



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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Tickets Now On Sale for the Annual Pig Roast

Tickets are now available for HHS's 17th Annual Pig Roast, to be held Saturday, August 25, from noon to 2:30 p.m., on the Tuck Museum grounds, 40 Park Avenue, 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 4.

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/pigroast2018.htm. The pig roast is HHS's largest fundraiser.



President's Report So What Does a Historical Society Do??

The following statements address the overall spirit and intent of the operation of the Hampton Historical Society/Tuck Museum: It is a good steward of its resources held in public trust. We are committed to public accountability and are transparent in our mission and operations. We strive to be inclusive and offer opportunities for diverse participation. The composition, qualifications, and diversity of the leadership, staff, and volunteers enable us to carry out our mission and goals. The Trustees, staff, and volunteers legally, ethically, and effectively carry out their responsibilities. We are aware that current and innovative technologies can help further our mission. We are aware of issues associated with environmental sustainability and take steps to conserve resources.

During our last fiscal year we welcomed over 1,600 visitors to our Museum and related activities. Our members provided over 4,000 hours of volunteer time working at the Museum and in our Collection and Research Center (CRC). Our programs included Stone Walls of New England, Hampton Voices from World War One, and The History of the Toppan Family in Hampton.

Upcoming programs include Hampton's 380th Birthday Celebration (July 14); Behind the Stage Door: How Theatre Magic Really Happens (Sept. 20); Vagabond Quakers: Northern Colonies (Oct. 18); and Hampton Souvenir China (Nov. 18). And of course, our biggest fundraiser event is our Annual Pig Roast, coming up on Saturday, August 25. Information and an order form are in this issue.

I hope to see you at our upcoming events. If you haven't joined us yet, please give us a thought. We are a community-based treasure, and we want as many people as possible to join us!

Bob Dennett, President



Executive Director's report

Thanks to the largess of the seller and the persuasion of Cheryl Lassiter, a trunk filled with documents used by Joseph and Lucy Dow in the writing of the 1888 history of Hampton has come into the possession of the Tuck Museum. In a story too wild to be true, we were able to purchase the documents this winter. The seller, who works with rare documents and understands the importance of



keeping a collection like this intact, reduced the asking price significantly so that we were able to purchase the trunk and its contents.



Ben Moore has spent the past few months organizing and cataloging this collection and, in doing so, nuggets of Hampton history are coming to light daily. Besides being an educator, genealogist, and writer, Joseph was also a lawyer; so, included in the more than 400 items in the trunk are legal documents. Joseph died before the book was completed, so his daughter and working companion, Lucy, finished the project and got it to publication and distribution. The original book has been reprinted two additional times and is still being used today. Wouldn't they be surprised!

With the purchase of the rare 1700s chair in January and the Dow trunk in March, our Collection Fund has been depleted. For years the Society has added to the fund while waiting for the "right item" to come along. Who knew that two items of significance would appear one after another? So now we are back to building the fund up again and waiting for the next treasure to appear.

I often get asked if the CRC (Collection and Research Center) on Lafayette Road was a good investment. The answer is a resounding YES!! By removing the files and objects that were hidden and/or crowded in every nook and cranny here in the Park Avenue building, we have created productive work space for our volunteers who do data entry, scanning, and caring for the paperwork that is generated. Although we do not keep regular hours at the CRC, research projects can be done there, and we use the space for smaller gatherings. Without the CRC space we would not have been able to take the Fernald collection or properly house the Dow collection. In 2019 we are planning another Open House to show how our space is being used.

I hope that all of you reading this who live locally will stop by and celebrate the 380th anniversary with us on July 14. This will be a low-key, fun day with reenactors, demonstrations, tours, videos etc. We are always looking for ways to use our beautiful grounds and facility - now we just hope the weather cooperates! You can end the day at the lobster dinner put on by the Congregational Church.

Then you can join us again on August 25 for our 17th pig roast. The fun never ends.

Finally, THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! To all of you who voted for us in the Provident Bank "Our Community Your E-Vote" contest in May. In 2017 we received \$250 out of a \$50,000 fund; this year we increased the amount over 5 times to **\$1,250!** That was competing with 50 other organizations. You all made such a difference with your vote and it is really appreciated!

Betty Moore

In Remembrance

In the past few months we have lost two community icons and Tuck Museum supporters - Harold Fernald and Stanwood Brown. In my dealings with them as museum director, I feel fortunate to have known them both.

Harold was an institution unto himself. A true educator, not only did he teach students in the classroom, he took them out to archeology digs and field trips well before it was the norm. A simple conversation with Harold turned into a learning experience - he couldn't help himself. The generosity of spirit with which he shared his knowledge of local history can't be overestimated. I could call him with a question and he would take the time to find the answer and share whatever information he had.

That same generosity gave us his collection of over 70 containers relating to local history, as well as thousands of slides. Ed Baechtold has spent three years working on the Fernald collection and has compiled a list of Harold's accomplishments: in addition to working with students in the classroom, Harold organized a student history club; developed living history programs, and with co-creator Priscilla Thoen, these programs were viewed by hundreds of citizens over the years - from portraying President Pierce, to Goody Cole's jailor, to a Civil War soldier, Harold promoted local history.



Harold was the president of the HHS twice (once during the building of the 1960s addition to the museum), and served on the Hampton Bicentennial Commission, Ruth Stimson Park committee, and the Hampton 350th celebration committee. He was also active in the Masonic Fraternity and was a Revolutionary War reenactor.

Stanwood Brown was another Hampton institution. Stan and his family had been active in the HHS. One afternoon Stan and his son, Arthur, stopped by the museum, and I was able to ask Stan questions about the businesses he had owned, as I was working on a downtown Hampton project. Besides owning Western Auto and Honda dealerships, he founded the Hampton Coach Company and

New England Old Car Barn. He was also a NH State Representative and Director of the Hampton Co-Op Bank.

Stan went to college and received his degree at age 79 - something that he said that he had always wanted to do, but family and making a living came first. He also was active in the Masons, Shriners, and Scottish Rite. Born in Hampton in 1925, Stan enlisted in the Army at 18 and served in WWII with the Flying Tigers in China.

Both lives well lived. Great examples to follow.

Betty Moore

We thank these members who have donated to the annual fund since our last newsletter.

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Membership Renewals

The 2018 membership renewals have been very active, but we are still missing a few. If you still have your form, please send it in. If you cannot find your form, just send your membership dues to the museum with a note. If you cannot recall your membership status, please call 926-5861 for assistance.

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380th Anniversary Celebration

(All pictures are from the 375th Celebration)

All are invited to celebrate the 380th Anniversary of Hampton on Saturday, July 14

Duck decoy carving is just one of the demonstrations to visit at the 380th Anniversary of Hampton to be held **July 14 from noon to 4 p.m.** on the grounds of the Tuck Museum of Hampton History. The Hampton Historical Society is sponsoring the celebration.



The Vikings will be at the party, along with an antique bike rider. There will be plein air painting, weaving, and an exhibit about gardens that the Hampton Garden Club plans and maintains. There will also be an area to browse and buy books by local authors.

Videos about Hampton's role in World War I, Miss Hampton Beach, the marsh and the seacoast fishing industry will be shown in the Tuck Building.

The Masons will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks, and there will be free birthday cake compliments of Experience Hampton.

"We're happy to sponsor a community gathering to promote awareness of what local organizations are doing as well as the history of the area," said Betty Moore, Executive Director of the Tuck Museum. "Our property lends itself to this type of celebration."

As part of the 380th Anniversary, the First Congregational Church at 127 Winnacunnet Rd in Hampton is sponsoring an **old fashioned lobster bake from 5-6:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$20 for lobster and \$10 for hamburgers and hot dogs. Clam chowder, corn, potato, a beverage, and homemade deserts complete the meal. Tickets can be purchased at the Tuck Museum and the Congregational Church.



**Hampton Beach Souvenir
China Exhibit**

**Now on display at the Tuck
Museum!**

Hampton Historical Society
PO Box 1601
Hampton, NH 03843-1601
603-929-0781
Pig Roast Order Form
August 25, 2018

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

_____ Adult tickets at \$20 each _____
_____ Advance member Adult tickets at \$18 each _____
(must be ordered by August 4)
_____ 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

- **Saturday, July 14. noon - 4 p.m.** Hampton's 380th Birthday Celebration Hampton Historical Society & First Congregational Church Tuck Museum grounds
- **Saturday August 25, 12-2:30 p.m.** 17th Annual Pig Roast Tuck Museum grounds Tickets \$20 Adults; \$10 Youth 9-16, free 8 and under
- **Thursday, September 20 @ 7:00 p.m.** Behind The Stage Door: How Theatre Magic Really Happens! with author Ann Carnaby Tuck Museum
- **Thursday, October 18 @ 6:30 p.m.** HHS ANNUAL MEETING Vagabond Quakers: Northern Colonies with author Olga Morrill Tuck Museum
- **Sunday, November 18 @ 3:00 p.m.** When This You See: Hampton Souvenir China with Museum Director Betty Moore Tuck Museum
- **Friday, November 30 @ 6:30 p.m.** Tree Lighting at Marelli Square
- **Saturday, December 1 @ 1:00 p.m.** Christmas Parade
- **Sunday, December 2 @ 2:00 p.m.** Hampton Historical Society Open House at the Museum Tuck Museum

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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.