



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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Tickets Now On Sale for the Annual Pig Roast

Tickets are now available for HHS's 18th Annual Pig Roast, to be held Saturday, August 24, from noon to 2:30 p.m., on the Tuck Museum grounds, 40 Park Avenue, Hampton.

As always, the menu will include fresh and succulent roast pork, applesauce, homemade baked beans, brown bread, salads – and lots of desserts. For those not partial to pork, there are other choices from the grill.

You can also enjoy entertainment, try your luck at a 50/50 raffle, and find a treasure at the silent auction held in the historic barn. Our favorite band, Billy Billy, will entertain again this year.



Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students ages 9 to 16 – children 8 years old and under are free of charge. There is an advance adult ticket price of \$18 for HHS members who buy their tickets before August 10.

The pig roast is HHS's largest fundraiser. Tickets are available at Marelli's Market, the Hampton Parks and Recreation office, the Tuck Museum, from any HHS Trustee, and via PayPal at:

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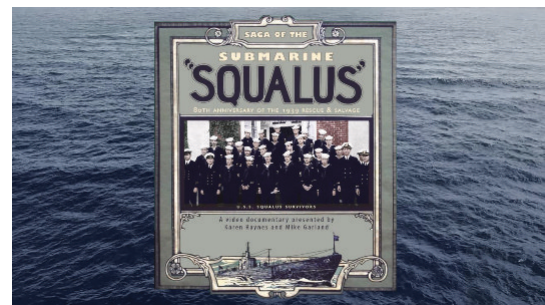
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President's Report

While we at the museum are busy working on programs, the collection, and special exhibits, I'd like to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We are in full gear preparing for the August 24th Pig Roast and its silent auction. Items are already arriving at the museum, and we hope to have a wide selection from which bidders can choose. Pig Roast tickets are on sale at Tuck Museum, Marelli's Market, and other places around town; also from any Trustee on the Board. Keep in mind that all members buying their adult tickets before August 10th get a \$2 discount, and who doesn't like a summer sale?

Our reorganization is proceeding along. Board members have taken on chairmanships of the eight committees that will run the museum. We are learning what operating the museum entails and are finding out just how much our retiring museum director Betty Moore has been doing for our museum all these years. As we learn, we are making changes to the organization and expect to do so through October. The current organizational chart is on the website and we encourage your participation. After all, this is your museum.

See you at the Pig Roast,
Linda Metcalf
President



Saga of the Submarine Squalus

The next showing of the documentary video *Saga of the Submarine Squalus* by Karen Raynes & Mike Garland will be at the **North Hampton Public Library** on Atlantic Avenue, Friday, July 26th, 2019, at 2 p.m.

The video is about the May 23rd 1939 sinking of the submarine off the coast of New Hampshire, detailing the rescue of 33 of 59 men onboard and her eventual salvage and recommissioning as the USS Saifish.

The event is free and open to all. Karen and Mike will be present to answer questions after the showing.

From the Ex-Ex Director

Years ago, an ambitious HHS board was looking at how to strengthen the organization and discovered MAP (Museum Assessment Programs) Grants through the American Association of Museums. One of the qualifications was we needed a full-time professionally trained director or equivalent. Elizabeth Aykroyd and I teamed up, and between the two of us we managed to provide the hours needed to apply for the grants.



With the guidance those two programs gave us, and the hard work of board members and other volunteers, we added climate control to the main building, acquired two additional exhibit spaces (the Leavitt Barn and tourist cabin) as well as the Collection and Research Center on Lafayette Road. From the MAP grants came the importance of strategic planning, and that led to our valuable work with the StEPs program that Karen Raynes has coordinated for the past three years.

Museums everywhere are in transition – collections are being used differently with objects being viewed online; student field trips are being restructured because of monetary reasons or changes in the curriculum. We have watched small museums like ours with paid staff struggle to keep up with the financial pressure. But most importantly to stay vibrant, organizations need to “shake it up.”

So, we brainstormed for almost a year, asking ourselves how we can offer the services that we currently do by using board member expertise. This process of board member participation is evolving because of our valuable training though the various programs we have participated in over the years.

Our transition from a director-run to a committee-run museum is going smoothly. Lori Cotter is doing a great job with the museum docents and has already run a training session for new volunteers. Deb Knowlton and I are working on areas of community outreach. Also, Mike Stiers has stepped up to the administration part of the job as I am focusing on the collection side of the museum – the promises of “some day when I have the time” are becoming a reality!

Patty O’Keefe, who handles the education programs, will now have additional board member support in her endeavors. Spreading the work load out over a group of people will make us much stronger! Board members are getting a better understanding of how the organization needs to stay fluid to stay strong. I am very proud to be part of this endeavor!

Linda Metcalf is the right president for the change, as she has been a volunteer here almost as long as I have and

reminds me to step back and let things evolve.

I love my new home at the CRC (Collection and Research Center) where I have had the time to focus on the care of the collection. The latest acquisition has been a stove for the schoolhouse (at left). We found just the right one and now the story of the schoolhouse can be told accurately.

I hope that you were able to make it to the July Open House at the CRC to see all the work that has been done. Now come check out the schoolhouse and the “new” old stove.

Betty Moore



Viking Weekend at the Tuck Museum

Join Draugar Vinlands as they make a repeat visit to the Tuck Museum on September 7 & 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Draugar Vinlands is a historical reenactment and living history group based out of Exeter, New Hampshire that is dedicated to the accurate portrayal of culture and combat during Viking-age Scandinavia.

Their mission is to interpret traditional Old Norse men and women as historically accurate as possible by using written accounts as well as archaeological finds. Through their careful study and rigorous field testing they can bring an authentic representation of Old Norse combat and culture to life through demonstration of weaponry skills, woodworking, mead making, clothing, and cooking demonstrations.

This is a family-friendly event. Each time Draugar Vinlands has joined us in the past they have fascinated the crowds.

Miss Hampton Beach Pageant, July 28

Miss Hampton Beach 2016, Brooke Riley, was the first recipient of a photo package donated to the pageant winner by the Hampton Historical Society/Tuck Museum of Hampton History. Cheryl Lassiter, who wrote the book, along with Karen Raynes: *The Queens of Hampton Beach New Hampshire- The History of the Carnival Queens & Miss Hampton Beach Beauty Pageant 1915-2015*, first presented the photo package to ensure that professional photographs of future winners would be saved for the museum's collection.

Three queens later the HHS sponsorship continues, with professional photographer Budd Perry of Memories Studio in Rye, New Hampshire, making sure that the beach queen looks her best for posterity.

Stephanie Lussier, MHB 1995-96, has organized the MHB event since 1997. She says: "These girls are not just beauty queens. They have drive, ambition; they're here to win and be a good representative of Hampton Beach."



Miss Hampton Beach 2018, Kristin Pesaresi (at right), will be crowning the 2019 MHB at the pageant, Sunday, July 28th 2019, 2 p.m. at the Hampton Beach Seashell Stage. The event is free to the public.

We thank these members who have donated to the annual fund since our last newsletter

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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.



Viking battle techniques

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Pig Roast Order Form
August 24, 2019

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

_____ Adult tickets at \$20 each _____

_____ Advance member Adult tickets at \$18 each _____

(must be ordered by August 10)

_____ 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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Mailing address P.O. Box 1601 Hampton, NH 03843-1601

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: _____

Calendar of Events

- **August 24 - Noon – 2:30 p.m.;** 18th **Annual HHS Pig Roast** – On the grounds of the Tuck Museum; great food, silent auction, 50-50 raffle; biggest fundraising event of the year for the Society.
- **September 7-8 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.;** **Viking Weekend at the Tuck Museum** – visit with the group, Draugar Vinlands; learn about Viking lifestyle, customs, and culture; and watch demonstrations of skill.
- **October 10 – 6:30 p.m.;** **HHS annual meeting** and program “A Visit with Queen Victoria” (a NH Humanities Program), Sally Mummey presenter.
- **November 10 – 1-4 p.m.;** **“Squalus Sunday”;** Creators of the video *Saga of the Submarine Squalus* will be present; view the Submarine Squalus exhibit; the video will be shown 2-3 p.m. Tuck Museum.
- **December 6 – Tree Lighting** Ceremony at Marelli Square – enjoy the famous HHS molasses cookies.

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