



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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President's Report

Our fiscal year of 2022 has come to an end at the Historical Society, and we welcome in 2023 with much exuberance. So many great programs, events and plans are in our future! Once again, this cannot be done without members like you who support us.

We extend our gratitude to two people leaving our Board, Ben Moore, for his longtime wealth of information and work, and Linda Metcalf, our outgoing President from last year, who extended her stay on the Board to see it through to another year. We cannot thank them enough for their wisdom and volunteerism. I am sure we will still see them around lending a helping hand when needed.

As you will see in this newsletter, our yearly work has accomplished a great deal, to provide for you a town museum that not only educates, but preserves our treasured Hampton History. Each committee has far surpassed its goals, and we aim to accomplish even more next year. If you have not stopped in lately, please do so before we close our doors for the winter in Dec., or join us on a Zoom presentation in February, or plan a trip over when we reopen in March.

Write to us with ideas here at the museum. We try to do the best we can with all inquiries, genealogical requests, collection submissions, etc., but mostly we would love volunteers to help us put all of this together for Tuck Museum. Look for the article (at right) about our volunteer needs in this newsletter, and see if this fits you!

In a nutshell, our work this year involved Schoolhouse Renovation, Programs, Genealogies, Family Reunion Tours, new informational kiosks, School group visits, Fall Festival,...so much goes on behind the scenes, and we

welcome anyone with an interest in local history to be a part.

Finally, we wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends, joyous December holidays, and a happy and healthy New Year from your Historical Society!

Lori Cotter, President



**We are All Volunteers
...and We Need You!**

Here are some areas that need help in 2023:

- Landscaping and Gardening
- Education/School group Tours
- Computer data entry
- Genealogy work
- Tour guides/Docents - Training available
- Carpentry and Building

Can't volunteer? Consider a donation to help us run these events. This holiday season, honor a loved one by making a gift. Remember us in a legacy. Your tax deductible donation will go a long way to providing for the future of our museum, and our town's history.

Buildings and Grounds Report

November 10, 2022

This report covers fiscal year 2021 (Nov '21 through Oct '22). It's been a year filled with team projects.

The new security system was installed by Capitol Alarm Systems at the end of 2021. This eliminated a system flaw which alerted the Police and Fire Departments. The new system is easier to use, although failure to arm the system when leaving the building or failure to disarm when entering will still sound the alarm. The security and fire alarm systems were inspected, and the reports were filed with the Fire Dept.

At the start of the holiday season, the committee volunteers displayed Toy Soldiers outside, around the museum and along Park Avenue. Winter snow was cleared from the walkways around the museum and from the patio in front of the barn. Parks & Rec cleared the parking lot.



This spring a skunk sprayed the area under the front entrance to the museum. The smell permeated the building. The Paul Davis Company from North Hampton was hired to help with removing the odor. They did what they could by running specialized air-filtering equipment, but a reduced smell persists. We continue to take additional steps to remove the remaining odor. Slowly we will eliminate the smell.

Even with a serious drought, the gardens were not forgotten. June, July, and August had an abundance of 90° days and many as high as 100°. Constant watering was

required along with regular weeding and trimming. We had a lot of help maintaining our lovely gardens all year. Special thanks to Mike and Kathy Compos, Marilyn Wallingford, Karen Raynes, Joe O'Neil, and Jason, Betty and Ben Moore for their work.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Grashow
Buildings and Grounds Chair

The Ox Cart Man Program

Aside from our 3rd graders who visited us last spring for their Hampton History tour on site, we recently were honored with the presence of 2nd graders from the Sacred Heart School, Ms. Cropper's class, and 1st graders from Centre School.

Together we read *The Ox Cart Man* by Donald Hall, and talked about the different things a farmer from NH would sell at market in Portsmouth. We then had a tour of the Barn here at Tuck Museum, to point out all the tools and farm equipment that was in the book.

Beautiful weather made for a great hands-on learning experience! Thank you to Michele Croteau, who will be our new Educational Program Coordinator as we start up again in the spring of 2023.

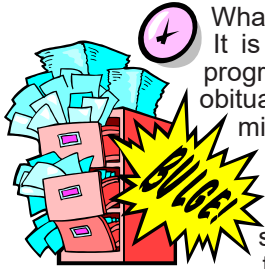


Mission

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.

Collection Committee – 2022 Annual Report

The Collection Committee is responsible for the care, acquisition, cataloging, and exhibition of the holdings of the Tuck Museum. It is an expansive job that is never ending but so rewarding! At the beginning of each year, I try to pick two goals to accomplish relating to the collection. This year it was the purge of our Vertical Files and second, to make sure that we have cataloged all the books in the collection.



What is a “Vertical File” you may wonder. It is catch-all for pamphlets, clippings, programs, flyers, articles, genealogies, obituaries, and other items that seem too minor to catalog. They are a rich source of information and valuable when researching. Our files were large and very quirky. It was time to see what should now be moved into the permanent collection. The

project was initiated by Linda Metcalf and Mary Ann Nelligan, and Mary Ann has just finished going through the last of the files. Many older documents, flyers, and programs were cataloged; other information was placed in our resource library binders so that visitors and our own staff have easy access to the information. Genealogy information was pulled out and has been made available to our many guests searching for their roots.

Mary Ertl finished cataloging the last of the books that are in the collection. It was a thankless job, as we have books squirreled away in numerous locations and they were the lowest priority when it came to cataloging the back collections. But for a year Mary plugged away. Carol Keating (who has been volunteering with us for 17 years) and I also did a fair number of books, but our main focus is cataloging the general collection, and Mary Ann kept us busy with all her “finds” from the Vertical Files.



Project complete! We have over 1,000 books in the collection – they run the gamut from NH town histories, professional, reference, research, genealogy, military, and general history. Our specialized binders number about 80 with more to come. They cover local history, genealogy, research projects, businesses, houses, hotels and motels,

postcards, transportation, government, and education. The binders are color coded by topic so that they are easy to locate.

A bonus project, one I felt never would be completed, was done through the generous donation of time by Rich Hureau, who scanned over 2000 slides from the Harold Fernald Collection; and Ben Moore, the overseer of this massive project, whose organization skills kept the project moving along to the finish line. Ben also keeps the collection files in order with the same precision – it is hard being married to the guy who finds all my mistakes! The image at right shows a Hampton Beach motel damaged in a storm. By chance this is the motel where our tourist cabin (on the Tuck Museum grounds) was originally located. We just stumbled upon this image while doing the slide scanning.

Carol Angelari provides support entering the cataloging work done by Carol, Mary, Ben, and me into the database. There is one of her and many of us, and we pass along a huge workload which she does with grace, humor, and speed.

Exhibit maven, Karen Raynes did an in-depth exhibit on General Jonathan Moulton that evolved into a program for the annual meeting, as well as writing a series of articles on Hampton history for the *Hampton Union*.

Although Rich is technically not on the collection committee, he gets roped into projects and just finished photographing and printing out a portion of a 1930’s vision of Hampton Beach called the “Manning Plan.” The project was advertised using a 12’ x 42” banner (shown below this article). It was never officially adopted, but parts of it were used, and it is interesting to see what might have been – like an airport on the saltmarsh (detail below)! How times and thinking have changed.



All this work is done with the spirit of discovery, lots of laughter, and a common goal of preserving Hampton’s history. It is a great way to spend an afternoon a week. We are always looking for people to help with the collection, give tours, or work on special projects. We welcome you to stop by and look through our wonderful research library – you’ll be amazed!

Betty Moore, Collection Manager



Community Engagement Committee Report

As the chair of the Community Engagement Committee, I'm happy to report that we were able to have a full slate of events in 2022 and, with the exception of the event in March, all were in person. Here's a brief look at the year's events.

In March, Sam Reid of the Wood Island Life Saving Station Association, gave a presentation via Zoom of the restoration of the lifesaving station. In addition to discussing the restoration, Sam also talked about how the lifesaving crews assisted mariners in distress along our coast, including from a station in Hampton.



April brought our celebration of National Poetry Month. Lori Cotter and Karen Raynes organized our event with Hampton students presenting their own writing and poetry on topics related to the history of Hampton. It was a great opportunity to recognize these talented students. (Photo at right)



In May, HHS member Lisa Barreto talked with us about colonial wildflowers, including types of flowers, when and where they were likely to be found, and uses for the flowers in colonial times and now. She shared a number of great pictures of plants and flowers that she's taken in her long walks around town.

The Vikings landed in the first week of June and set up their camp on the green for the weekend. Their visit gave us the opportunity to see how they lived, prepared their meals, and fought their battles. There was something for everyone to see! (Photo at right)



In July we welcomed New Hampshire author Olga Morrill to discuss the third book of her historical fiction series, "The Vagabond Trilogy." Her books chronicle a group of Quakers as they traveled from the Piscataqua River region down through the southern colonies and back.

As students returned to school in September, we celebrated the grand reopening of our renovated schoolhouse. It was a great opportunity for all to learn about the renovation process, get a sense of what that entailed, and appreciate the wonderful results of the hard work by a team of HHS members led by Gary Grashow over a period of two years.

In October, we held our second annual Fall Festival, which has become a great event for the whole town to enjoy. The annual meeting was also held in October and featured a presentation by Karen Raynes, Mary Ann Nelligan, and Betty Moore on General Moulton and some of the myths surrounding the man. (Photo of the Festival at right and elsewhere in this newsletter)



We'll close out the year with our participation in December in the town's holiday festivities to include baking and distributing cookies at the tree-lighting ceremony and entering a float into the holiday parade.

We're looking forward to 2023 and already have some events scheduled beginning in February with a Zoom presentation by the Liberty Tree Society of Walpole, NH on the Mayflower Compact. Please watch our calendar for additional information about upcoming events throughout the year.

Pat Bushway

Donors to the Annual Appeal

We sincerely thank all members who donated to the operating fund during the year. Their contributions allow the Society to continue maintaining the property and its collections.

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Marilyn & Cal Wallingford
Paula Wanzer
Art & Mickey Wardle
Rodney & Susan Watterson
Chuck & Karen Weinhold
Jim and Sally Westfall
Howard Wilcox
Martha C. Williams



Visitor Services and Museum Outreach Annual Report

Finally a relatively normal year with very little impact from Covid. We had 6,051 volunteer hours and over 1,100 visitors. The visitors included everyday folk on vacation or with an interest in the museum itself and those who were researching family history, friends, business, history et al. The most researched families included Bachiler, Brown, Chase, Coleman, Dearborn, Drake, Godfrey, Gove, Gusset, Marston, Moulton, Mudd, Sanborn, Taylor, Tuck, and Weare, plus hotels, restaurants, etc.

We also had volunteers for the Fall Festival, Viking Day and various presentations, as well as parents, students, and teachers from several local schools.

It was an eventful and very enjoyable year and I want to sincerely thank all of those who volunteered. We couldn't have done it without you.

We truly need more volunteers! If you are interested, please give us a call, send an email to info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org, or drop by the museum. We'd love to talk with you.

Mike Compos

Communications Committee

As we did last year, we worked with the Community Engagement Committee and sent out a bunch of email alerts about their programs, with more detailed info on the website.

As planned, there is now an archival area on the website where you can view photos and read info about earlier events. The 2021 Fall Festival images are there, as is the script and photos from a 2014 HHS event called "Comeos of John Greenleaf Whittier," detailing the women in his life. The photos from the 2013 event called "Civil War Saturday" are also there.

Volunteers Kathy McLaughlin and Liz Premo continued to provide excellent publicity for HHS, via publications and FaceBook. I kind of take their contribution for granted sometimes (it just happens!), but it is very valuable and much appreciated.

Rich Hureau



Tuck Museum Grounds Kiosks

You will see two new kiosks on the grounds of the Tuck Museum, at the Schoolhouse and the Tourist Cabin, describing those buildings. These are the results of the effort of the Kiosk Sub-committee (good name, huh!), whose members include Ed Baechtold and Jim Metcalf. Below are some photos of the kiosks being installed (by Jim, Ken Lobdell, and Mike Compos) and the final result near the Tourist Cabin. More are planned for the future.



Membership Committee Annual Report

Membership was stable in the year. Our renewal rate was nearly 90%, 18 new members joined and 11 former members rejoined. Dues and donations were \$13,745, roughly 35% of our operating expenses.

Membership renewal forms are included in this mailing so please renew as soon as you can.

Achieving next year's plans depends on continued financial support from our members.

Thanks for your support.

Ben Moore, Chair

Business Members

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

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Galley Hatch Restaurant, Inc.
Hampton Beach Casino, Inc.
Harris Real Estate
Preston Real Estate
QA Technology Company, Inc.
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Treasurer - Ed Baechtold

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Gary Grashow
Kathleen Hall
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Rich Hureau
Mark McFarlin
Betty Moore
Mary Ann Nelligan
Molly St. Jeanne

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 12 months ended October 31, 2022

Operating Account

Revenues, Gains, Other Support	
Dues	3795
Donations – unrestricted	12448
Museum Gift Shop Sales	1233
Fundraising (gross revenue) *	108630
Interest and Investment	-40555
Endowment Funds income	2560
Programs & Other	91
Total Revenues and Support	<u>88202</u>

Expenses and Losses

Tuck Museum Program	6405
Buildings and Grounds	32590
Public Programs	364
Publicity and Website	0
Membership & Newsletters	332
Fundraising expenses *	72421
Gift shop purchases	645
Management, Projects and General	5402
Technology	384
Total Expenses	<u>118543</u>

Change in Unrestricted Net Assets -30341

Liquid Assets, Beginning of Year 282458

Liquid Assets, End of Year 252117

* The Fundraising revenue was high due to the Lucky 7 gaming gross income, but the Lucky 7 expenses were also high.

Treasurer's Annual Report

The 2021-22 fiscal year was successful for ordinary income due to strong revenue from charitable gaming, membership, dues, and donations. Unfortunately, the gains were more than offset by a decline in the investment portfolio. Still, the organization is in excellent financial shape.

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,

**HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 16th 2022**

A welcome was given to all and the meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Lori Cotter.

Lori pointed out the minutes of the 2021 Annual meeting were located in the program, and that these minutes were posted on the HHS website for the course of the year. Lori asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion to accept the 2021 meeting minutes was made by Gary Grashow and seconded by Mark McFarlin. Motion passed unanimously.

Lori then turned the meeting over to Amy Hansen, Chair of the Nominating Committee, who reported meeting with Betty Moore, Mark McFarlin, and Ed Baechtold, Committee members, to bring forth this year's nominations. Returning for another three years on the Board are Gary Grashow, Molly St. Jeanne and Mike Compos. Kathleen Hall and Mary Ann Nelligan were nominated as new Trustees for the Hampton Historical Society, and their impressive bios were read. A motion to accept all nominations was made from the membership, with a second, all approved. Amy then had the Board of Trustees stand in recognition of their work. Amy returned the meeting to Lori. Lori then asked for two members to work on the Nominations Committee for next year. Amy Hansen and Claire McGrail offered to participate.

Lori then recognized two members leaving the Board this year, and gifts from the Trustees were presented to Ben Moore, and Linda Metcalf for their service.

Lori then proceeded with a brief need to accept the Officers for this year, citing that each Officer was returning. Betty Moore made a motion to accept the slate of Officers as presented: Ed Baechtold, Treasurer; Nichole Duggan, Secretary; Pat Bushway, Vice President; and Lori Cotter, President. Motion was seconded by Mike Compos.

Business meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm. Lori then turned the meeting over to Betty Moore, Karen Raynes and Mary Ann Nelligan, who gave a fantastic and interactive presentation of *Gen Jonathan Moulton: The Man and the Myth* for the approximately 25 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Cotter
Betty Moore
Nichole Duggan

