



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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President's Report

The changing of the seasons, the changing times through a pandemic, and the changing of our roles here at the Historical Society seems to be the theme of this newsletter. As I move from Visitor Services to assume the President role, I am thankful for the many opportunities this will bring, and how much I can learn from our volunteers here at Tuck Museum. My goal is to bring us all together in a shared devotion to our past, and continue the many responsibilities we have in protecting it for generations to come.

After having a wonderful summer of visitors, finally reopening in June, we stay strong in the fact that people want to learn about us, our incredible history, and their own personal family history, tracing back many generations to the founding fathers of Hampton. It was delightful to watch as our genealogical researchers uncovered facts they never knew about. Our research library remains one of the best in the state, and we welcome all to partake in its depth of knowledge.

We have been driven to complete some much needed projects. Our one room school house needed renovations, and spearheaded by Gary Grashow and his Building and Grounds Committee, we aim to complete by next spring. Huge thank yous go out to all. Our electrical systems needed to be updated with new wires running to the schoolhouse and cabin, the museum's chimney fixed, and our phone/alarm system completed. The quality of the museum helps us to be ready for public viewing and to protect our collections and exhibits. We continue to rely on support from you and our loyal businesses to keep this going.

Our first Fall Festival was a hit! Take a look at the pictures capturing the events of that day on our website and in this newsletter. We are very happy to welcome our new members who took advantage of the membership drive. Our hope is to do it again next fall. The Annual meeting was on Zoom this year; a delightful program from Betty Moore on Joseph Dow's trunk was enjoyed by all. If you missed it, come in and listen as we tell the story and show you the exhibit.

Be on the lookout for our Museum closing days in December. As usual, we will be closed in January and February, but look to open again about the second week in March, all relying on the data we receive on the Covid virus. You can keep updated by checking our website: it

has a wealth of information about our organization, our roles, our volunteers, and our Museum, all ready for you! Also, please note our membership drive included in this letter. Take a few minutes and drop that back in the mail with a renewal, donation, etc., before times get hectic. We thank you for anything you can do for us, including volunteering! Drop us a note...we love to hear from you!

Wishing you a delightful Holiday season with plans to enjoy your families,

Lori White Cotter



**Hear ye, Hear ye...
Volunteers Needed!**

We are looking for volunteers to help us with the **Education Committee** (organizing school tours), **Landscaping and Gardening** enthusiasts, and a **call person** to welcome members and coordinate new volunteers. If any of these sound interesting to you, please email us at:

info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org,
or make a note on the membership form.

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.

Visitor Services and Museum Outreach

(Pictures of schoolhouse restoration; story on next page)

Having extended our previous April 2021 opening date, Tuck Museum finally opened its doors to visitors in June 2021, first by appointment only, and then fully open to the public in July of 2021. It was truly heartwarming to see many local residents partake of what the museum has to offer, an indication of many people staying close to home yet wanting to get out and about. One visitor was quoted as saying "you have a real gem here in town," and we acknowledged with gratitude. We love our visitors and hope many members reading this newsletter will make a point of stopping in and visiting us Wednesdays, Fridays, or Sundays 1-4 pm through the first part of December. Our plans are to reopen around the second week of March, and again, depending on our volunteers and Covid protocols.

We stayed very busy with requests for books from the bookshop, and genealogical and collections questions through email. Meeting and talking with the many Batchelder, Tuck, Sanborn, Cass, Cram (to name a few) descendants was fascinating and enlightening. Many questions about the beach come up and we are always looking for more historical data on the history of Hampton Beach and its vicinity for our research library.

Sound fun? It is. Consider volunteering. You will be glad you did!

Lori Cotter
Mike Compos
Visitor Services

Hannaford Community Bag Program



For the month of November, we are participating in raising funds through the Hannaford Stores Community Bag Program. If you stop in and purchase a reusable bag, Hannaford's will donate \$1 to our organization. We thank you for helping us preserve and protect our most valuable history in town.

Communications Committee

Working with the Community Engagement Committee, we sent out a bunch of email alerts about their programs, with more detailed info on the website.

There is currently a large album of images from the Fall Festival on the Home page of the website.

We are planning an archival area of the website to hold photographs of events as they happen over the years. For example, the Fall Festival album will be moved to this area after a few months.

Our public-relations volunteers Kathy McLaughlin (publicity) and Liz Premo (FaceBook) did their usual excellent job. That's all my communicating for now...

Rich Hureau



To a man with a broom, everything looks like a mess!

Schoolhouse Restoration Report and Gardens

The schoolhouse restoration is winding down for the year. It's been a wonderful team-building experience and work will continue as weather permits.

We started in May with enthusiastic volunteers doing demolition. By the end of May a dedicated core group showed up every Tuesday and Thursday without fail. Our tasks included replacing rotted window frames and siding parts, sanding and cleaning salvaged original clapboards, reapplying siding to exacting specifications, fabricating flat exterior crown molding and corner boards, caulking, priming and painting.

These activities gave the crew the opportunity to learn proper restoration techniques and to become more skillful using a variety of hand and power tools. For example, we mastered laying out clapboard siding with the use of a story pole and making scarf joints. Another skill learned was how to side a gable end using only one dimension and the roof pitch and no other measurements.

Credit for all that has been accomplished goes to the restoration team of Mike Stiers, Ben Moore, Mike Compos, Mark McFarlin and Gary Grashow. And thanks also to those who assisted with demo: Lori Cotter, Ed Baechtold, Jim Metcalf, Pat Bushway and Betty Moore.

Gardens were not forgotten this year, although it has been a weird year weatherwise. After a normal start July turned very wet and was followed by an abundance of 90 degree days. In late October we had still not experienced a frost. Annuals were flowering and, of course, weeds were spreading. We had a lot of help maintaining our lovely gardens this year. Special thanks to Mike and Kathy Compos, Marilyn Wallingford, Karen Raynes, Joe O'Neil and Betty and Ben Moore for their work.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Grashow
Chair, Buildings and Grounds
Nov.4, 2021



Collection Manager Annual Report 2021

While the museum was closed to the public, the Collection Committee chugged along throughout the pandemic, just slowing down for the winter months. When we started up again in April, I did not comprehend how much I had missed the people I work with who are my “museum family.” Nothing like a common goal to bond people together!

When assembling the Dow exhibit, I learned how little credit has been given to Josiah Page and Lucy Dow in recording Hampton history. Josiah did much of the genealogy work in his cousin's *History of Hampton* and is mentioned in the preface of the book; but Dow never acknowledged the monumental work of his daughter, Lucy, who ultimately ended up finishing his book and was responsible for its publication after her father's death. I started thinking about all the other people over the years who had documented our history and were not recognized. So, I started a “Hampton Historians” project listing all the people that had contributed to recording, interpreting, and preservation of Hampton's history, whether they were involved in the HHS or not. The list grew to include artists, teachers, researchers, writers, librarians, and even musicians. I did not think the project would be that complex, but I was wrong. Now we have this information in one location and can add to it over time.

We continue documenting our own institutional history. In 2015, a master volunteer list was developed, going back to the original founders in 1925, so we updated that list to 2021. Currently, the count is over 600 people having furthered the mission of the society by volunteering in some capacity.

This year our Building and Grounds Committee undertook restoration of one of the largest items in the collection (2020.464) – our 1850s one room district schoolhouse (see pages 2-3). Thanks go to Chair, Gary Grashow, and his talented crew, who have been out working on the building two days a week since spring. The craftsmanship of the project is first rate, and we are fortunate that they were willing and have the skill to undertake this important project. It was hard to explain to visitors the 1970s vinyl siding when giving a tour of a building over 170 years old. When finished, the schoolhouse will interpret Hampton's early education system more authentically.

Additional accomplishments:

- Over 500 new collection records were added this year – the work of Carol Keating, Carol Angelari, Mary Ertl, Mary Ann Nelligan, and Betty Moore.
- Rich Hureau continued his photography of important collection items, added collection content to the website, and scanned photographs for the HHS image database.
- Karen Raynes created a walking tour brochure of Hampton Center and provided monthly history articles in the Hampton Union using the collection resources.
- Mounted the exhibit “How History is Written” with assistance from Kathy McLaughlin, Cheryl Lassiter, Karen Raynes, Ann Carnaby, Marsha Hannon-Buber, and Joshua Silveira.
- Research assistance offered as we worked with our terrific in-house researcher Lori Cotter, as well as PHD candidates, authors, home schoolers, and museum visitors, making the collection accessible to as many as possible.
- Collaborated with town commissions and agencies including the Heritage Commission, Conservation Commission, Hampton Master Plan committee, and Lane Memorial Library.
- Inventory records were updated by Ben Moore, who inventoried all the collection files and updated the accession and vertical files.
- Refreshed the outdoor wayfinding cases and exhibits with new graphics and updated text.
- Completed conservation work on Charles Henry Turner's oil painting “Hampton Mill.”



It takes many people to make this committee run efficiently. Elizabeth Aykroyd and Karen Raynes work with me on following our collection policy. Kathy McLaughlin, Liz Premo and Rich Hureau handle requests for newspaper, internet, and website publicity relating to exhibits and collection issues. Our museum guides are important in telling our story through the collection. The HHS Board of Trustees approves and finds funding for the projects the committee brings forward. However, we can only accomplish this through the assistance of our members. Your generosity and support enable us to do so much!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Betty Moore – Collection Manager

Community Engagement Committee Annual Report

This is my first report as the chair of the Community Engagement Committee, and it's certainly been an unusual start for me in this position! But even with COVID restrictions continuing into 2021, we did manage to have some interesting events, beginning with a program by NH Humanities entitled "Wit and Wisdom: Humor in 19th Century New England" on April 28th. This was the first of two programs conducted online and co-sponsored with the Lane Library.

As the year and COVID went on and we continued to look for events that could be held either outdoors or online, the next event was the Pine Grove Cemetery Tour, conducted by Betty Moore and Lori Cotter. That turned out to be "Tours" because the first iteration on July 17th was such a big hit that Betty and Lori did a second tour on August 7th to accommodate all those who wanted to participate.

The second online event conducted collaboratively with the library was presented on August 26th. "Whaling Captains of Color: America's First Meritocracy" by author Skip Finley gave us an insight into the early history of whaling off the coast of New England, with particular focus on the challenges of captains of color.

On September 22, the Associate Director of the UNH Shoals Marine Laboratory, David Buck, presented "The Human and Natural History of Appledore Island," our next online event. We learned about the cultural and natural history of the island, as well as the marine science initiatives in which the Laboratory is engaged.

October 10th brought us to our first-ever Fall Festival, a family-friendly event held on the museum grounds that included live entertainment, music, games, and food (see pictures at right and elsewhere). It was a great day of fun for all who attended, and we look forward to doing it again next year.

Our annual meeting was held online on October 17th, and Betty Moore took us through a look inside Joseph's Trunk, a trunk purchased by the HHS that once belonged to Joseph Dow and contains much of the information he used to write his history of Hampton.

With the uncertainty of COVID still impacting our planning, we've decided to forego the December Open House that we would have held this year, and we'll look forward to an even bigger and brighter holiday celebration next year. We're currently working on the programs and events for next year, so keep an eye out for those announcements!

Pat Bushway



Donors to the Annual Appeal

We thank the members listed below for their donations to the annual appeal!

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Membership Committee Annual Report

We had a good year on the membership front. Our renewal rate was nearly 91%, 26 new members joined, and 20 former members rejoined.

Dues and donations topped \$15,800 and, in addition, a matching donation of \$10,775 was received.

Membership renewal forms are included in this mailing, so please renew as soon as you can.

We can't do all we do without you! Thanks for your support,

Ben Moore, Chair

Audit Committee Annual Report

Thanks go to Bob Dennett 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,



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 12 months ended October 31,2021 Unaudited

Operating Account

Revenues, Gains, Other Support	
Dues	3,910
Donations – unrestricted	26,281
Museum Gift Shop Sales	770
Fundraising	15,139
Interest and Investment	36,676
Endowment Funds income	2,679
Bequests	10,000
Programs & Other	470
Total Revenues and Support	95,925

Expenses and Losses

Tuck Museum Program	1,822
Buildings and Grounds	30,837
Public Programs	200
Publicity and Website	432
Membership & Newsletters	487
Fundraising expenses	5,116
Gift shop purchases	553
Management and General	613
Donations to other projects	175
Technology	230
Legal expenses	2,925
Total Expenses	43,390

Change in Unrestricted Net Assets 52,535

 Restricted donations received 0
 Restricted donations expended 0

 Net change in liquid assets 52,535

Liquid Assets, Beginning of Year 229,922

Liquid Assets, End of Period 282,457

Treasurer's Annual Report

It was an excellent year for our finances. Income was up due to very generous member donations which were matched by an anonymous donor, a bequest, and excellent return on investments. Major expenses included the ongoing schoolhouse restoration, a new alarm system, and chimney repairs at the museum.

Ed Baechtold

**HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING
October 17th 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 by President Linda Metcalf.

Minutes of the October 15th, 2020 Annual Meeting: It was noted that the 2020 Annual Meeting minutes had been posted on the HHS website all year, and, that they had been presented to the trustees prior to this meeting via email for review. There was no discussion of the minutes. Motion to accept the 2020 meeting minutes was made by Michael Stiers and seconded by Rich Hureau. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of the HHS Nominating Committee: Mike Compos

In addition to Mike, this year's nominating committee consisted of Betty Moore, Jim Metcalf, Mark McFarlin and Kathy Compos. Linda Metcalf also provided a valuable lead that resulted in a one new trustee member.

Three current trustees had expiring terms for renewal: Ed Baechtold has accepted a another 3 year term, Linda Metcalf accepted a one year term and Michael Stiers decided to step down. That left the committee with 4 openings to potentially fill.

We are excited to welcome 3 new members to the board; Nichole Duggan, Amy Hansen and Joe O'Neil. Mike read a brief biography of each new member, all of whom are very accomplished and will bring great experience and new ideas to the group. Welcome! Your willingness to share your talents with the HHS is very much appreciated.

2 members from the general membership were nominated to serve on next year's nominating committee: Mark McFarlin and Jim Metcalf. Motion was made to accept the new trustee members and the members offered for the next nominating committee. Motion was unanimously approved.

President Metcalf announced that a short meeting would take place after the evening's presentation to elect a new slate of HHS officers for next year.

Motion to adjourn the business portion of the Annual Meeting was made and unanimously approved at 6:42 – even faster than last year!

After the business meeting, Collections chairperson Betty Moore gave a very interesting talk/slideshow on 'Joseph's Trunk.' This trunk, which belonged to Joseph Dow, came into the HHS collection fairly recently and contains a fascinating collection of artifacts from Hampton's earliest days, which formed the basis of Mr. Dow's well-known history of Hampton and an in-depth look at the town's founding residents.

The meeting ended at 7:22.



**Board of Trustees and
Officers, 2021-22**

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Gary Grashow
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Linda Metcalf
Ben Moore
Betty Moore
Joe O'Neil
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Calendar of Events

The program committee is hard at work on programs for 2022. Look for email alerts with info. If you are not on our email list, you can easily subscribe on the HHS website (see heading, page1) – click the **HHS Event Reminder** icon in the right column of the HHS Home page.

- The **December Open House** event is canceled because of Covid concerns
- **HHS Book Discussion Group**, Sunday, January 23, 2 p.m. Tuck Museum, Covid & winter weather permitting, otherwise ZOOM meeting. All welcome! – want to join? Email us your information at info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org Book selection is *Carlisle vs. Army: Jim Thorpe, Dwight Eisenhower, Pop Warner and the Forgotten Story of Football's Greatest Battle* by Lars Anderson.