



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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Our new sign! More on page 5

President's Report

Looking back on our fiscal year just ended, we can be extremely proud of what we have accomplished.

We began our fiscal year with the election of our returning trustees, and thank you very much, all of whom have added a great deal to our organization and our mission.

- Vice President Karen Raynes curated exhibits, helped us complete our StEPs program, and brought our historic programs to other organizations.
- Treasurer Ben Moore's Strategic Planning Committee's recommendations have been used, and his attached financial report shows how well we are doing. Ben's comments with his monthly reports show that he does more than just balance the books.
- We appreciate Secretary Kate Pratt's minutes of our monthly meetings, and thank her for her help with our Annual Pig Roast fundraiser.
- Dyana Martin chaired our Pig Roast fundraiser again this year, and thanks to her and her committee and volunteers, we broke all records.
- Rich Hureau's handling on the computer regarding programs and newsletters, and our website, is perfect.
- Kathy McLaughlin gives us prompt and exciting media coverage, before and after programs and events.
- Our newest trustee, Gary Grashow, joined the Board and was appointed chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. With Gary's professional guidance we identified and prioritized our building and property needs, including an energy audit, building upgrades, and even a change to our phone and Internet service.

Thanks to Pat O'Keefe and her Education and Programs Committee we had an excellent and "fully packed" year, with programs including African American Life in New Hampshire to Discovering New England Stone Walls. Our programs involved over 540 school children and parents, getting them into the museum and visiting our oldest cemetery.

We are proud of our community involvement and support. We especially thank all those who helped us, including local businesses and vendors who donated generously to our pig roast and silent auction.

We also thank the Provident Bank for again being the primary sponsor of the pig roast, and for nominating us for the fifth year in the "Our Community Your E-vote" contest.



And our biggest thank you goes to our Executive Director Betty Moore. Without Betty's help and guidance all year, where would we be?

Our mission requires us to increase public knowledge and understanding of the history and cultural heritage of the town of Hampton. The New Hampshire Historical Society reports that they are finding that many students do not know what the American Revolution was or even that we fought the British. These students cannot list in chronological order the American Revolution, the Civil War, and World War II. This "history deficit" has consequences that go far beyond producing well-rounded students. All New Hampshire residents need a basic understanding of American history. At the Hampton Historical Society, we will continue to work with our schools and the community to keep alive and share our love for history.

Bob Dennett, President



Scene from the 2017 Pig Roast

Executive Director's Report

Each year when I write this report I am amazed when I look at the activity at the Tuck Museum; between visitors, school programs, and community programs we have much to report to the membership. Here is a brief overview of the highlights of 2016-17:

Continuing local history research – We assisted Donna Horton from First Baptist Church in researching their history for their 200th anniversary. Donna became “one of us” for the better part of the year. Candy Stellmach presented the museum with indexes to the Congregational Church records and other research projects that she has been working on for the past few years. Bill Keating oversaw the interviews of Harold Fernald and Arthur Moody through our oral history project.

Showcasing the collection

– Vice-president, Karen Raynes, curated an exhibit on Hampton during World War I (one part is shown at right). Over fifty people attended the opening which even featured food served during the war. As an offshoot from her research and exhibit, Karen and Mike Garland made a video which will be shown on Veterans Day at the American Legion Hall. Karen also represented us well as she was asked to be a presenter at the Portsmouth Historic House Symposium with her “Queens of the Beach” project that she and Cheryl Lassiter developed. They also did a special presentation of the project in July in conjunction with the 2017 Miss Hampton Beach contest.



Creating a better museum – Gary Grashow, Buildings and Grounds Chair, and his crew did a great job of keeping the museum in great condition. The StEPs program continued looking specifically at how the organization is structured and managed. The Strategic Planning Committee led by Ben Moore keeps us focused on the future, and the recommendations are currently being reviewed by the Trustees.

Caring for the collection – In the fall of 2016, former history teacher and local history expert Harold Fernald donated another 30 boxes of local and NH history research and over 2000 slides. Ed Baechtold has charge of the project and is putting the highlights of the collection into an electronic format. We have a core group of faithful volunteers who give tours, work on the collection, and manage specialty projects including Elly Becotte, Carol Keating, Linda Metcalf, Diane Riley, Rich Hureau, Mike Angelari, Mary Ertl and Ben Moore. Ann Carnaby, and Elizabeth and Doug Aykroyd provide additional collection expertise.

Having fun – Between school programs led by Pat O’Keefe and Sammi Moe and adult programming also overseen by Pat, we have had several interesting projects – like our ornament making class and a basket weaving class. Our History Reading Group led by librarian Barbara Tosiano covered subjects from the early 20th century to the Eisenhower years. The group meets 3-4 times a year and over 25 people participate in the discussions which are lively and thought provoking.

Spreading the news – Thanks to Kathy McLaughlin, we have publicity throughout the seacoast. Liz Premo provides our Facebook presence and Rich Hureau keeps our website up to date, as well as sending out his famous e-blasts. Cheryl Lassiter provides a peek into local history with her monthly column in the Hampton Union, which draws heavily on research through the museum’s archives and photographs.

But none of this would be possible without members! Thank you for being part of this wonderful organization and providing the financial support needed to do all these projects. By the time I finish writing this report I am so proud of our museum and all the people that work so hard to keep it fresh and vibrant. It is an honor to be associated with this group!

Betty Moore

Announcing a New Volunteer Coordinator for the Tuck Museum

One of the suggestions from the 2017 Strategic Plan was the creation of a Volunteer Coordinator position. Sammi Moe has agreed to take on this assignment. As a former president and secretary of the Society, former chair of the Education Committee, Program Committee member and long-time volunteer for many of our special events – she brings the knowledge of the organization needed to help bring new volunteers into the fold and make them feel welcome.

If you have a few extra hours to spare per week, month or for a one-off project we have a variety of volunteer jobs available from gardening to building maintenance and collection care to working with visitors. Call 929-0781 and leave a message; email info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org or text 603-682-0118 and we will find a place for you!

Mission

The mission of the Hampton Historical Society is to increase public knowledge and understanding of the history and cultural heritage of the town of Hampton, New Hampshire, from its earliest inhabitants to the present generation. We will communicate that history through an active museum, educational programs, and a resource library.

Taking StEPs To Help Build a Strong Museum



Betty Moore, Ben Moore, Blake Chichester, Gary Grashow

After two years, with the help of HHS trustees, volunteers, and members, we have completed the self evaluation process of our organization using StEPs, Standards and Excellence Program for historical organizations, as a tool to improve and set goals in maintaining a vibrant, sustaining history organization.

We have completed the six sections of the StEPs program: 1. Mission, Vision and Governance; 2. Audience; 3. Interpretation; 4. Stewardship of Collections; 5. Stewardship of Historic Structures and Landscapes; 6. Management.

Now that we have gathered a body of information from our discussions, we will be able to address concerns and set up practices that will help us do what we already do well even better: preserving, connecting, and sharing the history and cultural heritage of Hampton, New Hampshire.

We have been awarded a gold certificate in the StEPs Audience section. As we continue to interpret and implement what we have learned from our evaluations, we will be going for the gold in all other StEPs sections.

Many thanks to the people who participated in the last two years with the StEPs evaluation process:

Betty Moore, Bob Dennett, Elizabeth Aykroyd, Mary Ertl, Josh Silveira, Kathy McLaughlin, Lisa Grashow, Lori Cotter, Elly Becotte, Mark McFarlin, Jillian Holmberg, Diane Riley, Ed Baechtold, Carol Keating, Ben Moore, Blake Chichester, Gary Grashow, and Linda Metcalf.

This is a process that takes time and effort but in the long run will show the benefit of time well spent for our museum's future.

Karen Raynes, StEPs manager

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 12 months ended October 31, 2017 Unaudited

Operating Account

Revenues, Gains, Other Support	
Dues	\$4,535
Donations - unrestricted	10,781
Museum Gift Shop Sales	1,274
Fundraising	26,638
Interest and Investment	11,072
Endowment Funds income	2,149
Programs & Other	870
Total Revenues and Support	57,319

Expenses and Losses

Tuck Museum Program	3,462
Buildings and Grounds	14,848
Public Programs	1,152
Publicity and Website	405
Membership & Newsletters	2,290
Fundraising expenses	4,258
Gift shop purchases	323
Management and General	623

Total Expenses 27,361

Change in Unrestricted Net Assets

Restricted donations received	0
Restricted donations expended	0
Net change in liquid assets	29,958

Liquid Assets, Beginning of Year 145,649

Liquid Assets, End of Period \$175,607

Treasurer's Report

We had a good year with our fund raising activities, and expenses were kept to budget. We maintained our financial strength.

Ben Moore

Audit Committee

Thanks go to Tom Bridge for his services as auditor for the financial statements of the Society. In an effort to share our financial results with the membership and public our IRS filing, Form 990, will be available on the web site, www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org.

Membership Committee Report

Membership fees and additional donations in our annual appeal continue to contribute significantly to our operating budget. Membership dues for the fiscal year just ending total \$4,490 with accompanying membership donations of \$6,495. There are 444 members on our mailing list. Of these, 128 are Life members, 12 are Complimentary members, and 304 are Family, Senior, Senior Couple, Individual, and Business memberships. The renewal rate is 69%. In addition, of the total membership, there are six new members this year.

Linda Metcalf

Communications Committee Report

We made several major additions to our website:

- Digitized versions of the Hampton Personal Property Books from 1837- 1974
- 90th Anniversary Posters in web format for easy online reading

In last year's report, I enthusiastically stated, "We saved some money by not having to buy a new computer... We fixed the problem by replacing Windows 7 with Windows 10. Yes, sometimes it actually helps!" Well, it didn't help enough - we purchased a new computer this year.

We also upgraded our telephone and Internet connections by establishing service with Comcast. This provides much faster WiFi access for volunteers and visitors at the museum, and we can actually hear someone when they call us now (!).

Rich Hureau

Education Committee Report

The Education Committee has been taken under the wings of the Program Committee.

Pat O'Keefe continues to do the Ox Cart Man Interpretation with 1st graders from Center and Sacred Heart Schools. The program is held in the barn. She also portrays Goody Moulton with the Traveling Trunk with 2nd graders in their classrooms at Center School.

Sammi Moe assists with the arrangements and at program events when she is available. Thank you to Bill Keating who assisted as our farmer last October. This October, the 1st grade teachers asked if the Ox Cart Man program might be held in April 2018, as that time better suits a curriculum unit on "Past and Present."

Our Pine Grove Cemetery and Museum Morning programs welcomes 3rd graders in May/June.

Betty Moore does a program with North Hampton 4th grades which includes a visit to the barn and the schoolhouse, and a PowerPoint presentation on North Hampton history.

Thank you to all who volunteered for these programs. It is my hope to hold a volunteer workshop in the spring for those who'd like to help with the Cemetery and/or Museum days, in order to encourage new volunteers and help all to be comfortable as an education volunteer. Watch for it!

Ox Cart Man: approx. 150 students
Goody Moulton Traveling Trunk: approx. 130 students
Pine Grove Cemetery Visit: approx. 130 students
Museum Morning Visit: approx. 130 students
North Hampton 4th Grade Museum visit: 60 students

Pat O'Keefe

Program Committee Report

The 2016-17 Program Committee consisted of Pat O'Keefe (Chair), Sammi Moe, Betty Moore, and Karen Raynes.

A fully packed year of programs (number in parens denotes attendance):

- April - *Windows into African American Life in New Hampshire* with Deborah Knowlton and Michelle Sherburne (40)
- May - *Color Me Included* Walking Tour with Deborah Knowlton (15)
- June - *Life on 17th Century New Hampshire's Coastal Frontier* with Neill dePaoli, NH Humanities (43)
- August - *Creative Feast: Recipes from Colonial New England* with Liz Barber, in Conjunction with Library and Garden Club (64)
- September - *The Last Run: A Tale of Rum Running in New Hampshire* with Stephen Clarkson (25)
- October - *Discovering New England Stone Walls* with Kevin Gardner (NH Humanities); pictures on page 5
- November - *Hampton Voices from World War I* with Karen Raynes and Mike Garland (American Legion Hall; Lane Library); more info on page 5

We are well underway with our program schedule for 2018, which we will finalize in November (see page 8 for a preliminary schedule).

Many thanks to Betty, Sammi and Karen whose creativity and hard work helped make our programs a success, and to those who provided refreshments and help set up for our events.

Pat O'Keefe

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

The Museum's heating system received long overdue service. Cleaning the boiler, along with installing new refractory lining and new jacket insulation, saved energy and brought immediate savings.



The Board elected to have an energy audit done. Terry Grube of Seacoast Inspections made recommendations that once completed will result in reduced energy use. Terry donated his services.

There was plenty of snow last winter; special thanks to Blake Chichester for his help shoveling.

Comcast is now providing our phone and Internet service.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee was reestablished. A storm door was installed; repairs were made to the ramp outside; barn doors and fire museum doors were painted; the cottage porch ceiling was painted; a new insulated water heater jacket was installed; and structural repairs were made in the museum basement. The pung is no longer taking up space in the workshop. Its new home is in the barn, hanging from the roof framing.



Thanks to the Buildings and Grounds Committee members for jobs well done: Mike Stiers, Mike Compos, Blake Chichester, Ben Moore, Bill Keating, Ken Lobdell, Bob Dennett, and Donnie Walker.

Gary Grashow

These pictures show the Buildings and Grounds volunteers installing the new sign, using their new hammers!



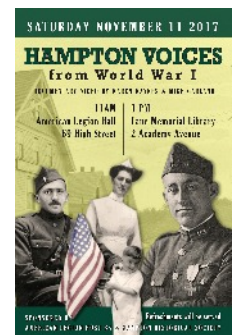
Kevin Gardner Builds a Wall

As part of his *Discovering New England Stone Walls* talk in October, Kevin Gardner demonstrated the techniques used to actually build such walls. Below are two pictures showing the beginning and end of the process.



Hampton Voices from World War I Video

On Veterans' Day, 2017, the video *Hampton Voices from WWI* was premiered at the American Legion Hall and later that day at the Lane Library. It was created by Karen Raynes (HHS VP) and Mike Garland.



You can view the 38 minute video on YouTube at this address: https://youtu.be/7FU9_31Di0M or click the poster above right if you are viewing this as a PDF. It will also be available soon on Channel 22.

2016 - 2017 Volunteers

Over 100 Hours

Eleanor Becotte	Jim Metcalf
Robert Dennett	Linda Metcalf / Lassie
Gary Grashow	Ben Moore
Rich Hureau	Betty Moore
Carol Keating	Karen Raynes
Kathy McLaughlin	Diane Riley

25 - 100 Hours

Mike Angelari	Bill Keating	Joshua Silveira
Ed Baechtold	Dyana Martin	Candice Stellmach
Rusty Bridle	Sammi Moe	Priscilla Thoen
Blake Chichester	Pat O'Keefe	Barbara Tosiano
Mary Ertl	Kate Pratt	Chet Riley
Lisa Grashow	Liz Premo	

Other Volunteers

Elizabeth Aykroyd	Dawn Emerick	Jason Moore
Douglas Aykroyd	Rick Griffin	Pat Navin
Judy Ashenden	Jack Goetz	Doug Palardy
Fred Ashenden	Dave Hardy	Fred Rice
Ina Banbury	Abby Hansen	Joan Rice
Tocky Bialobrzeski	Amy Hansen	Sam Robinson
Nancy Brady	Whit Hansen	Linda Sari
Tom Bridge	Dan Innis	Helen Smith
Ann Carnaby	Ann Justin	Nancy Stiles
Martha Chichester	Rev. Deb Knowlton	Michael Stiers
Lori Cotter	Sue Launi	Marilyn Wallingford
Margaret Dennett	Ken Lobdell	Bob Wallace
Bud Desrochers	Kathe Lobdell	Skip Webb
Lois Desrochers	Jodie McFarlin	Chuck Weinhold
Molly Devers	Mark McFarlin	Karen Weinhold
Tracy Emerick	Gary Martin	Jane Wright

Board of Trustees; Officers; Committee Chairs; 2017-18

Officers

President - Bob Dennett
Vice President - Karen Raynes
Secretary - Kate Pratt
Treasurer - Ben Moore

Trustees

Ed Baechtold
Rusty Bridle
Blake Chichester
Lori Cotter
Gary Grashow
Rick Griffin
Rich Hureau
Dyana Martin
Kathy McLaughlin
Linda Metcalf
Sammi Moe
Deborah Knowlton

Committees and Chairpersons

Executive Director - Betty Moore
Education - Pat O'Keefe
Pig Roast - Dyana Martin
Membership - Linda Metcalf
Buildings and Grounds - Gary Grashow
Audit - Tom Bridge
Nominating Committee - Betty Moore
Publicity - Kathy McLaughlin
Communications - Rich Hureau
Programs - Pat O'Keefe
Oral History - Bill Keating
StEPs Evaluation - Karen Raynes

2016-17 Annual Statistics (10/1/16-9/30/17)

Casual visitors	305
School programs	547
Group Tour visitors	103 (includes host site for groups)
Program Attendance	207
Other events	464
Total	1626

Nominating Committee - 2017

Betty Moore - Chairperson
Lisa Grashow
Jim Metcalf
Blake Chichester
Mark McFarlin

Business members

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

234 Lafayette Road Realty, LLC
401 Tavern, LLC
Atlantic Motel
Robert Dennett
Galley Hatch Restaurant, Inc.
Hampton Beach Casino, Inc.
Kingfish Trolley Lines, LLC
Northeast Auctions
Preston Real Estate
Remick & Gendron Funeral Home &
Crematory
Tobey & Merrill Insurance
Tracy Theatre Originals
Unitil Corp

**HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING – OCTOBER 19, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Bob Dennett, President.

Minutes of October 2016 Annual Meeting – Kate Pratt, secretary

It was noted the minutes are published in the Annual Meeting report. Moved by Rich Hureau, second by Carolyn Flake to accept the minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report – Ben Moore, treasurer

Ben noted the treasure's reports are published in the Annual Meeting report.

Reports of the officers, boards and committees – Betty Moore

Betty noted the reports of the officers, boards and committees are published in the Annual Meeting report.

Report of the Nominating committee – Betty Moore, chair

Betty introduced the nominating committee members: Blake Chichester, Lisa Grashow, Mark McFarlin and Jim Metcalf. She noted that Josh Silveira is retiring from the Board of Trustees and thanked him for his service and commitment to the Society.

Betty presented the following slate of nominees for the Board of Trustees:

Rich Hureau, Kathy McLaughlin and Ben Moore for three-year terms to expire in 2020. All are current members of the Board. Lori Cotter and Deborah Knowlton for three-year terms to expire in 2020. Edward Baechtold for a one-year term to expire in 2018.

Betty Moore asked if there were any other nominations. There being none it was moved by Mark McFarlin to accept the report and to cast one vote for the slate presented by the Nominating committee, second by Blake Chichester. Motion approved unanimously.

2018 Nominating committee

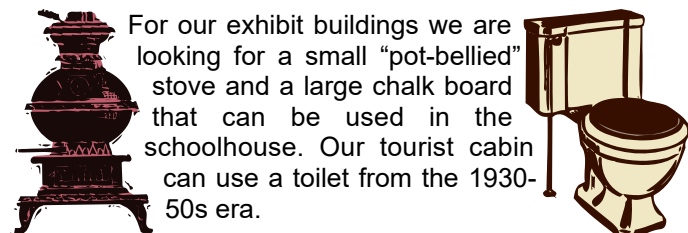
Bob Dennett asked for two volunteers to serve on the 2018 Nominating committee. Lisa Grashow and Jim Metcalf volunteered to serve. Their appointments were approved by voice vote.

Adjournment – Bob Dennett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Ben Moore to adjourn the 2017 Annual Meeting, second by Chet Riley. Motion approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

“Want” List for the Tuck Museum

This fall we did a book binding project of town and school reports. As we went through the collection we found that we are missing some issues of school reports and hope that our members can help fill in the gaps. We are looking for Hampton School District reports for the years 1994 and 1995. We also need Winnacunnet Cooperative School District (SAU21) reports for 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2005-2006, 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.



For our exhibit buildings we are looking for a small “pot-bellied” stove and a large chalk board that can be used in the schoolhouse. Our tourist cabin can use a toilet from the 1930-50s era.

One last thing for the “Want” List is information on the patch in the photo at right. It was dropped off last week by Joe McArdle of Suffield, CT. He grew up in Hampton and said

that he was not sure what it was used for. Perhaps one of our readers can help us out.

Contact Betty Moore 926-2543 if you can help us out.



Can you identify this patch for us?

Pig Roast 2017 Report

The 2017 Pig Roast was a lot of fun for all. Whit Hansen led with the cooking of the pigs with a few friends and HHS Trustees. Thankfully, Chuck Weinhold and Sam Robertson were there again to cut the pig for serving. As always, we got rave reviews on the pork and the sides and we had our special BBQ sauces there as well. And this year we had more desserts than ever! It was a wonderful feast!

Unfortunately, Betty Moore had a conflict this year with events on the day of the Pig Roast, so we missed seeing her smiling face at the event, but we still had the rest of our group of wonderful volunteers that helped out the day of the Pig Roast. Special thanks goes out to Karen Raynes for all the work she did this year at the event in the absence of Betty.

There was an exceptional group that met ahead of time and did the behind the scenes work that brought the event all together on the big day. Many thanks go out to all of them...and as usual there are too many of you to count here but please know you are all appreciated and we are thankful to have you help to make this day the success that it is. Plus, it is great to spend the day with all of you!

There is a lot of hard work that goes into this event and it could not be done without the help of many. So again, thank you to you all—those that served food and desserts, those that cooked the pork and those that cut the pork, those that set up and broke down the tents and tables, those that decorated, those that bought tickets and brought friends, those that washed dishes and made desserts, those that made calls and collected silent auction items and those that managed the auction, those that sold raffle tickets and those that ran food back and forth and those that cleaned up, those that cooked burgers and dogs and those that took photos —thank you for being the friends that we fortunately have that help to get the job done. Because of that, the end result is a fun and memorable day had by all each year.

I wanted to mention that we changed the date of the Pig Roast again this year and I think we now have a date that works better for everyone. We hosted the Pig Roast on the weekend before Labor Day this year and we think that helped us all around – more people could attend the event because there were no conflicts with the holiday or the Seafood Fest, and there were no issues with parking as there were no sports teams playing on that date.

In previous years, when it was held on Labor Day weekend, many people thought that the decrease in participation and volunteer help was due to the date – there were a number of folks and volunteers who could not go to the Pig Roast on the holiday weekend. We all agreed that changing the date would help attendance and I believe that the new date hits the spot and will move us in the right direction for future years.

The food and entertainment and the auction were all excellent, as usual, and many thanks go out to our donors - The Galley Hatch Restaurant, Fast Eddies, Bud and Lois Desrochers, the Old Salt, Joe's Meat Shoppe, Hannafords, Shaws, Seacoast Coke, Sam's Club, 401 Tavern, Tracy Emerick and Amy Hansen (delicious BBQ sauces!), Kate Pratt, and Walmart. Also, special thanks to the Provident Bank again this year for being our major sponsor. We could not do it without their financial help and generosity.

This year our entertainment was a band called **Billy Billy**. The leader of the band was a local and a childhood friend of Whit Hansen. Thank you goes out to Whit and Kate for recommending them – everyone loved them and are hoping that they can come back next year.



We also had another resident, Ron Frigon, who came out with his old-fashioned popcorn machine, and gave out the most delicious popcorn to the crowd. He was a great addition to the Pig Roast and we are hoping he will come back again for next year's Pig Roast as well.

Overall, the day of the event was a happy one, with tremendous weather, tremendous food, tremendous friends, and many smiles all around.

Dyana Martin

Preliminary Program Schedule for 2018

This listing of programs and events is a work in progress and subject to change.

- Dec.3, 2017 – History Book Club; 4PM; *Once Upon a time in Russia* by Ben Mezrich; Tuck Museum
- April 19 – “The Toppan Family in Hampton”; speaker Lori White Cotter; 7PM; Tuck Museum
- May – date TBA - Hampton Souvenir China Exhibit Opens
- June 13 – “A Night of Music with Two Old Friends” (NH Humanities Program); 7PM; Tuck Museum
- July – Celebrate Hampton’s 380th Birthday – more details to come
- August 25 – Pig Roast 17!!! Noon to 3PM
- September 20 – “Behind the Stage Door”; speaker Ann Carnaby; 7PM; Tuck Museum
- October 18 – Annual Meeting “Vagabond Quakers”; speaker Olga Morrill; 6:30PM; Tuck Museum
- November 18 – “When This You See Remember Me: Hampton’s Souvenir China”; Betty Moore speaker; 3PM