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GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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President's Note

Once again, we open our doors to our many historically interested friends! Even though we have been closed for two months, work behind the scenes never ceased. Our volunteers have updated museum exhibits, created new displays and programs, continued research and monitored our emails for various historical questions and requests. Please plan on visiting to see all the lovely work!

A shout out to our Board of Trustees (in bold) and regular volunteers: We welcome our two new Board members **Heidi Taracena** and **Tracy Dewhurst**. Heidi provides us with a much needed liaison between Rec Dept and Historical Society, and has jumped to the task of helping plan a 2025 event. Tracy will help us with sponsors for our various activities, and encourage new businesses in town to join us in membership. **Kathleen Hall** is a liaison with the Lane Library, helping with her expertise on running events and programs which we sometimes present with the library.

We thank **Amy Hansen** for helping us with minutes of our meetings. Membership Director **Mary Ann Nelligan** keeps our data base updated and our addresses current. She is also on our Finance Committee, as well as Ben Moore and **Ed Baechtold**. Ed is our illustrious Treasurer, and maintains our finances to run this Museum. **Rich Hureau** manages all things printable: newsletters, website, email blasts and photographic needs; he is our master at arms. Liz Premo does our Social Media (FaceBook, etc) entries, while Kathy McLaughlin handles our Publicity.

Our researchers Karen Raynes and Mary Ann Nelligan have inspired us with "Building Community: Twenty Influential Women of Hampton" (article in this news.) Program Director **Pat Bushway** is gearing up for 2024's wonderful lectures and events, with Lisa Barreto who is heading up a fall event with a visit from the Marquis (article following.) **Gary Grashow** has his list of to-do's with managing our building needs.

Mike Compos always lends a helping hand with the interior painting, and dutifully guides our visitors on tours as our Visitor Services Director. Helping him greet our guests are Bill Keating, Carol Keating, Karen Raynes, Christine Dalbec, Pat Thoen, Betty and myself. Student intern Jack Hafey has become a regular helper for tours as well.

Betty Moore, who is our Collections Director, works with Carol and Mary Ertl to catalog our museum items and research our artifacts or photos, with Diane Riley helping out in entering data on the computer. Our Education

Director Michelle Croteau already has at least three field trips scheduled, and we thank the many volunteers that help to run these trips for our young students. We are hoping that our gardens will come alive again, with nurturing from our Garden crew: Ben and Betty Moore, Karen Raynes (Mrs.B's garden), Marilyn Wallingford, truly indicating that spring has finally sprung!

Near or far, thank you for your kind donations this year. It truly inspires all of us volunteers to do great things here at Tuck Museum in Hampton, preserving our town's history and bringing that education to you and your children. Ever on!

Yours in History,

Lori W. Cotter, President, HHS

In Celebration of National Poetry Month



On Thursday night, April 11, it was standing room only as we were entertained by 17 wonderful Hampton Academy students reading their very own writings. The poetry project was to spend about two weeks with us at Tuck Museum researching a piece of Hampton History that interested them (see image below). The poems that were read covered such subjects as Hampton cemeteries, ghosts, shipwrecks, beach life, first responders, and fish houses, to name a few. We were thrilled to host this event again and commend all the students for a fine job!



Building Community Program

It was standing room only in Tuck Hall for the first program of the year, *Building Community - Twenty Influential Women of Hampton, NH* on March 27th.

Mary Ann Nelligan and Karen Raynes did extensive research into the lives of twenty women from Hampton, spanning a time period from the mid 1600s to present. They took to the podium to introduce the ladies that they both had become quite close to during their eighteen months of investigation. Now the stories could be told.



They focused on women that had done remarkable things but were comparatively unknown.

With their individual stories an item from the Tuck Museums' collection was shown - a painting by artist Norma Torti, titled "Wielding Hysteria" about witchcraft pertaining to Rachel Braybrook Fuller; a podium made of wood from the original Hampton Academy for a pioneer in education, Elizabeth Knight Webster; Jesse Merrill Toppan's wedding dress; a milk bottle from Elsa Aitken Johnson's dairy farm; a Hampton dog tag from Helen Worledge Hayden's time as town clerk.

After the presentation attendees gathered for refreshments in the Building Community room, where recipes from eight of the women were enjoyed along with viewing the exhibit about the twenty women.

A book, *Building Community - Twenty Influential Women of Hampton, NH* is in the process of being edited and published on Amazon. We will be selling the book in the Tuck Museum gift shop. An e-blast will be sent out by the Hampton Historical Society when the book is available.

A Visit From The Marquis



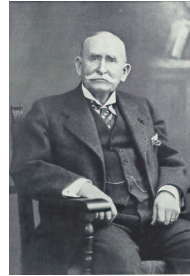
On the morning of September 1, 2024, HHS will hold a "Jubilee of Liberty" to celebrate the "**Bicentennial Return of the General Marquis de Lafayette.**" An impersonator of this French Revolutionary War Hero will make a grand entrance via horse and carriage where festivities will be held on the grounds of the Tuck Museum from approx 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Families and friends are invited to attend this exciting once-in-a-lifetime Labor Day Weekend event. Stay tuned for more details as we learn more about General Lafayette and his stops in Hampton Falls, North Hampton, Greenland, and Portsmouth, New Hampshire—all done in one important day!

Lisa Barreto, HHS Member and Lafayette Committee Coordinator; Lifelong Member of the American Friends of Lafayette

Did You Know?

Long ago, in 1925, Mr. Ira Jones, a local retired minister and funeral director made a promise to some civic minded friends...that he would help to create a place that could preserve the town's memorabilia and history. He was 89 years old! He sought the help of his friend, retired banker Edward Tuck (at the young age of 83) to help finance his ideas, and together they formed the Meeting House Green Memorial and Historical Association. The creation of a memorial park, hall and playing fields (now Tuck Field) were the objects of their desires, and thus our historical Society was born!



Edward Tuck had long ancestral ties to Hampton, his family being one of the early settlers and tavern keeper, Robert Tuck. His father Amos Tuck, who married into another generational Hampton family, the Nudds, was a graduate of Hampton Academy and Dartmouth College, becoming a lawyer, abolitionist and congressman.

Edward graduated, like his father, from Dartmouth College in 1862, and was appointed by his father's friend, President Abraham Lincoln, to a diplomatic post in Paris, France, where he remained for most of his life, but still dedicated himself to his beloved state of New Hampshire, helping to fund New Hampshire Historical Society, monuments on Star Island, Stratham Hill Park and the Exeter Cottage Hospital, to name a few. We are indebted to both Mr. Jones and Mr. Tuck for the ability to continue their vision. (source: Cheryl Lassiter, "History Matters," Seacoastonline, 2015)

Our celebration of 100 years as an Historical Society is fast approaching (1925-2025). We have a number of programs and events already in the works, but we need people. Could you, as a member, find some time to help? Donations are also a way to say congrats and thank you.....you can help fund or sponsor an event. Write or call us, and we can fill you in on what's happening. Be looking for future events and charitable endeavors to be announced soon. Thank you!



Gifts to the Collection - 2023

- Book – Charlemagne – Lydia Estey
- Sampler “Retirement” – Carolyn Brooks
- Hampton Playhouse poster collection – Ralph Halversen
- Book – Hobbs and Related Families Vol. 2; plans and assessors Maps 400 & 441, plans Hampton Beach roads, diploma of Dorothy Tau; souvenir pocket mirror; 19 pieces of souvenir china (Joanne Hobbs Martin Collection); postcards; varsity ports letters and sports programs - Hampton High School; photograph grade 2 Centre School 1937, postcard Hampton Center – Glenn Martin
- 1700s belt or shoe buckle – Lawrence Foley
- Postcard – early Hampton hotels – Lisa Beaudoin
- Postcards (5) – Hampton and Hampton Beach – Alvin Schaut
- Postcards – Hampton Beach hotels (3) Susan Kinkade
- Yearbook 1954, scan of the class of 1954 Hampton High School – Karen Tanner Thorton
- Watercolors by Ruth Stimson (3), holiday songbook from Atlantic News, booklet “Ideas for Better Living” – Ann Kaiser
- Sheet music Winnacunnet alma mater – donor unknown
- Janvrin Lumber shingling apron, yardstick Tilton Fuel, gloves Whites Gas Station; aerial photo Hampton Academy; laying out board, souvenir china Hampton Academy; photograph and information on 81 Landing Road – Diane Shaw
- Photographs – HHS Events - Eleanor Becotte’s going away party, October 2023; school tours; **event at Side Bar**; research Manning Plan – Karen Raynes
- Postcard projector, firkins – Robin H. Russell Damuth
- Woman’s skirt and jacket ca. 1900s – Priscilla Thoen
- Research Hampton Shipbuilding and Shipwrecks – Karen Raynes, Mary Ann Nelligan, Lori Cotter
- Images from **Manning Plan** – Rich Hureau
- History of Smith Colony – Priscilla Fanning
- Army uniform ca. 1970s – Percy Annis
- “Our Town Our Future” summary of Hampton Master Plan; Books Carved in Stone, Patriots Reward, John Paul Jones and the Ranger, Rockingham County, Forgotten and Historic Town Pounds, Historic Powder Houses of New England; property inventory form on 182 and 188 Winnacunnet Road; Hampton Beach Souvenir ashtray; history of Methodist Church; documentation of repairs in Ring Swamp and Pine Grove Cemeteries; dog tag Bruce Hadly Brown (Never Forget Project) – Collection Committee



Betty Moore, Collections



What Is it??

Unlike earlier puzzles, in this case we **know** what this object is because it says so on the side. We have obscured it so you can try to figure it out yourself. The unobscured sign on the other side is a clue (but it is not a radio). The item is about the size of a coffee maker. The answer is on the last page of this newsletter.

Attention Quilters and Stitchers!

Attention quilters, quilt enthusiasts, stitchers, and anyone interested in creating and contributing a block to be included in a commemorative quilt for the upcoming 100th anniversary celebration of the Hampton Historical Society.

The quilt will consist of blocks representing the museum buildings, museum pieces, and scenes from displays throughout the property. We're looking for people interested in making a quilt block of their choosing from a designated list of possible subjects.

Pictured is a block that one of our quilters is currently working on of the beach cottage. We have lots of options for the blocks and all levels of sewing experience are welcome. We also have seasoned quilters who are happy to help. This is a great opportunity to be part of this historical 100th anniversary celebration and put your skills to work at the same time.



Please contact Pat Bushway at 603-601-7307 for more information and the list of possible items for your block. Join us to make some more Hampton history!

New Enlarged Manning Banner Exhibit



In the July, 2023 issue of the newsletter, I announced our new display of the Manning Banner at the Tuck Museum. This initial display only showed the first half of the banner at a fairly large size, wall space at the museum being at a premium. I mentioned in the article that having a high resolution image of the banner was in some ways better than having the physical banner itself, saying, "we are free to display it in various ways and at various sizes."

Well, I didn't know how quickly this would become true. For 2024 we have moved the Manning Banner exhibit into the main area of the museum and are now displaying the land areas of the full banner (instead of only the first half) in a detailed 50% size (6 feet long). Visitors have been fascinated to view the details of this plan from the early 1930s and what might have happened to the environment of the area had the plan been completed.

Rich Hureau, Communications Committee

Membership Report

The support that we are receiving from the members of the Hampton Historical Society has been outstanding! Thank you all for your timely payment of dues as well as your donations. Your money will enable the Society to continue its work to preserve Hampton's history as well as to educate its citizens and visitors on this wonderful town.

While we appreciate all donations, I would like to specifically thank the Post family and Lucinda Spaney for their recent generosity. Their commitment to Hampton Historical Society is inspiring.

I would also like to welcome Quadripoint Investment Management to our roster of business members. Their on-going partnership with the Society in the management of its investments has been well appreciated and by becoming a business member they again show their commitment to HHS.

John Cass is another new business member. Mr. Cass has been a long-time individual member but recently increased his participation by becoming a business member.

Thank you again!

Mary Ann Nelligan, Membership Chairperson

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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.

Donors, Current Fiscal Year Through March 31, 2024

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Thank you to the following who have made recent donations to our operating fund, above and beyond membership dues.
We thank you for your continued support!
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Programs Committee Report

Happy Spring from the Programs Committee! We're pleased to share with you our current plan for a wide variety of events for 2024! As you'll see below, our Programs calendar has something for everyone.

We began our year's events on March 27th with a program entitled "Building Community: Twenty Influential Women of Hampton NH" which was researched, written, and presented by Karen Raynes and Mary Ann Nelligan. The standing-room-only crowd was entertained and enlightened by the wonderful presentation about women of our community from the 1600s to present day.

In celebration of National Poetry Month, we held our annual Poetry Night on April 11th. This event featured students from Hampton Academy Junior High who selected, researched, and created a poem about a topic from Hampton history. This annual event is always a great opportunity to give some of the talented young poets in our community a chance to share their work with their family and friends. Look for it on our calendar of events next April!



Evyn Christie presenting her poem "Freemen"

On ~~May 21st~~ **May 14th**, author Kathleen Bailey will discuss her book *New Hampshire War Monuments: The Stories Behind the Stones* that explores the stories behind NH's war monuments, memorials, and other tributes to our war dead, including our own Marine Memorial at Hampton Beach. This event, fitting for the month in which we celebrate Memorial Day, will be held at the museum at 7:00 p.m.

The Vikings will return to the Green this year for the weekend of June 7th – 9th! They will set up their encampment and demonstrate various aspects of the way of life of a Viking. More details about specific times for various demonstrations and activities on Saturday and Sunday will be provided as we get closer, but please put this great event for kids and adults on your calendar!



If you've ever thought about capturing your family's history, but weren't quite sure how to go about that, our event in July could be just what you're looking for. Join us on July 20th for *Family, Memory, Place: Writing Family Stories*. This NH Humanities To Go program will focus on capturing family stories that are part of personal, generational, and communal history and will be held in the large room of the Hampton Recreation and Senior Center, 34 Park Avenue (near the Tuck Museum) at 2:00 p.m.

September will be a busy and interesting month for us as we will go back in time to meet two very important figures from our nation's history. We'll begin on the morning of September 1 when we welcome the "Marquis de

Lafayette" as he makes his bicentennial return, arriving at Tuck Museum from approximately 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Then on September 18th, we'll have the opportunity to meet "John Adams" and join in a lively and revolutionary conversation with America's Second President. This amusing and informative reenactment will be co-hosted by and held at the Lane Library at 7:00 p.m.

And as has been the case for the past three years, October will bring our annual Fall Festival with games, food, a petting zoo, and entertainment for all ages! This family-friendly event will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Oct 13th on the museum grounds.



We're excited about our events for the year and hope that you'll join us for as many of them as you can fit into your calendars! Additional details will be provided as they become available.

Pat Bushway, Program Committee

Events for Remainder of 2024

- ~~May 21~~, **May 14, 7:00 p.m.** – Author Kathleen Bailey discusses her book *New Hampshire War Monuments*. Tuck Museum
- **June 7 - 9** – Vikings return to the grounds of the Tuck Museum for 3 days
- **July 20, 2:00 p.m.** – *Family, Memory, Place: Writing Family Stories* - program focusing on capturing family stories that are part of personal, generational, and communal history; Hampton Recreational and Senior Center
- **September 1, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.** – Marquis de Lafayette visit; Tuck Museum grounds
- **September 18, 7:00 p.m.** – John Adams reenactor; Lane Library
- **4th Annual Fall Festival, 11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** – Tuck Museum grounds

Solution to "What Is It??"

The object is a "postcard projector," as shown in the unobscured logo on the side. The one we have is not in working condition, but it seems like an interesting subject for more research.

