



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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Annual Meeting Announcement

The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Society will occur on October **21** (not 14) at 7 p.m. at the Museum. Following our business meeting the speaker will be Brendan DuBois, a mystery writer whose works are set in Hampton and greater Boston. Refreshments will be served.

For more information call Catherine Fletcher 926-0124 or the Tuck Museum 929-0781.

See you there!

Ninth Annual Pig Roast

Can you believe that it's pig roast time again? The 9th annual pig roast will be held Saturday, September 4th from noon until 3pm on the grounds of the Tuck Museum. Besides roast pork, there will be a variety of salads, home-made baked beans, applesauce, our famous dessert selection, and beverages (there are also non-pork options, too). The afternoon includes a silent auction, music, activities for kids, as well as a 50/50 raffle. It is a wonderful way to wind down the summer with friends and family.

This is the only large fundraiser we have for the society. The income to operate the Tuck Museum as well as school and community programs is derived from this event, so its success is vital to our financial stability. Please consider joining us for the afternoon.

Members may purchase tickets before August 10 for \$18.00, a discount of \$2 off the regular price. Student tickets (for those ages 9-16) are \$10 regardless of date of purchase, and children 8 years old and under are free when accompanied by an adult ticket holder. Purchase of 8 tickets reserves your own table for \$150. Tickets may also be purchased at the Provident Bank, Marelli's Market, Hampton Town Hall at the Parks and Recreation Office and at the Tuck Museum. The Provident Bank is our main sponsor once again this year.

Included in the newsletter is a ticket order form if you would like to order by mail. For more infor

Charles Henry Turner Night at the Tuck Museum

Four of our oil paintings by Charles Henry Turner (1848-1908) have been made into limited edition prints. They will be "unveiled" at an opening at the Tuck Museum on Friday, August 20 at 7 PM.

Turner is one of Hampton's most noteworthy painters. He was born in Newburyport but grew up in Hampton, raised by his grandparents William and Theodate Goss at their home at the intersection of Lafayette Road and Watson's Lane.

Turner studied under Otto Grundmann at the Boston Museum School, starting in 1877. By 1881, Turner had become a painter by occupation. He studied in Europe in the 1880s, and later became a student of the White Mountain school of painting. Known for his portrait paintings, he loved painting views of the seacoast and the White Mountains.

These Fine Art Giclee Prints are limited to an edition of 250 and will be available through Art Experience, located at 17 High Street in Hampton.

Join us for wine and cheese and learn about Turner and these lovely paintings.

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.

President's Report

This summer's outdoor activities have begun as we work on repairing and painting the Fire Museum. Ken Lobdell has replaced clapboards and rotten sheathing, and Jason Moore and I are working on scraping off the old paint and applying the new coating. We will have that job completed by the Pig Roast. Cheryl Lassiter has repainted the Fire Museum sign for the front of the building.

We are also working on completing the retaining wall on the west side of the barn that we began last year; if time permits this will also be complete by September.

Of course our principle job for the balance of the summer is to work on another successful Pig Roast. This is our major fundraiser and the proceeds help keep the Museum open year round. Ticket sales have begun and we are soliciting items for the Silent Auction now. If you have items for the auction, please call me at 926-2543 for pick up. The pig roast contributes over a third of the annual budget so its importance can't be overstated.

The barn survey project continues. If you have a barn over 50 years old that hasn't been visited by our team, please call Cheryl Lassiter (929-3682) to arrange an appointment.

We are also nearing completion on a project to create an electronic database of the burial sites in the High Street Cemetery.

We did reverse direction on the plan to open the Museum for more days during the summer. We needed additional volunteers and the response wasn't great enough to make the commitment for the additional days.

This will be the last newsletter that we print before the Annual Meeting so please note the date (October **21**, not 14) on your calendar. We will continue to provide updates by email, so if you have an email address please sign up for the update list by sending your email address to info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org

Lots of projects underway, we can always use extra help, so please drop in and see if we have a job for you!

Ben Moore

Director's Report

We have three activities going on through the museum right now that have generated a lot of interest.

Karen Raynes is developing a series of walking tours through Hampton. We led two public walks this spring. The first tour highlighted Hampton Center and the changes that have taken place since the late 1800s. The second tour involved Winnacunnet Rd., Mill Rd and High Street homes, public buildings, gardens and the High Street Cemetery. Both tours were filled to capacity and two more tours are being scheduled for the fall. A walking map of Hampton Center has been created that will be available in local businesses.

Candy Stellmach has spearheaded a drive to get photos, memorabilia and photos regarding Hampton Beach. The ultimate goal is a publication. But right now the most important thing is to gather and save this information while the sources and information are still readily available.

Four oil paintings in our collection by Charles Henry Turner have been turned into limited edition prints and will be available for sale to the public in August. More information on this project is on page 1.

I spent a lovely morning this week with a member of the Perkins family as we went through boxes of her grandparent's "stuff." We sorted through pictures, scrapbooks, and family memorabilia. Among our finds were a scrapbook relating to the riots at Hampton Beach, photos from Hampton early 1900s (identified!!), and some antique cameras. I left with two boxes - one containing items given to the museum as gifts; the other containing photos and documents for us to scan and add to our information base, but which will be returned to the family when we are finished going through them. So before you pitch old papers and photos, consider letting your local historical society or museum have a look at them.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and hope to see you at the pig roast.

Betty Moore

Hampton Beach 100 Years in Photos and Memories

Some very snazzy posters are appearing on Hampton Beach. Through these posters, the Tuck Museum is seeking out photos, memoirs, and memorabilia relating to individuals, businesses, and groups from the beach from 1900 - 2000.

Generations of families have enjoyed summers at the beach, run businesses, and attended events. We want to capture these stories while we can. To get an idea of what we are doing, check out our website hamptonhistoricalsociety.org to see what we are looking for and the specifics of how to submit information.

Ultimately, we would like to do some sort of publication featuring the beach. We can scan photos and return the originals, or take pictures by email. We are available to help in the process of writing the memoirs, and don't want folks to be intimidated if they don't feel like they are writers - saving the stories is the most important thing.

We will keep mentioning this project in future newsletters as the project unfolds, but do check out the website - it is a very exciting project!

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Pig Roast Ticket Order Form September 4, 2010

I would like to order tickets for the Hampton Historical Society Pig Roast

_____	Adult tickets at \$20 each	_____
_____	Advance Sale Member tickets at \$18 each	_____
	(Must be ordered by August 10)	
_____	Student tickets (ages 9-16) at \$10 each	_____
_____	Table for eight at \$150 per table	_____
Children 8 and under free when accompanied by an adult		
	Total	_____

Checks made out to Hampton Historical Society
Mailing address P.O. Box 1601 Hampton, NH 03843

Ticket options (select one)

_____ Mail tickets directly to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

or

_____ Hold my tickets at the serving line. But notify me for confirmation

Phone # or email address _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 16** 7 pm *Community Band Concert* - on the Green; Tuck Museum
- **August 20** 7pm *Charles Henry Turner's Hampton* - see article in this newsletter
- **September 4** Noon to 3 p.m. *The 9th Annual Pig Roast*; Tuck Museum grounds

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October 21

- ~~October 14~~ 7 p.m. *Annual Meeting* with Brendan DuBois, mystery writer whose works are set in Hampton and greater Boston; Tuck Museum
- **November 12** 7 p.m. *Steven Closs, civil war historian* speaking on New Hampshire's involvement in the American Civil War; Tuck Museum

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