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GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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President's Corner

Welcome back and happy 2025! A cold, long winter is giving way to more bright sunshine and spring flowers. We are open to the public, and if you have not visited us in awhile, come and see what is new and different with the old and unique!

We have several reasons to celebrate: it is our 100th anniversary year and there is so much to share with you. You will read in this newsletter about our recent kickoff event, the documentary *The History of the Hampton Historical Society* produced by our very own Karen Raynes, video technology by Mike Garland and Josh Silveira, shown to our members.

Upcoming we have a Roaring Twenties dance, Historical Trolley Ride, an old time baseball game at Tuck Field, and a Speakeasy party on our grounds. There is something for everyone.

We cannot forget the December Tree Lighting in coordination with the Town of Hampton Recreation Dept. For the first year ever, it was held on our grounds and we couldn't be happier...it was an event that saw thousands of people coming out to brave the cold and celebrate as a town. We look to continue this tradition, and we are grateful for your support.

So, grab that cup of coffee or tea, put your feet up, read through our news, and then mark your calendar. We would be so happy to spend the time with you! Yours very truly,

Lori Cotter, President, HHS

Ways to Give Back

In this age of indecision about the value of small museums, historical societies, and natural parks, we need your help more than ever. Please consider::

*Become a member or donate to our operating fund (instructions at right); donate to our Centennial Fund (see page 5).

*Become a business member or renew a previous membership- encourage others to join our mission

*Sponsor one of our 100th Anniversary events with your tax deductible gift

*Volunteer at our events or at our museum

Can we count on you?

Did You Forget To Send in Your Membership?

Please renew your membership and consider adding a donation as well. Your generosity will be put to good use and is very much appreciated.

The **Membership** page on our website makes it easy to join or renew and make an additional contribution at the same time, using PayPal for a secure transaction.

Note that you do **not** have to have a PayPal account or join it in order to use this secure facility; if you don't have a PayPal account, it will just take your credit card info and process it in a secure manner for HHS.

The sections below describe other ways to donate to HHS.

Use the Donation Options on the HHS Website



To make a **Donation** on the HHS website, click the Donations option on the left section of the main page. You can print a donation form and mail it to HHS with your check. Or, you can click the Donate button to donate online using the secure PayPal facility (same PayPal note as above).

Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA Account

IRS rules mandate that individuals 73 and older take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their IRA each year. These annual withdrawals are subject to ordinary income taxes. However, the qualified charitable distribution (QCD) provision allows retirees to donate up to \$100,000 to charity tax free from their IRA each year. The distribution is not included in your income, so you avoid the potential negative consequences that regular IRA withdrawals in retirement can create. A qualified charitable distribution to HHS from your IRA account may be attractive if you don't need all the income from your IRA to meet current living expenses. By donating money to HHS you can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to a worthy cause while effectively lowering your tax bill.

Ed Baechtold, Treasurer



URGENT ACTION needed to protect the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and state humanities councils across the country

NEH funding is critical to New Hampshire Humanities (NHH). Many of the programs that HHS presents throughout the year (usually *Humanities To Go* series) are made possible by a grant from NHH.

For more about this urgent issue, go to:
<https://www.nhhumanities.org/protectNEH/>



New Exhibit: Hampton Through the Prohibition Era

Did you know that in June of 1843 a major Temperance celebration was held at Boars Head, Hampton Beach? Years later, the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) was formed and active in Hampton through the Prohibition Era.



State Prohibition started in 1902, but in accordance with the times, many hotels and restaurant at the beach were granted private licenses. In 1905, the town took back those licenses by a vote. In 1906, the town then realized that in order to bring in tourist money they had to resort to those liquor licenses, giving way to the almighty dollar.

Prohibition became Federal Law under the 18th Amendment in 1920, but NH was two years ahead. The first case under NH law was in 1918 when a contractor working on a highway brought in a keg of beer from Massachusetts for his workers. By 1925, the Coast Guard was very active trying to chase off boats coming up Hampton River, famous for the proverbial Rum Runners!

We learn what it was like for the small group of people who started our Historical Society, then called Meeting House Green Association, during these times!



Charitable Gaming Dates

Charitable gaming revenue represents a significant portion of HHS annual income. HHS has five more dates upcoming at Beach Club Casino in 2025:

May 16 (Friday)
May 17 (Saturday)
May 18 (Sunday)
May 19 (Monday)
May 20 (Tuesday)

If you patronize gambling institutions, please keep these dates in mind, and tell your friends!

First 100th Anniversary Event – the First showing of the Documentary Video

A group of eighty people came out on a rainy Saturday afternoon to view the documentary video *History of the Hampton Historical Society* at the Roland Paige Hall in the American Legion building.



The video launches the year long celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Hampton Historical Society, telling the stories of the founder Reverend Ira S. Jones, benefactor Edward Tuck, Founder's Park, the museum campus, favorite items in the collection, and a look to the future and beyond.

HHS president Lori Cotter introduced the videographers, Mike Garland and Josh Silveira, with the producer Karen Raynes, mentioning that there are many others acknowledged in the credits of the video who helped with the production.



For the event, Hannaford donated a cake and Susie's Sweets donated ice cream, which were served by three museum interns – Jack, Eve, and Isabella – dressed for the task at hand.

As the video states: "This is a story of many dedicated, devoted and determined people. All ready, willing and able to rally to the effort, making the history of Hampton become and remain alive."

The video is on our YouTube Channel. Use the link on our Home page to view all our videos, or go here to view this particular video:
<https://youtu.be/iTU-9SEs9S0>



Building Community Book Is Now Published



Building Community—Twenty Influential Women of Hampton, NH by Karen Raynes and Mary Ann Nelligan is now published and available for purchase.

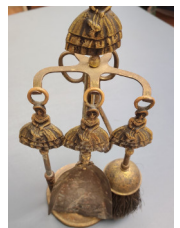
Signed copies of the book may be picked up at the Tuck Museum. There is an exhibit about the Twenty Women in the same room as the Prohibition exhibit.

Also, the book is ready for purchase on the HHS website on the Museum Store page, where you can buy it and have it shipped to your home.

On Amazon.com the book is also sold under the title.

Gifts to the Collection - 2024

- Woman's clothing - bathing costume, sundress, cotton skirt, cotton blouse, pantalettes, neck pieces; collection of children's books; coin dispenser for trolley – Priscilla Thoen
- NHDHR Inventory Form – Neil R. Underwood Bridge and photographs of the bridge – Stephanie Dyer-Carroll, FHI Studio
- Postcards – Hampton Beach, meetinghouse replica; medal - American Legion School award – Anonymous
- Plans – Kelly Subdivision off Winnacunnet Rd. – Mary Ann McAden
- Book – *Famous Summer Residents at the New Hampshire Ocean* – Thomas Claire (author)
- Postcard – The Royal (guest house) – Heidi Ziemke
- Shadow box containing Ocean Side Grange badges, Casino potato chip boxes – Steve Brigandi
- HAJH newsletter *The Log* (6 issues) – Janice Boudreau
- Poster – “Lady Liberty” – Lisa Baretto
- Gameboard (Race for the Presidency), fireplace tool set, wooden mallet, bellows, ice skates, soapstone carving, biscuit cutter, cowbell, irons, 3 dresses, book *Whittier Poems*, child's shoe last – Robin Russell Damuth
- Books – *Newcastle New Hampshire's Smallest Oldest and Only Island Town*, *Shots Not Heard Round the World* – Museum purchase
- Glass plate negatives of parade and bridge construction – museum/Ackroyd purchase
- Photographs – Odd Fellow's building fire 1990 – Richard Lishman
- Posters – Hampton Playhouse, programs Theatre Arts Workshop (at Hampton Playhouse) – Robert McClung
- Framed photographs of Hampton Center – Ed and Nan McDermott
- Ephemera from Lamies Inn and Tavern, *The Methodist Hymnal*, Hampton ephemera – June Chevalier
- Slides – Hampton related – Gertrude Loutkos
- Printing plates H.A.J.H. publications – Eric Ebbson
- Handwriting folder, handwriting samples, supplement *Citizens of Tomorrow* – Ginny Clough
- Milk cannister Freeman Dairy, tourist map Hampton Beach – Tina Jones
- Student desk, stereopticon and viewing cards, wicker basket, movie projector – Patricia O'Keefe
- Program dedication Mace Fish House – Town of Hampton
- Deed Moulton to Folsom (land in Tamworth) – Bob and Donna Larkin
- Sermon by Rev. Jesse Appleton 1806, Writ Redman vs Batchelder 1763, Correspondence Moulton/Toppan 1770; Petition to General Assembly, Deed Sarah Moulton to Christopher Toppan 1790, information of Captain's Towle's Co. 1821 – Michael Toppan
- Research on Martha Doggett, binder *Women of Hampton* – Mary Ann Nelligan
- Photograph – 1910 Grammar School – The Photo Angel (Kate Kelley)



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- Photograph of Priscilla Brown, photographs North Beach, scrapbooks (7) belonging to Lewis Brown, Tax Collector – Wanda Brower
 - Arrowheads – Larry Knowles
 - Tercentenary scrapbook belonging to Hazel Leavitt Smith – Nicholas Mott
 - Postcard – Hampton River Bridge – Richard K. Hubbard
 - Front pages newspapers (Kennedy/Lindburgh), 1974 Hampton map, Hampton ephemera – Jane McComb
 - Shoehorn advertising Robert's Shoes, plan town of Hampton Lafayette Rd. sewer interceptor – Family of Mary White
 - Postcard Collection Hampton and Hampton Beach – Haggerty family
 - Matchbooks from Hampton area, coaster from the Old Salt, Postcards, ad Queens of the Carnival, Songbooks – Christmas Carols Atlantic News, Supplement Boston Tea Party – Lucinda Spaney
 - Annual Reports – Town of Hampton 2023-24, Annual Report SAU 90 2023-24; CD *Catherine's Favorite Recipes*; booklet - *Coastal Resilience Update to the Master Plan*; books *The Granite Kiss*, *Barns: Style and Structure*; pamphlet *A Guide to the Preservation of Burial Grounds in New Hampshire*; photographs of Miss Hampton Beach Lexi Taylor 2023-24 and Ella Hamilton 2024-25; seacoast visitor's publication (3), football (1924) belonging to Paul Hobbs, booklet – *Cemeteries of Hampton Falls*, declaration and proclamation from Bicentennial return of Marquis de Lafayette; program Seaside Union; correspondence Hampton Cemetery Assoc., photographs 1904 class with ID, 1938 HAHS, footballs teams 1924-1949; class list 1925, senior edition *HA Script* 1944; postcards - Hampton Historical Society – TM Collection Committee

Betty Moore, Collections

In Memoriam

In January, HHS learned of the passing of a long time officer of HHS – Bob Dennett. Bob was tremendously giving of his time to our group and loved history, especially researching his own family roots and genealogy. He served as Treasurer for approximately 25 years and became President through the years 2016-2018. Linda Palmer Merrill sent a note to us and we thank her for her kind donation to her cousin's memory.



With wife Helen



Too cool for school with Reverend Deb at the Pig Roast

HHS Centennial Fund - Help Support HHS in its Centennial Year

In this, the 100th anniversary year of the Tuck Museum and the Hampton Historical Society, consider making a gift that will help ensure that HHS lasts another 100 years by making a donation to the HHS Centennial Fund.

The HHS Centennial Fund has been set up in the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation by Betty and Ben Moore and seeded with their most generous contribution. The Foundation invests the money and provides an annual distribution to HHS. Annual distributions range from 3.5% to 4.5% of the fund value, which means that the HHS Centennial Fund will provide approximately \$3,500 to \$4,500 to HHS every year.

There are two ways to add your donation to the HHS Centennial Fund:

1. Make your donation online at the following web address or QR code:

<https://give.nhcf.org/HHSCentennialFund>



2. Write a check and mail it directly to the NH Charitable Foundation. The check must be made payable to "New Hampshire Charitable Foundation" with the name "HHS Centennial Fund" in the memo field. Mail the check to: NH Charitable Foundation, 37 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301-4005.

Important Note: Do not make the check payable to the Hampton Historical Society and mail it to HHS. HHS cannot accept your check and add it to the Fund, as the society is prohibited from doing that. Only individuals may add to the Fund, and they must contribute directly to the NH Charitable Foundation.

The Hampton Historical Society is enormously grateful to its members for their ongoing generosity, and to Betty and Ben Moore for endowing the HHS Centennial Fund.

Most Recent Renewing/Joining Business Members

Thank you to our most recent businesses who renewed or joined our membership:

- Casassa Law Offices
- JennaG Fitness
- Victoria's Kitchen
- Tri-State-Rent All

We are grateful for all our business memberships.

Contact us if you are interested in becoming a business member to help us with our mission!



HHS volunteer Mike Compos during Tuck Museum renovation for the 100th Anniversary. Come in and see!

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.

HHS Officers, 2024-25

Officers

President - Lori Cotter

Vice President - Pat Bushway

Co-Secretaries - Amy Hansen; Mary Ann Nelligan

Treasurer - Ed Baechtold

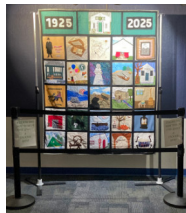
Greetings from the Programs Committee

As we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Hampton Historical Society, the Community Engagement and Programs Committee is all in on that! With all the wonderful events planned this year to commemorate this milestone, the Committee is supporting all the events and helping out where we can.



The Committee began their contribution to the celebration last June when we formed a Quilt Group. The group of talented and dedicated volunteers created a commemorative quilt that displays the museum buildings, some of the most iconic items in the museum's collection, and annual events. Each quilter chose the subject for their quilt square and portrayed it using their own selection of perspective, material, and colors.

The result is a beautiful array of the sites in and around the museum buildings and grounds. The quilt has been displayed at the Recreation Center and the Lane Library and is currently at Marston School for use as a teaching tool for the students as they prepare for their visit to Tuck Museum in May. Following its stay at Marston, the quilt will be on display at the town hall. Stay tuned to see where the quilt goes from there!



The quilt has a special display on our website, showing each square, who sewed it, and why they chose that square and perspective. See it here:

https://www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org/100th-anniversary/100th_index_quilt.htm

And speaking of the events to celebrate the 100th, the Programs Committee is also providing an opportunity for all to get their outfit spiffed up for the 1920s Jazz Dance on May 17th. We'll be holding a boa-making workshop on May 6th at Tuck Museum. The participants will make their own boa in the color of their choice so that it complements their outfit! Please see the HHS website for additional details:

https://www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org/100th-anniversary/100th_index.htm

With the focus on the HHS 100th anniversary, the Programs Committee is limiting additional events for this year to the annual Poetry Event with the Hampton Academy students which was held on April 10th (at right) and the annual school visits by the Marston 3rd graders on May 15th and May 22nd.

And while we focus on our 100th anniversary, we're looking ahead to programs for 2026, which is the year that our country will be celebrating its 250th anniversary, marking 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In addition to considering popular events that we've done in the past for next year, such as the very popular Pine Grove Cemetery Tour, we're exploring new

programs and will be looking specifically for events to commemorate our nation's semiquincentennial in 2026.

We're always looking for new members interested in joining the Programs Committee, so if you have ideas for future programs or especially if you are interested in helping with events to celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary, please contact me. We're always interested in new ideas and different perspectives are always welcome, so please plan to join us!

Pat Bushway, Community Engagement and Programs Committee

Annual National Poetry Month Event



Lori Cotter [teacher], Renee Mammah, Dorian Smith, Ava McQuilken, Bella Cuceu, Alexa McSweeney, Rowan Condon, Lucy Ruffus, Adaira Hanlon, Sydney Blake, Colin Millburg, Zoey Webber, Makenna Ingram, Lisa Barreto [teacher]



April 10, 2025 marked HHS's annual recognition of National Poetry Month at an event held at the Hampton Parks & Rec Center.

We are grateful to the center for helping us comfortably accommodate seventh and eighth grade honor students from Hampton Academy, their families, friends, and members.

For several weeks, president Lori Cotter and poet/member Lisa Barreto assisted these honor students in selecting historical topics, and teaching them how to read, write, and recite their own historical poem. The focus was a monumental celebration of the society's 100th anniversary.

After several weeks of research, writing, editing, and rehearsing, each student stepped up to the podium to recite their poem. Congratulations to new junior historical society members (see photo above).