



# GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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## President's Report

The year seems to go by much quicker when the workforce is busy, and our loads are lighter! Another year has come and gone, and we have much to share with you.

Our volunteers have been hard at work with Collections, Building maintenance, Garden projects, Educational field trips and of course, our Research and Programs. As we strive to maintain our goal of reaching out to share more Hampton History, we look to preserve what is invaluable to us.

Thus, your membership is important to us. Thank you for helping us with this goal. In this newsletter, you will see all that we have done, but please mark your calendar for what is to come in the future.

Next year, 2025, marks 100 years of the Hampton Historical Society! To celebrate, we have a multitude of fun events for all ages. Please make a point to join us, or better yet, volunteer with us! As always, we hope the seasons are good to you, that you enjoy much laughter and warmth over the holidays, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Lori Cotter, President

## Happy Birthday HHS! 1925-2025



Mark your calendars now with these 100th Anniversary events and plan to join us in 2025 for the celebrations! Additional details will be provided, but lock in these dates now so you don't miss out! Note that reservations are required for all events except baseball; email: info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org



**Saturday, April 5th, 2025, 2:00 p.m.**

### HHS Documentary

Join us for the viewing of a documentary on the history of the Historical Society followed by cake and ice cream to celebrate our anniversary. This event is free and will be held at the Post 35 American Legion Hall at 69 High Street.



**May 17th, 2025 7-9:30 p.m.**

### Roaring 20's Night - Special Event!

Come and hear and dance to a big band playing the tunes of the time! The band will also share the stage with the Winnacunnet Jazz Band. **For more info about this special event, please see the full article on page 2.**



**June 5th, 2025 3-3:45 p.m. and 4-4:45 p.m.**

### Trolley Tour of Hampton Historic Sites

Hop on the trolley at Tuck Museum and enjoy a 45-minute narrated tour of some of the most historic locations in our town. There will be two start times, and the cost is \$20 per person.



**August 2nd 2025, 1 p.m.**

### Vintage Baseball at Tuck Field

Take in an afternoon of old-time baseball with Dirigo Baseball of Maine. Have some popcorn and a hot dog and imagine you're back in the earliest days of America's game!



**September (date and time TBD)**

### Speakeasy Night

Sneak into the Tuck Museum barn for an evening of wine, cheese, and hors oeuvres during these days of Prohibition! Take advantage of the cash bar and tour the buildings of the museum as you enjoy your libations. Tickets will be sold. More info to come!

## HHS 100 Anniversary Quilt

In addition to these events, come and see the 100th Anniversary Quilt, created by a quilting team of our members! The quilt will be on display at various locations throughout town and at Tuck Museum. Watch for its schedule of locations.





## ROARING TWENTIES NIGHT

HHS is thrilled to present our 100th Anniversary celebration: **Roaring 20's Night!** An evening filled with 1920's nostalgia.

You'll find the Freese Brothers 20 piece BIG BAND from Concord performing with our very own Winnacunnet High School Jazz Band.

While enjoying this fabulous music, perhaps you'll find yourself toe-tapping to the tunes, getting up to dance, and delving into the roaring twenties with historical tid-bits along the way by our HHS MC of the evening.

There will be opportunity to watch a professional showcase from the Krystal Ballroom Dance Studio. We'll have light refreshments & hors d'oeuvres.

If interested, the Krystal ballroom will be offering 4 weeks of swing group classes leading up to the big night! Plan to learn some foxtrot and swing, and most of all, plan on having fun! More details will follow and can be found at: [www.krystalballroomhf.com](http://www.krystalballroomhf.com). Dress to impress, if you so choose.

**Saturday May 17th from 7- 9:30 p.m.** at the Hampton Academy Café. All HHS Members will be given priority booking – tickets are limited. **RSVP by March 15.** We hope you can join us for this memorable evening of celebration!

### Visitors Services and Museum Outreach

It was a jam packed year with a plethora of projects, events, visitors, programs, etc. Thanks to everyone who volunteered. Collectively we worked in excess of 6,757 volunteer hours.

#### 2023 - 2024 Annual Statistics

Casual Visitors:	318 visitors
School Programs:	311 visitors
Group Tours:	25 visitors
Program Attendance:	250 visitors
Other Events:	700 visitors
Total:	1,604 visitors

We are an all-volunteer organization. Therefore we always need more volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or know somebody who might be interested, please call or email us (see page 1)

Mike Compos, Visitors Services



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## Collection and Exhibit Committee Annual Report

In 2024, we accomplished an unbelievable amount of work. Normally we process about 200 records each year into our database; this year we completed 500! Currently we have over 8,700 records in this collection – many of them represent multiple items.

This year's collection goal was to finish pulling sensitive materials (documents, photos, objects from the Fernald Containers), which was accomplished. Then the building and grounds committee did extensive work on the Seacoast Fire Museum (see Gary Grashow's report at right and more pictures below) and we cataloged all the items in the building since everything but the fire engine was emptied out for the renovations.

There are a lot of people to thank who make our collection management function: Diane Riley (data entry); Ben Moore (filing and data entry); Carol Keating, Mary Ertl, Bruce Fuller, and Ben Moore (cataloging); Ann Carnaby (textile issues). Rich Hureau is an "honorary" member of our committee – this year he re-photographed our glass plate negatives and finished converting the last of the Fernald slides for easier use.

Our feature exhibit for the year was *Building Community Twenty Influential Women of Hampton* – thanks to Karen Raynes and Mary Ann Nelligan. Their research evolved from an exhibit, to a program, to a book (which will be available soon). The shipwreck exhibit – *Seeking Safe Harbor* – was reworked and moved to the main exhibit area.

A wall exhibit – *Prophecy for Hampton* – was mounted, expanding on the 1930s Manning Plan for the development of Hampton Beach, thanks to Rich Hureau, Karen Raynes, Pat Bushway, and Lori Cotter. Lori also set up a mini exhibit to coordinate with Lafayette's bicentennial celebration visit to Hampton on September 1.

If you are looking for an interesting and rewarding way to spend a few hours a week, consider joining us! You can explore your creativity with exhibits and research; if you are detailed oriented, cataloging may be for you; or if you enjoy people and want to learn more about Hampton history, you may want to give tours. Training is provided, as are great refreshments!

Betty Moore, Collection Manager



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## Buildings and Grounds

October 31, 2024

The buildings and grounds committee is looking for volunteers. This dedicated group maintains our buildings, gardens and landscape at HHS.

This past year we completed projects in the museum, the workshop, the fire museum and the barn. Take the time to tour the newly refurbished fire museum. Our volunteers carefully painted the walls, ceiling and floor. They installed a new large window and then restored a set of tall arched doors. The display cases were updated, and our old fire engine was cleaned and polished. Now, the fire museum proudly pays tribute to the history of the Hampton Fire Department.



In 2024, HHS held work parties every Tuesday and Thursday from May to October.

If you are interested in joining us, contact me, Gary Grashow, by email at [ggrashow@grashow.com](mailto:ggrashow@grashow.com) or by phone at 603-207-2476.



Thanks to Ken Lobdell for taking on our bulkhead replacement and to all this year's volunteers: Mike Compos, Ben Moore, Mike Stiers, Betty Moore, Bill Keating, Mark McFarlin, Jason Moore, Marilyn Wallingford, and Karen Raynes.

Gary Grashow,  
Buildings and Grounds Chair



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## Donors to the Annual Appeal

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

Carol Angelari	Constance Gough	Carol Palmer
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Galley Hatch Restaurant	George Owen	
Sharen Gibadlo	Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Palmer	
David Gooch		

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## Membership Committee Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2024

The members of the Hampton Historical Society play a critical role in ensuring that the Society is able to fulfill its mission of preserving Hampton's history and educating both adults and children on its rich legacy. Member's volunteer activities, dues payments and donations enable the Society to reach out to the community, preserve its large collection of Hampton memorabilia, and present interesting programs on such varied topics as Hampton shipwrecks and memorable women.

The Society has 460 memberships, and is represented by the following distribution of members:

Business	11
Complimentary	8
Family	79
Individual	22
Life	129
Senior	67
Senior Couple	144
Total	460

Is your membership up for renewal? We've included renewal forms in the November newsletter for you to complete and send back with your dues. Or use PayPal to pay electronically. Thanks for your support!!

Mary Ann Nelligan

### Business Sponsors

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

Casassa Law Office  
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### A Board of Many Talents

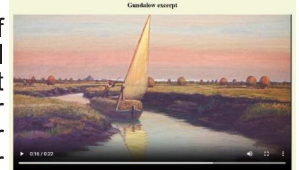
As we say goodbye to Rich Hureau and Kathleen Hall from our Board of Directors, we welcome a few new faces to the table. Rich will be staying on as our Communications Chairperson and our website/newsletter coordinator, and Kathleen always helps us with the now famous Fall Festival. Our new Board members are Brian Akerley, Jenne Demac, Larry Marsolais and Ellen Ornaf. They bring a wealth of experience with other committees throughout town, and service that goes above and beyond. Welcome to the Historical Society!

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## Communications Committee Annual Report

As mentioned in the April Newsletter, we installed a new exhibit of the Manning Banner, moving the exhibit into the main area of the museum and displaying the land areas of the full banner. We are currently exploring our options for what to do with the original banner itself.

Also in February, I changed our website to include a snippet of our mention in the National Geographic video about Gundalows. We feel that our small 22 second entry in their video falls well within the "fair use" rules and that we can display it officially on our website. The link is on the Turner Gundalow painting page itself, here:



<http://www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org/turngnd.htm>

Concerning other tasks, our publicity gurus – Kathy McLaughlin and Liz Premo – and I sent out notices to the newspapers and Facebook, working in conjunction with Pat Bushway and the Programs Committee. I sent out numerous email alerts, again coordinating with the Program Committee. We also produced a newsletter in April and July.

Rich Hureau, Communications Committee

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### “Hampton Historic Harvest”

Another year passes and another harvesting of the hops grown in Mrs. B's 18th Century garden at the Tuck Museum is accomplished.

Jason Bourassa, brewer at the Four Pines Brewing Company in Hampton, harvested the hops at the end of August. On October 28, 2024, I received this email from Jason, “I just pulled off a pint and I think it is an amazing beer.”



He will be pulling off a keg or two and then bottling the rest of the brew.

This is the second year that Mrs. B's Garden at the museum has supplied fresh hops for a brew that Jason calls “Hampton Historic Harvest.”

By the time this newsletter is published HHH will be available at the Community Oven, the Side Bar right next door to the Oven and Shane's Texas BBQ, uptown.

Thank you, Jason, for bringing to life this historical brew.

Karen Raynes

## Announcing the HHS Centennial Fund

Betty and Ben Moore's dedication and generosity have helped sustain the Hampton Historical Society since they began volunteering in 1988. Now Betty and Ben have set up a new trust fund at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and named HHS as the beneficiary. The fund is named "HHS Centennial Fund". They have seeded the fund with \$90,000 in 2024, and they plan to add another \$10,000 in 2025, the centennial year of the Tuck Museum. The NH Charitable Foundation invests the money and provides a distribution of the profits to the designated charitable organization each year, but it doesn't touch the principal. Annual distributions in recent years have been between 3.5% and 4.5%, which means that the HHS Centennial Fund will provide approximately \$3,500 to \$4,500 to HHS **every year**.



The Moore's generosity is intended to help assure HHS solvency in the future, and it will go a long way toward that goal. However, more is needed. HHS is now launching the HHS Centennial Fund Campaign with the intent to increase the Fund significantly during the Tuck Museum's Centennial in October 2025.

Here's how you can help. There are two ways to add your donation to the HHS Centennial Fund:

1. Make your donation online at the following web address or QR code:  
<https://give.nhcf.org/HHSCentennialFund>
2. Write a check and mail it directly to the NH Charitable Foundation. The check must be made payable to "New Hampshire Charitable Foundation" with the name "HHS Centennial Fund" in the memo field. Mail the check to: NH Charitable Foundation, 37 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301-4005.



**Important Note:** Do not make the check payable to the Hampton Historical Society and mail it to HHS. HHS cannot accept your check and add it to the Fund, as the society is prohibited from doing that. Only individuals may add to the Fund, and they must contribute directly to the NH Charitable Foundation.

About the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, from its Fall/Winter 2023 publication:

"The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is dedicated to making New Hampshire a more just, sustainable, and vibrant community where everyone can thrive. As New Hampshire's statewide community foundation, we are the place where generosity meets the dedication and ingenuity of nonprofits and the potential of New Hampshire students. Since 1962, thousands of people have entrusted their charitable resources to the Foundation, creating a perpetual source of philanthropic capital. That generosity makes it possible for the Foundation to award more than \$60 million in grants and scholarships every year and collaborate and lead on high-impact initiatives."

### 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.

### HHS Officers, 2023-24

#### Officers

President - Lori Cotter  
Vice President - Pat Bushway  
Co-Secretaries - Amy Hansen; Mary Ann Nelligan  
Treasurer - Ed Baechtold

## Annual TREE LIGHTING

Nostalgic New Location:

Historic Founders Park,  
Tuck Field &  
Hampton Historical Society Green

Sponsors:



FRIDAY DECEMBER 6TH, 6-8PM

Come enjoy this Hampton tradition  
with an added classic twist:

Santa  
Tree Lighting  
Vendors & Fire Pit  
Barn Open with Festivities  
Letter Writing to Santa in the Old  
Schoolhouse  
Historical Gift Shop  
Live Entertainment:  
Granite State Bell Ringers

### Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting

To view the minutes of the HHS Annual meeting,  
click [here](#) or use the QR Code:



**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**12 months ended October 31, 2024**

**Operating Account**

Revenues, Gains, Other Support	
Dues	3640
Donations – Member and Unrestricted	12384
Collection Fund Donations	350
Museum Gift Shop Sales	1444
Fundraising and Grants	29731
Interest	1756
Investments	35039
Endowment Funds Income	2223
Programs & Other	848
 Total Revenues and Support	 87415
Expenses and Losses	
Tuck Museum Program	1848
Buildings and Grounds	19346
Collection Research Center (CRC)	4792
Public Programs	860
Legal Fees	8582
Membership, Newsletters, Publicity	236
Fundraising expenses	5186
Gift shop Inventory	740
Management, Projects and General	1266
Technology, Website	2075
Improvements	7470
Total Expenses	52401
 Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	 35014
 Liquid Assets, Beginning of Year	 260365
 Liquid Assets, End of Year	 295379

**Treasurer’s Annual Report**

The 2023-24 fiscal year was profitable, due to strong revenue from membership dues and donations, charitable gaming, and strong investment performance. The organization is in good financial shape, but the new fiscal year will bring sizable expense increases. The continued generosity of HHS members is crucial for the future.

Ed Baechtold, Treasurer

**Audit Committee Annual Report**

The Society thanks James Sullivan for his services as auditor of the FY 2022-23 HHS financial statements. The audit was a success, and no significant issues were found. The audit of the recently completed FY 2023-24 will take place in the next few months. In an effort to share financial results with the membership and public, the HHS IRS filing, Form 990, will be available on the web site soon after it is submitted in November.

**Additional Pictures from the Marquis’ Visit**



## Program Committee Annual Report

Happy Fall from the Program Committee! 2024 has been a year of interesting and varied events that offered a little something of interest for everyone. Here's a brief recap:

On **March 27th** Mary Ann Nelligan and Karen Raynes presented their project *Building Community: Twenty Influential Women of Hampton NH*. This extensive work highlighted women of interest in our community from the mid-1600s to the mid-1900s to honor and recognize women of Hampton through the centuries. The accomplishment of these women ranged from Hampton Academy teacher to World War II nurse to hotelier at Hampton Beach and even a taxidermist. This event was a true crowd-pleaser!

In **April** to recognize National Poetry Month, we conducted our annual poetry event for Hampton Academy Junior High students. Lori Cotter and Lisa Barreto worked with the students as they wrote a poem about a topic of their choosing from Hampton history. The young poets presented their work to a standing-room-only crowd of family and friends on April 18th.

In **May**, the month in which we pay tribute to those who have fallen in the defense of our nation, we had a presentation of the book entitled *New Hampshire War Monuments: The Stories Behind The Stones*. On May 14th, author Kathleen Bailey took us through the history behind NH's war monuments, memorials, and other tributes to the fallen. It was a fitting remembrance in preparation for Memorial Day.



**June** brought the return of the Vikings to the Green! On June 8th, the Vikings recreated the life that these warriors lived over 1,000 years ago. This living history group demonstrated the Viking's weapons and combat, their tools and implements, their woodworking and crafts, and their daily life to include sleeping quarters and food preparation.



From July 1824 to September 1825, the French Marquis de Lafayette, the last surviving major general of the American Revolutionary War, made a tour of the 24 US states of that time. He was received by the populace with a hero's welcome at many

stops, and this year on **September 1** we celebrated the Bicentennial of his return to America. The Marquis was again welcomed by a large crowd as he arrived in his horse-drawn carriage and shared his thoughts, well-wishes, and French coffee with us before continuing his journey north. See page 7 for additional pictures.

On **September 18** HHS and the Lane Memorial Library presented *Meet John Adams – A Lively and Revolutionary Conversation with America's Second President*. This evening of stories and songs by George Baker gave us a wonderful opportunity to step back into our history and imagine the life and times of John Adams.

And for the fourth consecutive year, **October** brought the annual Fall Festival to Tuck Museum and the museum grounds on the 13th. While the weather wasn't as cooperative this year, it was still a great event with entertainment, games, a petting zoo, information booths, a raffle and food! The Fall Festival is a great community event, rain or shine, and we're very grateful for those who dodged the raindrops to join us, and for our partners, donors and sponsors.

Pat Bushway, Program Committee

