



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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From the President

Ah, spring! The sky is blue, the flowers are blooming and all seems right with the world! Time to get out and shake off the winter doldrums. And it is also time to start those home projects that always seem to be there once the snow has melted away. Like any other house, the Tuck Museum always seems to have a few projects to take care of too. We need to plant, mulch, paint, and fix up a few things. We want to have things looking nice for all the activity going on this summer!

And speaking of activity, come see how they begin to build that barn! Under the guidance of Chet Riley, the crew will be starting soon. We had a great time at the Spaghetti Dinner in April. Thanks to Elizabeth Aykroyd who chaired this event, and Jim and Maryanne McAden and the kitchen crew who cooked! (Did you see that wonderful cake? - page 4) Thanks to all who donated food, including our Board of Trustees for the salad and Hannaford for the bread. With raffles and a 50/50 drawing it was great fun! Thank you to Ann Taylor who won the \$128 from the 50/50

which she donated back to the barn. John Porter gave an interesting and informative talk on old and new barns, with a great slide show. He also donated back the evening's proceeds from the sale of his book, "Preserving Old Barns". And a huge thank you to everyone who set up, served and cleaned up afterwards! With the donations that have come it so far we have raised about \$21,000 towards our \$60,000 goal, and have determined that the time is right to begin preparing the timbers and laying the foundation for starting our reconstruction. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this effort! We are very excited and hope that the public interest in the barn will continue as people see the work begin. We will still need to raise about \$40,000 more, so get the word out.

As we move into summer you will have the opportunity to join in on some other outdoor activities at the museum. On July 20 we will be hosting the Chamber Of Commerce "Business After Hours" with our co-sponsor, The Atlantic News. This is a large event that will be held indoors and

outdoors at Tuck Museum. There will be food and fun, and you can meet the area businesspeople and learn more about what the area has to offer.

Another summer program happening on the green is the Hampton Recreation and Parks Department's "Arts in the Park" program on Tuesday mornings again this year. These entertaining programs for young children are held on the green outside the museum starting July 5 through August 16, at 10a.m. We are going to try opening the museum a few times during this program so that people will have the opportunity to bring their children to see us while they are on the grounds. If you would like to volunteer for a couple of hours we would love to have you!

We will continue to be open on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons and need volunteers to work at the museum on these days as well. Call Betty Moore if you are willing to help. She will train anyone who would like to come in.

Also, the Rockingham County

Crafters will be holding their summer crafts fair on the green August 6, 9am – 3pm. They are planning to have face painting, a clown and a strolling musician. We will have the museum open during this time as well.

Our programs are ongoing. Check the schedule for dates and times, as well as location. The information is also available on the website. We have enjoyed some excellent programs, and have more to come. I hope you will join us at these entertaining and educational events. Our programs are free and suitable for all ages. Bring a friend!

Don't forget the Pig Roast is coming on September 17. This is our major fundraising event of the year. Tickets are \$20, with kids 12 and under free. (Tickets will be available starting in August.) The event has great food, entertainment, a silent auction, 50/50 and more!

I am taking this opportunity to thank the board of trustees for being such a great group of caring volunteers! They really have been a great group to work with and I look forward to our continued movement into the future. Speaking of this, did you know that we won an award from the Chamber of Commerce? It is the "Faith in the Future" award, and was won largely due to last year's efforts in updating the museum building and grounds. Of course it was a group effort and we all share

in this award, but I think Ben and Betty deserve kudos for all the time and work that they put into the project. And of course, the Boy Scouts from troop 177 who worked on various projects towards their Eagle Scout awards. We truly must look to the future to preserve the past, and I believe we are heading in the right direction.

One last item from me; Hannaford Supermarket will again be giving the month of June proceeds from the donation kiosk located in the front of the store to HHS. They have generously donated to many of our events and we truly appreciate all they do for us! If you are shopping at Hannaford stop by the service desk and tell Cindy thanks! And don't forget to throw a little of your change into the kiosk. Thanks!

So, mark your calendar with the upcoming programs and events and plan to join the fun! I hope to see you soon!

Sammi Moe

Book to Press

Postcard History Series: Hampton and Hampton Beach is currently being printed through Arcadia Publishing and should be available by mid-summer. Elizabeth Aykroyd and Betty Moore co-created the book along with a number of volunteers. Gerald Miller scanned the postcards for closer examination and sought out many

of the sites as they are today, Percy Annis helped with research, Jodie Millette, Carol Keating, and Nancy Coes did the proofreading. Lifelong resident Eleanor Young provided valuable information on the area and also checked facts. The images used were drawn from our extensive collections of postcards that the Tuck Museum is fortunate to own, and were selected to the show the changes in Hampton from the late 1800s to the mid 1950s.

The book begins with the changes in the landscape as the town grew from a farming and fishing village to a tourist destination and residential community. The postcards illustrate the development of North Beach and Great Boar's Head, the Main Beach, Hampton River and Hampton Center as the railroad, trolley, and finally the interstate developed the area. It also shows architectural changes of hotels, motels, cottages and homes.

The book will be available at the museum for \$19.95. The proceeds from the sale of the book will be used for museum operations.

MISSION

The mission of this organization shall be to promote and honor the history and heritage of the town of Hampton, New Hampshire and its founders and inhabitants; and to preserve such history for future generations.

Tuck Museum Director's Report

The past winter flew by as a group of us worked on the book Postcard History Series: Hampton and Hampton Beach. The pace was hectic and the draft of the book was finished in six weeks in order to be ready for tourist season. However, Elizabeth Aykroyd says it really took years of learning about the community to be able to complete the book in that short time frame. There is an accompanying article in the newsletter that goes into more detail about the project.

The Civics Group of the Hampton Monday Club toured the museum in April. We are the repository for their records and have club scrapbooks going back to 1927 (with yearbooks going back to 1908). The early homemade scrapbooks are in fragile condition, but the richness of content is amazing. In addition we have the complete Hampton Garden Club records from their founding in 1925. These added to the many personal scrapbooks, photo albums, diaries and personal papers that have been given to the museum over the years provide a rich social history of Hampton.

Each month our web site expands—right now we are in the process of putting more of our photograph collection on our web site for easy access. Check out:
www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org

President, Sammi Moe, mentioned in her article the "Faith in the Future" award that was given to the Tuck Museum by the

Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce. The Trustees, realizing we have to meet the needs of the community, approved a year or more of building renovations resulting in easier accessibility for visitors, members and school groups. In addition, two exceptional Eagle Scout projects led by Chris Larivee and Jonathan Coulp-Yu of Troop 177 were completed. The work done with the quick thinking and assistance of the Hampton Heritage Commission gave us the ability to save the post and beam structure of the Leavitt House Barn, which is now waiting to be reconstructed on museum property.

One of our long time volunteers, Sparky Waltz, passed away recently. He was one of the original catalogers, starting with us in the early 1990s. Sparky was a retired physicist who in his professional life worked in the early days of microwave technology, but his interests extended far beyond that to history, genealogy, biology, and Native Americans. Whenever he came in to volunteer he had something to show us, or would share some obscure (but very interesting) fact. He will be greatly missed, but his presence is evident in the volume of work he completed for the museum.

Our winter membership drive brought in 150 new members. We welcome both old and new members to visit Tuck Museum this summer. With air conditioning in the main building and adjoining playgrounds and picnic tables we make a nice destination. Come and visit.

Betty Moore

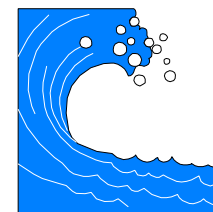
WW II Program

World War II New Hampshire: The War at Home will be presented on Wednesday, June 15 at 7 PM at the Lane Memorial Library. More than 60 years later we can still witness the effects of World War II. Using a one-hour video documentary, this program looks at life in the Granite State during the Second World War—its impact on citizen's lives and actions, how it redefined the way we work and play and the way it changed child-rearing.

Leading the discussion will be Lawrence Douglas, PH.D., recently retired from Plymouth State University who served as Command Historian under General Schwarzkopf during Desert Shield/Storm. The NH Humanities Council sponsors this program. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Betty Moore 926-2543.

Beach Days

A group of us from HHS is taking on a section of Hampton Beach for a monthly cleanup, working in conjunction with the



Blue Ocean Society For Marine Conservation.

This is a great way to do something to help the environment while getting a bit of exercise.

Anyone who would like to help or wants more information please call Sammi at 929-0881.



Have you seen this man?

This is Dave DeGagne, our new Buildings and Grounds chairman. Dave is a very talented guy who can fix just about anything. He built the replica of the barn that we have on display at the museum. He has quietly fixed a number of things around the museum and we are really pleased that he has taken on the responsibility of this committee. (Volunteers to assist are always welcome!)

Bringing back the Barn

The Society has been busy on two fronts working on the Barn project. Our first goal is to raise the monies needed for the foundation, roof and other materials needed to raise the barn again. Our second job is to plan the details of the project, cost estimates, materials selections and siting the barn on the Museum grounds. We have good progress on both items.

The barn construction committee has meet several times over the winter and spring and the group includes Chet Riley, Dave DeGagne, Percy Annis, Bud DesRochers, Bob Wallace, Ken Lobdell and Ben Moore. Many of the Society Trustees also have attended the meetings.

We have finalized the decisions on the materials we will use in the reconstruction and have determined the location (east of the Fire Museum, north from the main museum building) and will now apply for the building permit and start on the excavation and concrete work. Later this spring we will inventory the timbers and begin the repair work as necessary to reuse them. If you are interested in helping please give us a call or an email (info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org or 926-2453). We will call you when workdays are planned.

We have not raised all the money necessary for the completion of the job and always welcome your donations to go towards the successful raising of the barn.

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Cake from recent Barn Fund-raising Dinner

Update on Fund Raising for the Raising the Barn

As we go to press we have received over \$21,000 towards our goal of \$60,000 to bring back the Barn. See our report on planning for the reconstruction elsewhere in the newsletter. A list of the donors to the fund since February 1, 2005 follows; donors of \$100 or more will be listed on a plaque in the completed barn.

Donations of \$1,000 or more

Al & Clarice Casassa
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Donations of \$251 to \$500

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We greatly appreciate all donations to the annual operating budget. The listing of donors to the annual fund from February 1 to May 10, 2005 follows:

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Kathleen Waltz
Art & Mickey Wardle

New Members Appeal

In February the Society mailed a membership appeal to a broad section of Hampton residents. We were very pleased with the results. We added over 150 members as a result of the mailing. The names of our new members follow, and we plan on welcoming them to the Society at an Open House on May 15.

Mr. Timothy V. Andersen
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 Amy & Jeff Waterhouse
 Rodney & Susan Watterson
 Martha C. Williams
 William C. & Nenita B. Winkley

Education Committee

We will be hosting the third grade classes in June this year. They will be taking a trolley ride around town to see many historic sites, and then a visit at the Pine Grove Cemetery to learn about some of the ancestral residents, on June 2 and 3. On June 15 and 17 the classes will be visiting with us at the Tuck Museum for a tour through the grounds and buildings while learning about Hampton as a community in its early days. Anyone who would like to help with the presentations please call Sammi at 929-0881, or Betty at 926-2543, or the museum at 929-0781. We appreciate all help and will be happy to train you to work with the education committee.

In Memoriam

On behalf of the board and all of HHS we extend sincere sympathy to Kathleen Waltz, wife of Maynard, "Sparky" Waltz. Sparky passed away on March 31, 2005. He was a wonderful person whose quiet manner and great intelligence will be missed at the Wednesday morning work parties.

2004 Acquisitions to the Museum

An eclectic group of items were given to the museum from a "red riding hood" wool cape c. 1780s to a newspaper tube (don't laugh - when was the last time you saw a rotary dial telephone).

Front page of the Manchester Union 1864, advertising the Union Hotel, Hampton Village gift of Charles Park

WWII Red Cross poster, Salt March Land Donation Certificate of Appreciation, 1963 (townspeople gave their salt marsh land for conservation) Ansell and Irene Palmer

Postcards, Atlantic News newspaper tube, placemats of local scenes from Doug and Elizabeth Aykroyd

USS Hampton hat and pin, slides of Hampton Center and Hampton Beach 2004 - Betty Moore
Bob Howard gave sheet music "Lets go Down to Hampton Beach", Hampton Beach" and audio-tape of Bill Elliot (Hampton's Singing Cop)

Atlantic News on CD for 2002 and 2003 courtesy of Atlantic News.

A smoking jacket, cigarette case and rule belong to L.B. Hoyt, record plan of the Hampton jetties, "Our Heritage at Christmas" by Ruth Stimson, Sachem 1977 were given by Priscilla Triggs Weeks

Map of Hampton/North Hampton/Hampton Falls/Seabrook from Margo Sayfarth

Richard Perkins donated a trolley car bench used in the Hampton & Exeter Trolley

Gerald Miller presented two reproduced framed 1806 prints of Hampton survey of Thomas Leavitt, one engraved by Akin

The Lane Library presented the court records from the fish house cases c. 1960

Desk from East End School (which was located on the corner of Locke Rd and Winnacunnet)
Ted Scott

School desk mid 1900s gift of Roy Helfel

Signs from the town 350th celebration - Goody Cole and Man's Hat form Steve Janvrin

Betsey Davis gave a red wool broadcloth cape c. 1780-1800

A forty-three piece collection of clothes and accessories were given by the Dubois family (included automobile dusters, bathing suits c. 1920 children's clothes)

A collection of photographs of social and civic organizations and prominent Hampton residents were given by Harold Fernald

Bob Wallace gave photograph of Hackett Chevrolet (now the site of US Gas on Lafayette Rd.)

Helen Hayden's billy club WWII (she was a air raid warden) Barbara and Jeremy Sawyer

From the estate of Ruth Stimson came - research papers, scrapbooks, photograph albums, two copies of "Our Heritage at Christmas," girl scout uniform and accessories, framed "Birth of a Postcard" of card she designed

CD - "Living History of Hampton" Episodes 1-3 courtesy of Brad Jett

School bell, chamber pot and wash pitcher from the McKenzie Arms, needle, pictures of Langley family, portion of beam with wooden pegs from Susanne Langley

Carol Fleter donated letters from the Cole family

Museum purchases: Joseph Redman will 1846, watercolor "On Lafayette Road" Belle Lamprey, Account of Cargo belonging to Christopher Toppan, Stereo view of Hampton Beach, CD Military Records of NH 1623-1866

UPCOMING EVENTS

Although we do not anticipate changes to the line-up, please check the website or call the museum for any changes. Thanks!

(See our website for more detailed information)

- June 15 - **WWII – Documentary: The War at Home**; 7PM, Lane Library
- July 20 - **Business After Hours**; 5:30 - 7:30PM, Tuck Museum
- August 23 - **History of Dolls**; 6:30PM, Tuck Museum
- September 17 - **Pig Roast Fundraiser**; 1 - 3PM, Tuck Museum
- September 24 or 25 - **Salt March Walk** (Tentative dates - to be confirmed)

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We thank the following business members for their support of the Society:

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