



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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President's Annual Report

If nothing else, this year has been historic. We normally would open the museum to visitors in April, beginning the year with a poetry workshop for eighth-graders from Hampton Academy. This project and all subsequent programs and planned activities had to be canceled. The museum itself has been closed to visitors, although we did put out an information box for those who want to wander about and look at the buildings on the property. The information also includes a map of Founders Park across Park Avenue from our complex.

The annual Pig Roast fundraiser was among the casualties of the virus. The Annual Meeting, normally held onsite or at the St. James Lodge, had to be conducted via Zoom. Members could make reservations and log in. The silver lining of this approach (and with respect to this virus, we've been looking hard for silver linings) is that a number of members from as far away as Florida and California were able to be a part of the meeting and enjoy the slide-show program. We are now in November, and, again, programs that would have been scheduled for Veterans Day and the holiday season have had to be canceled.

On the even-numbered years (such as 2020), the Board of Trustees has always hosted a holiday party at the museum. This get-together has been one of my favorite activities throughout the year. The whole museum is open to the members and cheerfully decorated, with food and drink for all. The Board of Trustees provides the culinary delights; and for those trustees unfamiliar with the inside of a kitchen, they can usually find their way to the liquor and wine store. This delightful event, with the opportunity for the Board to thank the membership for their generous support, is one I will truly miss this year.

Even in the midst of this pandemic, our volunteers have been working hard to maintain our buildings and grounds, the collection, and our contact with the community and with visitors from afar. As of right now, we're scheduled to reopen in April 2021 with programs for the year. But, of course, the virus has the final say. Thank you all for continuing to support your Tuck Museum of Hampton History. Be well.

Linda Metcalf
President



Collection Committee Annual Report

Confucius said, "The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones." The same can be said about collection management – taking care of one object at a time - we now have over 7,000 records in our data base, representing information on thousands more items than that number indicates.

Two years ago, Rich Hureau moved our collection into the cloud. That meant we can download the program and work from anywhere. Last winter I spent hours in the data base updating locations, consolidating records, and making the collection records volunteer friendly. Since collection management by nature is a lonely job, it has been a natural COVID-19 activity.

Collection work as a small group resumed once we got the Governor's guidelines for museums. When the guidelines are called "Safer at Home," you get the idea that we should not get too caught up with visitors. Even closed, we received two large donation from Steve Brigandi – over 200 items – souvenir china, Hampton and Hampton Beach souvenirs, and photographs that add to the depth of our collection and our collection work!

Inventory control was the star project of 2020. Ben Moore did an inventory of the document files; I tackled the photograph collection and scanned those photos that I thought would make good additions to that data base.

Thanks to Carol Keating and Carol Angelari, accessioning work continues, while Diane Riley helped with data entry and thank you/deed of gift mailings. Before we closed for the winter last January, Chet Riley worked on the Fernald slide collection, Rich Hureau did photography and scanning, and Mary Ertl did accessioning and work on our business records. Ed Baechtold still plugs away at the Harold Fernald Collection. Elizabeth Aykroyd, who does collection review with Karen Raynes and me, is a valuable resource on collections care.

(Cont)

Karen Raynes mounted an exhibit on suffrage and the women of Hampton, and Lori Cotter completed an exhibit case on Hampton Academy. Kathy McLaughlin, Karen, and I are working on an exhibit based on documents from the Joseph Dow trunk.

Lori Cotter (Visitor Services) and Cheryl Lassiter also help with research requests, Cheryl still does artwork for us from her home in Arizona. Tour guide Elly Becotte maintained our House Research binders. At the end of 2019 into early 2020, Deb Knowlton was working on a Channel 22 project, and our committee was also involved. We loaned items to Portsmouth Athenaeum for their exhibition "Hampton Beach Summer of '83," based on author and photographer Peter Randall's recent publication.

The Turner painting "Hampton Grist Mill," which was purchased in 2019, had conservation completed in March by Martha Cox of Great Works Restoration. Martha was responsible for restoring the Barry Faulkner murals in the NH State House Senate Chamber. Our oil painting is now on display and is stunning now that it has been cleaned, stabilized, in-painted, and varnished.

Throughout the pandemic, our membership has supported the museum in good faith, and we are so grateful. Thank you!!

When we open again, please come and visit!

Betty Moore

Volunteer Hours

This year, the normal review of individual hours seems unnecessary, due to the fact that the pandemic has made many of us unable to give our full strength of volunteer hours.

We have maintained the regular upkeep of the museum and website, continued officer duties, worked on collections both at the museum and in our CRC building, and catalogued information when safe to do so.

For this newsletter, we would like to report that we had a total of 4,006.5 volunteer hours for the year, a total team effort! Many of our dedicated volunteers have been put on hold due to the nature of their work. We hold on to the hope that we will all welcome them back with open arms!

If you see yourself as a volunteer for our Tuck Museum of Hampton History, please give us a call or send an email to info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org. We would love to hear from you!

Lori W. Cotter

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report 2020

Thanks to my crew Mike Stiers, Mike Compos and Ben Moore for their dedication. Despite the museum being closed to the general public, work projects continued all year. Starting in the summer and continuing through the fall we met Mondays and completed many tasks inside and out.

Ben Moore organized landscaping which included heavy pruning of overgrown shrubs. Betty Moore, Karen Raynes and Marilyn Wallingford tended to our beautiful flower gardens. Mark McFarlin removed snow in the winter keeping our walkways safe.

Our 2020 Special Project was the Fire Museum. We scraped the painted siding, replaced rotted clapboards and primed the new wood. Thanks to Jason Moore for all his help and for providing siding materials, paint and use of his hydraulic lift. We are now prepped for next year's painting.

Other year-round responsibilities of the Buildings and Grounds Committee included setting and checking thermostats, fixing locks and helping with keys, changing the air handler filters, having the boiler serviced, repairing a section of rotten floor, installing a new egress door in the museum and adding new flashing, unblocking the sewer line and cleaning the basement floor, and servicing the alarm system.

Consider joining our work crew in 2021, work hard, learn new skills and make new friends.

Gary Grashow
Buildings and Grounds Chair

Communications Committee Annual Report

Since much of the year was influenced greatly by the pandemic, most of the work by the committee involved adding material to the website. Rich Hureau had photographed the Hampton Beach Souvenir exhibit while it was on display in 2018, so during the beginning of the winter of 2020 (January and February), while we were all blissfully unaware of what was about to hit the fan, he worked on adding those images to the archive area of the website (a gathering of now-defunct exhibits).

Later, during the beginning of the lockdown period, he worked on adding the 1927 Centre School Panorama to the website. He had a lot of time on his hands!

The usual spring and summer newsletters were produced (spring was digital-only). We had a Zoom-based annual meeting, so several email alerts were sent out related to that. It worked out pretty well, we like to think.

Rich Hureau

Donors to the Annual Appeal

We thank the members listed below for their donations to the annual appeal!

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The History of Us - The Leavitt Barn

Betty Moore gave a very interesting presentation at the Zoom Annual Meeting, titled *The History of Us*, which was a discussion of our organization. Part of it was a description of how the Leavitt Barn came to be on our grounds. This happened more recently than probably many members realize. The barn used to be on Drakeside Road, near the junction with Route 1. In 2004 HHS disassembled the barn, preserved the frame, and reassembled the barn frame on our grounds in 2007. There are [a lot of pictures on our website](#) (within the Tuck Museum > Structures pages) showing the work that went into this, but we present a few here to give you a good idea

Barn disassembly on Drakeside Road, 2004



Barn Reassembly on Tuck Grounds, 2007



**Visitor Services and Museum Outreach
Committee Annual Report**

Tuck Museum, having been closed since April 2020, remains closed to visitors until April of 2021. There is nothing more challenging in our times than dealing with a pandemic yet trying to keep our historical societies functioning.

We have claimed to do so through strong will and the power of the keyboard, as we have dutifully answered many genealogical questions and requests for information online. Old Hampton names such as Cass, Taylor, Lane, Bachiler, Gove, and Tuck (see story below) were looked into in great detail, and actually help our museum with more research on our end. We found that our famous Edward Gove had ties with the Susannah North Martin family, a famous woman of Salisbury who was convicted and hanged for witchcraft in Salem, 1692.

Many requests about items in our collection led Betty on the hunt, and she has helped provide our “virtual visitors” with answers. Wherever the questions lead us, we continue to do our best at providing information when we can. Moving forward, trusting that we all have a safe winter, we ask you to come visit us in the spring or summer. We need our visitors back!

Lori W. Cotter

Special Guest at the Museum—Margy Tuck

Back in the summer of 2020, we had a special request for a visit from Margy Tuck, a direct ancestor of Robert Tuck, one of our founding families. She was driving from California, would quarantine for the fourteen days locally around the end of October, and was very much interested in seeing the museum. Margy was looking for more info on her relatives, as she was on a genealogical search.

Having collaborated with Betty, she and I prepared to welcome Margy with masks on! On Monday, Oct. 26, Margy spent a good three hours with us, having a short tour of the museum and using some of the books we have on the Tuck family. On Friday, she came back to see the barn with Betty as guide.

We celebrate her founding father of Hampton, Robert Tuck, and all of the Tuck descendants!

Lori W. Cotter



Margy Tuck, Lori Cotter, Betty Moore

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
12 months ended October 31, 2020
Unaudited**

Operating Account

Revenues, Gains, Other Support	
Dues	3,715
Donations - unrestricted	9,743
Museum Gift Shop Sales	361
Fundraising	13,978
Interest and Investment	6,553
Endowment Funds income	2,131
Programs & Other	20
Total Revenues and Support	36,501

Expenses and Losses

Tuck Museum Program	3,182
Buildings and Grounds	14,418
Public Programs	6
Publicity and Website	395
Membership & Newsletters	459
Fundraising expenses	2,418
Gift shop purchases	47
Management and General	597
Technology	675
Total Expenses	22,197

Change in Unrestricted Net Assets 14,304

Restricted donations received	1,000
Restricted donations expended	3,905

Net change in liquid assets 11,399

Liquid Assets, Beginning of Year	218,523
Liquid Assets, End of Period	229,922

Treasurer’s Annual Report

Membership dues, generous donations, and reduced expenses helped get us through the year in good shape, even with the loss of revenue due to the pig roast cancellation and lost gaming dates. We maintain our solid financial strength.

Ed Baechtold

Audit Committee Annual Report

Thanks go to Bob Dennett for his services as auditor for the financial statements of the Society. In an effort to share our financial results with the membership and public, our IRS filing, Form 990, will be available on the web site,

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.

**HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING
October 15th 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 by President Linda Metcalf.

Minutes of the October 10th 2019 Annual Meeting: It was noted that the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes had been presented to the trustees previously via email. There was no discussion of the minutes. There was brief discussion of the features of the Zoom application being used to host the meeting, so that attending HHS members would understand how voting was to take place. Motion to accept the 2019 meeting minutes was made by Betty Moore, seconded by Gary Grashow. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of the HHS Nominating Committee: Molly St. Jeanne

Deb Knowlton and Rick Griffin have decided to step down this year.

Lori Cotter, Rich Hureau, Ben Moore and Betty Moore have agreed to remain on the board for 3 year terms. Mark McFarlin agreed to remain on the board for a 2 year term.

We are excited to welcome two new members to the board; Pat Bushway, who has agreed to accept a 3 year term, and Jane Wright, who has agreed to a 2 year term. Molly read the biographies of both Pat and Jane – both highly accomplished, experienced individuals who will bring new ideas to the group. Welcome! Your willingness to share your talents with the HHS is much appreciated.

President Metcalf announced that a short follow-up meeting would take place, via Zoom, on 20 Oct 2020 at 5:30 PM to elect officers.

Two members from the general membership were nominated to be on next year's nominating committee: Betty Moore and Jim Metcalf. Motion to accept Betty and Jim was made by Ben Moore and seconded by Mike Stiers, approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the business portion of the Annual Meeting was made and unanimously approved at 6:48! A record...

After the business portion of the meeting, Collections chairperson Betty Moore gave a short, very informative and enjoyable slideshow on the history of the Hampton Historical Society/Tuck Museum.

Rich reminded everyone that inputs for the Fall newsletter are due to him by November 11th.

The meeting ended at 7:38.

Membership Committee Annual Report

Membership dues and donations to our annual appeal continue to contribute significantly to our operating budget. Currently, there are 429 members on our mailing list. Of these, 141 are Life members, and 288 are Family, Senior, Senior Couple, Individual, and Business members. The renewal rate this year was 79%. In addition, of the total membership, 7 are new members this year. Altogether, dues and donations exceeded \$13,500. We thank you very much. The 2020/21 Annual Appeal is included with this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Ben Moore

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Collections - Betty Moore
Visitor Services - Lori Cotter
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What's for lunch?