilla Triggs-Weeks
- Landscaping & Grounds – Bob Wallace, Ben Moore
- Map Scans – Gerald Miller
- Snowplowing – Gary Webster

Highlights to the Collection – all donations relating to the history of Hampton are appreciated but the follow are of special significance;

- Buckboard belonging to CS Toppan
- C.1830 map of Hampton (believed to be one of a kind)
- 18th century clothing from Philbrick and Toppan families

Betty Moore



Education Committee

The education committee works on school programs, providing our local schools and others educational support. The Hampton PTA has provided us with an annual donation for the past few years that is greatly appreciated.

The school year begins with "The Ox Cart Man" for the first grade classes. This program comes from the book of the same name, and the story is read by a costumed volunteer. After the story the children see many of the tools and artifacts we have at Tuck that are a part of this story. Maggie Genieres and Percy Annis did a wonderful job of playing the Ox Cart Man and his "Goodwife," "or Goody." Our volunteers guide the classes through the areas of the museum involved and show how many of these tools were used. To add to this program, last year we used our new barn for the first time, enhancing this experience. Steve Portrie from Portrie's Floor Coverings in Rye has given us several carpet squares for the kids to sit on during programs in the barn. (That barn floor gets cold!) Thanks Steve!

In November the volunteers take the traveling history trunk to the second grade classes at Centre School. The children meet Jane Moulton, and hear about her crossing from England to the new world, her family, and the resources available to them. This is an interactive program with the students asking questions and seeing (and smelling) some of the things that made the crossing and life in this new place livable. The program will be on Nov. 20 this year. We will meet on Nov. 17 to prepare this program, and another education meeting will take place soon to revamp our continuing programs for the year. (Date to be determined) Interested??

The third and eighth grade classes come to Tuck Museum in the springtime. They tour Pine Grove Cemetery with us as well. Third grade in Hampton is the time of a mandated town history program, and we are happy to provide this to the students. The eighth grade classes are studying mostly 20th century history, but also get an overview of Hampton's history. Pat Triggs-Weeks plays the part of our one room school teacher superbly! Our volunteers are available at all of the buildings to discuss and answer questions. Bud DesRocher gives an excellent overview of the towns fire department and tools

of the past, Betty Moore has put together a great slide presentation, and all of our volunteers have done a wonderful job of telling Hampton's story.

We also provide learning opportunities to home schools, various scout troops, alternative schools, and any others who call on us. The numbers of students varies from year to year. This year the number of students served was about 914, which is reflective of the drop in our school population. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated! If you are unfamiliar with what we have to offer, we do training for our volunteers and would be happy to have you join us! I learn something new every time we have a program!

Respectfully,
Sammi Moe, Education Committee Chairperson

Buildings and Grounds 2008 Annual Report

We had a busy year in 2008, completing many projects and continuing normal maintenance.

Over the winter and into early spring we stripped the wallpaper from the Military Room and the Parlor. The walls were repaired, a new drywall ceiling and lights were installed, and finally the walls were completed with new wallpaper. As part of the renovation, we also removed the old windows and installed 7 new energy efficient windows. The rooms are now much brighter and better suited to display items from the collection. The volunteers involved in the project were Dann Shaw, Dave DeGagne, Percy Annis, Betty and Ben Moore, Chuck Weinhold, Ken Lobdell, Bill Keating, Jim and Dave Margarita, Bud Coutu and Sammi Moe. The windows were installed by volunteers Nathan Page and Percy Annis.

To further improve the energy efficiency of the building, new storms doors were installed by volunteer Ken Lobdell.

In early spring we completed the electrical service in the Barn. This included the installation of lighting and outlets. Under the direction of Bill Darrigan, volunteers Chet Riley, Percy Annis and Ben Moore powered up the 1796 structure. Each exhibit area is individually illuminated and

four copper fixtures set off the center posts of the building.



With the greatly appreciated service of Unitil and its lift truck, a copper weathervane, nearly identical to the wooden one salvaged from the barn during its disassembly in 2004, was placed again at the roof peak.

Bud DesRochers and Ben Moore completed the repairs to the Beach Cottage floor and finished up repairs to the interior of the cottage, while Ann Carnaby and Betty Moore put the finishing touches on the Beach Cottage in preparation for its grand opening in August.

We assisted Eagle Scout candidate Dan Argue on his project in late summer. Dan's Eagle Scout project was the creation of a 20 x 30 stone patio connecting the barn to the main museum and a 60' brick sidewalk connecting the fire museum to the barn and new patio. A number of community volunteers assisted in the project with members Ken Lobdell, Chet Riley, Betty and Ben Moore, Lois and Bud DesRochers, Doug Akyroyd and Percy Annis lending a hand. Guy Laviree worked closely with Dan to insure the project's success.

Maintenance of the grounds continued in the year with members Bob Wallace and Ben and Betty Moore working on a number of areas. As in the past, the Town's Parks and Recreation Department mowed the lawn area, as they use the area for some of their programming.

We have a number of projects on our list for 2009 and trust that all members who are handy will lend their skills.

Ben Moore

Pig Roast 2008

Cliff Pratt and Betty Moore were the co-chairs of the 7th Annual Pig Roast, which made over \$5000 for the Society. More than 50 volunteers were involved, but special thanks goes to:

- Catherine Fletcher – ticket sales
- Marilyn Green – food and material donations to dinner
- Kelley and Hanna McLean – silent auction
- Kate Pratt–volunteers
- Cliff Pratt - coordinating and overseeing pig preparation, cooking and serving; helpers Brad Jacobson and Percy Annis - pulling pig watch all-night duty; and Chuck Weinhold for carving
- Dann & Jean Shaw – day of set-up
- Ben Moore, Bud DesRochers, Chet Riley and Percy Annis, Dann & Jean Shaw for handling the set-up surrounding the event

Recognition goes to Larry Marsolais for the donation of the canopies, Harvey Webber for chairs, the Congregational Church for tables, Kate Pratt for table decorations, and Liz Premo for the great publicity. It takes an amazing amount of coordination to make this event a success!

Fast Eddies, Galley Hatch, The Old Salt, Seacoast Coca-Cola, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, Shaw's, Shop 'N Save, Stop 'N Shop, and Joe's Meat Shoppe donated food and materials. Thank you all!

Board of Trustees

President	Ben Moore
Vice Pres	Bud DesRochers
Secretary	Sammi Moe
Treasurer	Bob Dennett
Trustees	Percy Annis Elizabeth Aykroyd Dave DeGagne Catherine Fletcher Rick Griffin Rich Hureau Dyana Martin Linda Metcalf Liz Premo

2007-8 Volunteers Over 100 Hours

Percy Annis	Rich Hureau	Ben Moore
Elizabeth Aykroyd	Bill Keating	Betty Moore
Dave DeGagne	Carol Keating	Sammi Moe
Bob Dennett	Linda Metcalf	Chet Riley
Catherine Fletcher		Priscilla Triggs-Weeks

Other Volunteers

Doug Aykroyd	Brad Jacobson	Laura Milsovic
Ginny Bridge	Karin Jacobson	Byron Moe
Tom Bridge	Masahiro Koizumi	Carolyn Moe
Art Caira	Cheryl Lassiter	Sara Moe
Priscilla Caira	Ken Lobdell	Peg Moughan
Ann Carnaby	Dave Margarita	Nathan Page
Ed Caylor	Jim Margarita	Cliff Pratt
Janet Caylor	Larry Marsolais	Kate Pratt
Nancy Coes	Dyana Martin	Liz Premo
Bud Coutu	Marie Matthews	Diane Riley
Bill Darrigan	Crystal McKenzie	Gloria Robinson
Linda DeGagne	Alan Mclean	Beth Seaverns
Bud DesRochers	Hanna Mclean	Dann Shaw
Lois DesRochers	Kelley Mclean	Jean Shaw
Maggie Ginieris	Sara Mclean	Leigh Smith
Ed Green	Ada Merrill	Nancy Stiles
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Dick Hanson	Jodie Millette	

Business Membership

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

234 Lafayette Road Realty LLC
 Ashworth by the Sea
 Casassa & Ryan
 Dion Construction, Inc.
 Eccentric Hair
 Galley Hatch Restuarant
 Hampton Eyecare Associates
 Kimball Auto Body
 Kingfish Trolley Lines, LLC
 Lamie's Inn & The Old Salt Restaurant
 Landwright, LLC
 Mackensen & Company Inc.
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 Tobey & Merrill Insurance
 Unitil Corporation
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Hampton Historical Society Statement of Activities Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2008

Preliminary and unaudited

Operating account:

Revenues, Gains, Other support:

Dues	\$7,470
Donations	6,725
Fundraising activity	7,345
Investment income	2,226
Income from Paige fund	1,588
Other income	<u>774</u>

Total revenues & support	<u>26,128</u>
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Expenses:

Tuck Museum	2,475
Buildings and Grounds	12,683
Public programs	649
Membership and newsletters	1,684
Fundraising expenses	1,004
All other	<u>879</u>

Total expenses	<u>19,374</u>
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Change in net assets	6,754
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Restricted donations received	4,003
Donations transferred to NHCF	(3,503)
Expenditures on Barn & buildings	<u>(15,094)</u>

Net change in liquid assets	(7,840)
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Liquid assets, beginning of year	<u>68,931</u>
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Liquid assets, end of year	<u>\$61,091</u>
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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.

Programs, Publicity and Special Events

The following programs and events were held during the past year. Listed are the programs, speakers and approximate attendance.

- 2007 annual meeting; "The Naked Quaker" by Dianne Rapaport - 50+
- March pot luck "The Devil of Great Island" Emerson Baker 30
- New Member Welcome
- Historic Hampton Trolley Tour - Betty Moore 33
- Donor Barn Dedication 125
- Community Barn Opening - Jeff Warner, performer 55
- August Tourist Cabin - "Early Hotels" Bill Keating 25
- Pig Roast 200
- September - Dave DeGagne "Tool Time" 22

The building was also opened to the DAR for their awards ceremony and the Hampton Garden Club for their November meeting.

Trustee Liz Premo provided coverage of Society activities in the Atlantic News; other publicity was on Channel 22, local newspapers and the Lane Memorial Library web site.

Program Committee: Sammi Moe, Bill Keating, Dave DeGagne, Rich Hureau, Elizabeth Aykroyd and Betty Moore

The program schedule for 2009 will be published in our next newsletter. The Committee, under the direction of Bill Keating, will be meeting on December 17 to discuss ideas. If you would like to contribute, you are welcome to attend.

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