



# GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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## BRINGING BACK THE BARN!



Last year we saved the Leavitt House Barn by dismantling the frame and storing it on our grounds. This year we want to bring it back by re-erecting on the Green near the Tuck Museum, where it will serve as a farm museum and a site for programs.

We are very happy to report that donations to the fund to

raise the barn are now over \$15,000. We are well on the way to the goal of \$60,000 and continue our planning on the reconstruction. A list of the donors to the fund is found on page 7. Donors of \$100 or more will be listed on a plaque in the completed barn.

Details concerning our fund raising dinner are on page 7.

### **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.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays. 2005 has started off with lots of activity for HHS. We have had a variety of school programs, work parties on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons, meetings on programming, fundraising, and barn building, and volunteers are keeping the museum open every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons. I hope you get a chance to stop in and say hello. New items have been donated to the collections and it seems something of interest is happening each day. If you would like to get involved in a project but you are not quite sure what, come in and see Betty. She is really a master at matching a person with the tasks that will interest them. There is always something to do at Tuck, and everyone is welcome!

Of course our major project this year is the raising of the barn. We are currently working on fund raising for this ambitious endeavor. A spaghetti dinner in April with a program by John Porter, who is an expert on old barns, is in the works. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this event. We still are looking to raise \$60,000. Due to the efforts of Charlotte Preston, and donations that have come in with

membership renewals, we have raised about \$15,000 so far. Thank you Charlotte, for sending out those postcards, and thank you to all of you who have continued to support the Society. Without your help we could not continue to be the kind of organization which contributes so much to Hampton.

Please take a moment to look at the programs planned for this year. Mark your calendars and plan to join us. The programs committee and Chairman Jean Shaw did a great job! I am certain that you will find these programs informative and entertaining.

Our board meets on the first Thursday of each month. If you have anything you would like the board to consider please call me, or one of the other board members. HHS is your society and any input is welcome. Don't be shy. Come in to find out if there is something you might like to learn about or expertise you might share with us. I bet you will find it an enjoyable experience. If you are already a volunteer, thank you! Bring a friend with you sometime and share the fun!

We will be having a membership drive soon. This is something we have not done in the recent past, so we decided to give it a try. If you know someone you think

would like to join us please extend an invitation. Our town's history is something we should all appreciate, even if you happen to be a "new native".

*Sammi Moe*

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**DONORS TO THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET**

Our efforts in 2005 will be focused on the raising of the Barn but we all know that the work on preserving the collection goes on as does the costs of utilities, insurance, etc. We appreciate the donations that were made by members to the operating budget for 2005 a list of contributors as of January 31, 2005 follows:

- Percy Annis
  - Douglas & Elizabeth Aykroyd
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  - Edward Luck
  - Warren Mackensen
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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Every day at the museum is a surprise. Harold Fernald, who many of you know as a local history icon- comes into the museum. He has some photos in the trunk of his car we may want. Some photos...two huge storage boxes full of pictures and negatives. They date from the 1950s-1960s and had belonged to Hampton Publishing Company (who published the Hampton Union at the time). In 1985 they had a water problem and called Harold in to help. He said that 90% of the photos were lost – if you've ever dealt with wet photos you know how damaging moisture is. He had sorted them out by year, a monumental task and then passed them along to us.

The month before we received a number of things from Ruth Stimson's estate. She was a meticulous record keeper and researcher, whose interests extended into so many areas. Going through her materials will be months of work.

Four notebooks full of copies of letters and the original originals were dropped off at the museum. These have been researched and the story one family unfolds as they go west and you get an idea from the letters what was also happening in Hampton at the same time. These have been placed with the museum for safekeeping.

I received a research request from the NH Aviation Museum in Concord. They wanted information on the first Hampton airstrip. I didn't know, but I knew whom to ask. Did you know it was located between Mill Street and Moulton Road and ran parallel to High street? It was a grass airstrip. We marked the area on a map to send on. While doing so, I heard the pilot would take the local children up in his bi-plane on the first run of the day, while he checked everything out. (Did their mothers know?). I learned the pilots parked the planes along Winnicunnet Road, so the could be seen by the tourists going to the beach and perhaps be enticed to go for a ride. Later that morning, by chance, I found someone with a photo of that airfield.

Pictures are saved-not because they are newsworthy, but because they are of a particular place at a particular time and tell a story. Letters are saved first because they mean something to one family and later mean much more to the rest of us. Bits of history are saved because someone asked a question.

This is why our museum is important. This is why we support the work of the Society. This is the way of local history. Keep the surprises coming!

*Betty Moore*

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**Donors (continued from page 2)**

Glenn & Patricia McKenzie  
Bryon & Sammi Moe  
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## ***Programs and Events 2005***

For more information visit the web site at  
[www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org)

**March 15 7 pm– Historic Maps Tuck Museum *Jerry Miller* (See page 5 for more details.)**

**April 23 – 6pm Barn Fundraising Dinner Masonic Hall, Hampton** Tickets are \$8 in advance/\$10 at the door, children 12 and under \$4 in advance/\$5 at the door. **(See page 7 for more details)**

**May 18 7 pm- Popular Music During WWII: Using Propaganda to Boost Morale - Lane Library** Through music, *Cal Knickerbocker* will talk about the way public sentiment was molded. He also has sheet music, posters and other memorabilia of the era. This is a NH Humanities Council program

**June 15 7 pm– WWII – Documentary: The War at Home Lane Library *Larry Douglas***, Gulf War command historian, will show a one-hour documentary on life in the Granite state during WW II with audience discussion to follow. This is a Humanities Council program.

**July 20 - Business After Hours 5:30-7:30 pm Tuck Museum** Chamber of Commerce sponsored event. Tuck Museum and Atlantic News are hosts.

**August 23 6:30 pm History of Dolls Tuck Museum *Patricia Aveni***, owner of the Dover Doll Hospital will speak on the history of dolls. Program suitable for children.

**September 17 1-3 pm Pig Roast Fundraiser Tuck Museum** Great food, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and entertainment makes for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> annual event. Not to be missed!

**September 24 or 25 – Salt Marsh Walk** (Tentative dates –to be confirmed) The walk will start at Tuck Museum and car pool to the Salt Marsh where Marine biologist *Ellen Goethel* will lead the group on an informative walk through the salt marsh.

**October 16 - Annual Meeting “Care of Books and Works on Paper (time and location to be determined) *Frank Wood***, owner of rare book business DeWolf and Woods, will talk about the care of old book and paper. Afterwards he will do a quick appraisal of items bought in by the audience.

**November 15 - 7pm Stone Wall Program –The Granite Kiss (location to be determined) *Kevin Gardener*** author of “The Granite Kiss” will talk about the history of stonewalls in NH. Co-sponsored with Enos Building and Supply.

**December 1 - Trustee sponsored Holiday Open House 6:30-8pm at the Tuck Museum**

Check local papers, cable channel or call the museum to confirm times and location.  
 Send us your email address and we'll notify you of upcoming events  
[info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@hamptonhistoricalsociety.org)

## HISTORIC MAPS

Join us at the Tuck Museum Tuesday, March 15 at 7 pm. Surveyor, Gerald Miller will speak on "1805 Town Surveys". An act passed in 1803 by the General Court caused the towns, parishes and places within the state to be surveyed for the purpose of obtaining a map of the state.

The towns at the time had to submit a map to the secretary of state by November of 1805, showing the exact limits, descriptions of public roads, waterways, mountains, adjoining towns.

Rough terrain, weather and difficulty in finding a qualified surveyor made this a difficult task. Join us to see images of these maps, and hear the story that accompanies them. The maps are like works of art.

By digitizing these images Gerald, and his son Tory, have been able to reproduce many of these very fragile and rare maps saving them for future use. Gerald has customized two books for Hampton. Both are reproduced on high quality paper. The first book is from the 1806 map by surveyor Thomas Leavitt. It has incredible detail naming every house in town with a rough indication of size and orientation to the road (\$20). The second booklet is more extensive, highlighting the art involved in the early lithographs and it includes images of Hampton from the 1806 maps, the 1818 Carigan map, the 1854 Township and Rail Road map, and the 1857 map of Rockingham Counts There are 33 pages of beautiful reproductions (\$60). Large-scale maps are also available.

It is a fascinating time in our history and will be an enlightening program. In case of inclement weather call the museum 929-0781 for location change or cancellation.

### Notice...

We congratulate Mike O'Neil on being the majority leader of the House in Concord. Unfortunately for HHS, due to this busy schedule, which also includes his chairmanship of the Hampton Beach Precinct, Mike has resigned from our board of trustees. We are very sorry to see him leave us, but wish him the best in his many endeavors. We thank you for your service Mike, and hope to see you at some of our functions this year!

### Hampton Historical Society Board of Directors

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## MUSEUM ACQUIRES EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY CLOAK

The Museum has been most fortunate to receive a gift of a woman's red broadcloth cloak, dating from the last decades of the eighteenth century. The cloak is the generous gift of Betsey Davis, of Hampton. Her mother, Evelyn Squires, a longtime member of the Society, had carefully preserved the garment, telling her daughter that it had descended in the Philbrick family of Hampton.

The cloak is long and full, with a gathered hood which retains its original lining of white silk. The wool broadcloth is tightly felted so that no hems were necessary, although the edges were trimmed with a red silk ribbon, some of which still remains. The cloak was certainly made locally, although the broadcloth may have been imported from England. Such fabric was common for cloaks in rural England at the time and still is used today for the uniforms of the Guards at Buckingham Palace. A number of cloaks very similar to ours are in the collections of other museums, notably Colonial Williamsburg and Historic Deerfield.



*Woman's wool broadcloth cloak worn in Hampton in the late 18th century.*

Please accept my contribution to the Hampton Historical Society's Barn Raising fund. I understand that my contribution is tax deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes.

I wish to give at the following level:

- Donor- \$100 and over \_\_\_\_\_
- Supporter- \$250 and over \_\_\_\_\_
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I prefer not to have my name on the plaque in the barn.

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Douglas & Elizabeth Aykroyd  
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### Donations of \$251 to \$500

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## Save the Date! Help Bring Back the Barn at a Spaghetti Dinner on April 23!

Learn more about the project and how you can help by attending our special dinner at on April 23. The evening's program will be a fabulous spaghetti dinner cooked by our own Jim McAden, followed by a slide presentation by John C. Porter, an expert on barns and author of *Preserving Old Barns: Preventing the Loss of a Valuable Resource*. There will also be exhibits of photographs and artifacts from our barn, as well as a raffle.

Tickets and more information will be available in March, but put the date on your calendar now and plan to join us!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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7 pm Tuck Museum
  
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  - May 18        **Popular Music During WWII:  
Using Propaganda to Boost  
Morale** *Hampton Community  
Cal Knickerbocker*  
7 pm Lane Library
  
  - June 15       **WWII Documentary: The War at  
Home** *Larry Douglas*  
7pm Lane Library
  
  - September 17    **4th Annual Pig Roast** 1 pm
- For more information about the programs, see  
page 4.**

**BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP**

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

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**Town elections will take place  
in Hampton on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Be a  
part of your town's history by  
casting your vote!**

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