



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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Tickets Now On Sale for the Annual Pig Roast

Tickets are now available for HHS's 16th Annual Pig Roast, which will be held Saturday, August 26, from noon to 2:30 p.m., on the Tuck Museum grounds at 40 Park Avenue in Hampton.

As always, the menu will include fresh and succulent roast pork, applesauce, homemade baked beans, brown bread, salads – and lots of desserts. For those not partial to pork, there are other choices from the grill.



You can also enjoy entertainment, try your luck at a 50/50 raffle and find a treasure at the silent auction held in the historic barn.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students ages 9 to 16 – children 8 years old and under are free of charge. There is an advance adult ticket price of \$18 for HHS members who buy their tickets before August 5.

Tickets are available at Marelli's Market, the Hampton Parks and Recreation office, the Tuck Museum, Provident Bank (the primary sponsor for this event), and via PayPal at www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org/pigroast2017.htm. The pig roast is HHS's largest fundraiser.

For more information, see our website or call 603-929-0781.



President's Report Open for the Season

Having grown up here in Hampton, working at Hampton Beach, the arrival of the summer season always brought great expectations knowing I would be working seven days a week. Some businesses slow down in the off-season. Our Tuck Museum closes on Sundays during the colder months. But that has not slowed down our activities a bit.

During our last fiscal year we welcomed over 2,300 visitors to our Museum and related activities. Our members provided over 2,400 hours of volunteer time working at the Museum and in our Collections and Research Center (CRC). Our programs included Early Brewing in New Hampshire, Windows into African American Life in New Hampshire, Color Me Included Walking Tour, Life on New Hampshire's coastal frontier. In April we opened our World War One exhibit at the Museum, showcasing information about Hampton men and women who served in World War One.

Upcoming programs include Creative Feast: Exploration of Recipes from Colonial New England (Aug. 9), The Last Run: A Tale of Rum-Running in New Hampshire (Sept. 19), Discovering New England's Stone Walls (Oct. 19). And of course our biggest event is our Annual Pig Roast, coming up on Saturday, August 26. Information and an order form is attached.

Our Strategic Plan Committee has come up with some good ideas about how we may improve our presence in the community. As Betty Moore, our Executive Director says, the Tuck Museum is a community-based treasure, and we want as many people as possible to join us!

Bob Dennett, President

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.

Book Signing and Video at the Miss Hampton Beach Pageant

“Like fried dough, henna tattoos, and the arcade, choosing a queen to represent Hampton Beach has always been an important part of the summer rituals at this popular seaside resort.” So says author Cheryl Lassiter about the documentary film and book *The Queens of Hampton Beach New Hampshire*.



The Miss Hampton Beach Pageant 2017 will take place on Sunday July 30th at 2 p.m. on the Seashell Stage.

On that Sunday the authors Cheryl Lassiter & Karen Raynes will be signing their book, and the video about the Queens of the Beach will be showing at the Seashell Pavilion from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The film and book tell the history of one hundred years of the Carnival Queens and the Miss Hampton Beach Pageant 1915-2015.

The authors are grateful for the support of the State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation (special thanks to Brian Wilson & Marianne Chaisson!); and the Hampton Historical Society/Tuck Museum.

Be a part of this iconic beach tradition by cheering on the Queen contestants, purchasing a book, and viewing the video. The book is also available for purchase at Marelli's Market, The Tuck Museum, and on Amazon.com.

Major Research Addition to HHS Website: Town of Hampton Personal Property Books

HHS has recently added valuable research documents to its website - 23 hand-written and type-written books called the “Personal Property Books.”

The Town of Hampton kept public records of personal transactions by residents throughout the years (we have records from 1837 through 1974) - leasing cottages; purchasing automobiles; purchasing expensive appliances for businesses; etc.



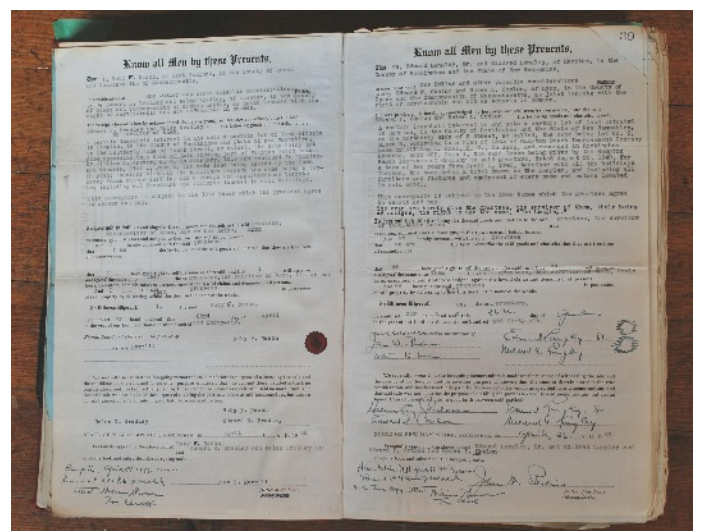
Why did the town do this? The law back then required residents to register their personal property (including vehicles, livestock, etc.) because the law required them to pay tax on all property. This was a means to track who owned what in order to assess the value, much like the real estate taxes we pay now.

These old books were being discarded in 2008, so the town offered them to the Hampton Historical Society.

Since then, these 27 volumes have been stored at HHS, but rarely read or even opened due to their poor condition and large size. But now we have indexed all 27 of them and "digitized" (i.e. photographed) 23 of them. They are a unique resource into family histories, historic trends and pricing, hotel and restaurant supplies, etc.

To make them more accessible and just let more people know about them, we have put them on this website, with the town's permission. There is a link to them at the top of our Research and Genealogy page:

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



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**See the World War I exhibit,
currently at the
Tuck Museum!!**



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Pig Roast Order Form
August 26, 2017

I would like to order tickets for the Hampton Historical Society Pig Roast

_____ Adult tickets at \$20 each _____
_____ Advance Adult tickets at \$18 each _____
(must be ordered by August 5)
_____ Student tickets (ages 9-16) at \$10 each _____
Children 8 and under free when accompanied by an adult ticket holder
Total _____

Checks made out to Hampton Historical Society
Mailing address P.O. Box 1601 Hampton, NH 03843-1601

Ticket options (select one):

_____ Mail tickets directly to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

or

_____ Hold my tickets at the serving line. But notify me for confirmation

Phone# or email address: _____

Calendar of Events

- **Wednesday, August 9, ~~6:30~~ 6:00 p.m.**
Creative Feast: Exploration of Recipes from Colonial New England; Lane Memorial Library
- **Saturday August 26, 12-2:30 p.m.**
16th Annual Pig Roast
Tuck Museum grounds. Tickets \$20 adults/\$10 students.
- **Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m.**
The Last Run: A Tale of Rum-running in New Hampshire
Tuck Museum
- **Thursday, October 19, 6:30 p.m.**
HHS Annual Meeting
Program: Discovering New England's Stone Walls
Tuck Museum
- **Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m.**
Hampton Voices from World War I
American Legion Hall, 69 High Street
- **Friday, December 1, 7 p.m.**
Christmas Tree Lighting, Marelli Square
- **Saturday, December 2, 1 p.m.**
Christmas Parade thru downtown Hampton.

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