



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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September 1st - 11th Annual Pig Roast!

It's that time again! The 11th annual Pig Roast will be held Saturday, September 1, from noon until 2:30pm on the grounds of the Tuck Museum. Along with roast pork, there will be a variety of salads, homemade baked beans, applesauce, our famous dessert selection, and beverages. The afternoon includes a silent auction, music, activities for kids, and well as a 50/50 raffle. Celebrate the end of the summer with us.

Members may purchase tickets before August 13 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 and under are free when accompanied by an adult ticket holder. Purchase of ten tickets reserves you a table. Tickets may also be purchased at Marelli's Market, Parks and Recreation Office, Provident Bank, Lally's Lighthouse Market, and the Tuck Museum. Once again we are pleased that the Provident Bank is our prime sponsor.

This is the only large fundraiser we have for the society. The income to operate the Tuck Museum and school and community programs is derived from this event, so the success of this event is vital to our financial stability. Included in the newsletter is a ticket order form, if you would like to order by mail. For extra tickets or more information call Linda Metcalf 926-5861 or the Tuck Museum 929-0781.

See you there!

President's Report

The year is flying by and it is difficult for me to imagine that the Pig Roast is just 6 weeks away and with it the arrival of fall. While my mind at this time of year is focused on the planning for our annual fundraiser, it is good that I take a moment and look back at the activities that we have completed so far this spring and early summer.

It seems to me that our general visitor count is rising. While still small by big museum standards it is always encouraging to see more people visiting the museum and, from their comments, enjoying it. That gives us some positive feedback. We have also had great attendance at the three programs and two walking tours held so far this year.

We hope that this trend continues for the future events that are scheduled, starting on August 15 with a workshop "On the Wall - Print and Painting Care," and then the Pig Roast on September 1. After the roast we have the third (and final for 2012) Walking Tour on September 15. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 5 at St. James Masonic Lodge, Tide Mill Road, and will feature a pot lunch dessert and a program by Glenn Knoblock on "Brewing in New Hampshire".

The building and grounds committee has been very busy as well. The roof on the beach cottage was replaced in June, many small but useful maintenance projects have been completed, and we have just started on what looks like a major project of reconstructing the back wall of the schoolhouse. The schoolhouse project will also include a roof replacement and will be labor intensive; volunteers are always welcome to our Monday morning work parties at the Museum. The grounds have not been neglected and flowers are brightly in bloom, and the line of lilacs along the perimeter road is being heavily pruned this year. Karen Raynes has also planted and is tending to a new herb garden at the 'back door.'

As always we are busy and we continue to need your support to improve the museum and society. You can help by purchasing your tickets to the Pig Roast early, by continuing your membership, and of course if your time permits, by volunteering on any of our projects.

Ben Moore
President

Director's Report

When I mention the Tuck Museum, people often ask "What kind of museum is it?" and "What happens there?" They see a cluster of well maintained buildings next to the town playing fields and playgrounds, but many have not ventured inside. So I decided to take my calendar from the beginning of June to today (July 17) and give you an idea of what happens at 40 Park Avenue.

We had done a lot of planning for the Gala opening of the Seashell stage at Hampton Beach, scheduled for June 2. Mother Nature had other plans and that event was canceled after months of preparation. Many of the exhibits developed will be able to be used for other events. But we had display panels painted and cars packed up and ready to go, until the last-minute worry about public safety called the event off.

In June about 250 students, parents, and teachers came through the museum. Marston School third grade showed up for tours on June 5; Sacred Heart first and fourth grades came on June 11. It takes a lot of volunteers to make sure the students have a good time and learn something about the community. We had a group of 55 adults from the North Shore Railway Society visit the museum by tour bus as well as a caravan of people from an assisted living facility in Maine. Four different family groups have visited to do genealogical research. Another assisted living group from Bedford, NH is scheduled for today.

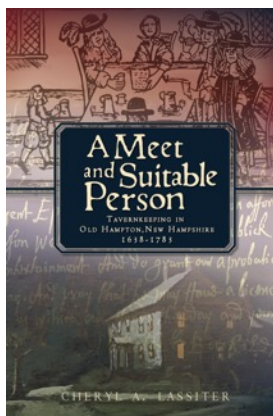
I did a program called "Historic Hampton" for the residents at Partridge House, and in the process learned quite a bit about Hampton myself, as many of the attendees use to come to the beach every summer. On June 14 the Ashworth Hotel celebrated their 100th Anniversary and we helped them gather pictures of the hotel showing changes over the years. On June 16 we had our second historic walking tour; the 19th was a program on a local photographer, J. Frank Walker. Award winning historical architect, professor, and author Thomas Hubka came on July 8 and talked about the connected farm buildings of New England.

On June 26 Ben and I went to a reception at the Provident Bank in Newburyport, where we received a donation for participating in their "Our Community Your E-Vote Contest." Looking at the social service agencies, youth groups, arts organizations, and museums that were in attendance, we were in great company and very honored to have been one of the groups chosen.

As Ben mentioned in his report, the Monday morning work parties have done a lot with the building and grounds, and we continue to do our cataloguing and collection work. One member just finished a book on Hampton taverns; another is working on a book on Hampton men who served in the Civil War. Photographs have been taken of back issues of newspapers from the 1920s-1930s. To think that this is all accomplished with volunteers!

Betty Moore

"A Meet and Suitable Person: Tavernkeeping in Old Hampton, New Hampshire, 1638-1783" by Cheryl Lassiter



Blending historical fact with a sprinkling of well-crafted storytelling, *A Meet and Suitable Person* takes readers on a back door tour through the taverns of Puritan Hampton, detailing the lives of 23 men and women who kept the town's public houses of entertainment during the colonial era. To read the back cover teaser and a 'try before you buy' sample of the book, go to www.lassitergang.com.

The book retails for \$19.95 and can be purchased from the author at hamptonwriter@gmail.com.

To complement the release of *A Meet and Suitable Person*, the Historical Society is hosting a Hampton Tavern Walk on Saturday, October 13. Listen to stories from the book as you visit selected Hampton taverns and imbibe some colonial fare like flip and syllabub. Details will be in the next newsletter and on our website.

For her book *A Page Out of History: A Hampton Woman in the Needletrades, 1859-1869*, Cheryl recently received an Honorable Mention in the 2012 New England Museum Association publication competition. The book and its companion museum program won an award in 2011 from the Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire. This book can be purchased through the Tuck Museum, and all profits benefit the museum.

Descendants Sunday to Kick-off the 375th Celebration

Members of Hampton founding families are invited to join the First Congregational Church community on Sunday, October 14 for Descendant's Sunday. After church service at 10am and the fellowship that follows, all will be invited to spend the afternoon at the Tuck Museum. There will be special exhibits, genealogy information, and self-guided tours of the Pine Grove and High Street cemeteries. A light lunch will be available for a small donation. Preregistration is requested to help plan for this special day of activities. For more information or to register, contact the church by email – info@firsthamptonchurch.org - or call the church office at 603-926-2837.

Mission

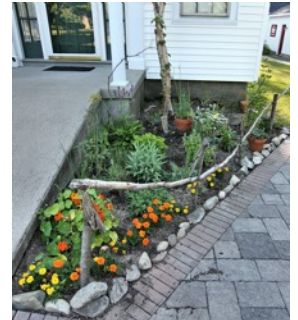
The mission of the Hampton Historical Society is to increase public knowledge and understanding of the history and cultural heritage of the town of Hampton, New Hampshire, from its earliest inhabitants to the present generation. We will communicate that history through an active museum, educational programs,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

Harvest Ramble and Repast

Join us for a historical walk of Hampton called Harvest Ramble and Repast on Saturday, September 15 from 1 - 3 PM.

The walk will start at the Tuck Museum's Leavitt Barn. We will discuss the importance of salt marsh hay to the community, and will ramble the Hampton Historic Ring, where the early settlers established their homes and farms.

When we return to the museum, we will share in the harvest from the museum's new "kitchen garden," concluding with a repast of pie and cider.



To make reservations call 603-929-0781. The walk is \$10.00 per person and is open to the public.

Funds to establish the kitchen garden were granted by the Exeter Area Garden Club.

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Pig Roast Order Form
 September 1, 2012

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 13)
 _____ Student tickets (ages 9-16) at \$10 each _____
 Children 8 and under free when accompanied by an adult ticket holder
Total _____

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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

See the HHS website for more info about any of these events

- **August 15 7PM** Workshop "On the Wall - Print and Painting Care"; Tuck Museum; \$15; Limit 15; RSVP 929-0781
- **Sept 1 noon-2:30** Pig Roast yearly fundraiser; \$20 adults/\$10 students
- **Sept 15 1-3PM** Walking Tour; Harvest Ramble and Repast Walking Tour; \$10; RSVP 929-0781
- **October 5 6:30PM** - Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Dessert; **7PM** - Glenn Knoblock speaker "Brewing in New Hampshire"; St.James Masonic Lodge, Tide Mill Road
- **October 13** – Hampton Tavern Walk and book signing– visit local businesses for tales of Hampton tavern keeping in colonial days while sampling old time drinks and food. More details to come.

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