



# GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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## From the President

Welcome to another year at HHS. The board has elected me to another term as president, and I thank them and all of you for having the confidence in me to continue. Of course I depend heavily on the trustees and the museum's executive director for assistance and guidance, and they are all doing a great job!

We were all very busy this past year with so many different projects. We raised almost half of the needed \$60,000 needed for the barn raising. We did get the foundation poured, and much of the sorting and repairing of the timbers has been done. Dave DeGagne has been making new "tree nails" for joining the timbers. He will make about 200 by the time he is done. If you would like to have your name carved into one of them, Dave will do this for a \$5 donation to the barn fund. You can have your name on the donor plaque for \$100 or more. (Please see the barn donation form on our website for details.)

Other projects going on at Tuck include the donation of the beach cottage from The Sea Castle Motel. We will be painting and cleaning this up

a bit in the spring, making it a place to tell the history of the beach. We have the ongoing work parties on Wed. and Fri. afternoons, yard clean up parties, school tours, and so much more. When we call these parties, we really do have fun with the work. And thank you to all of the volunteers!

Our fiscal year runs from November 1 to Oct. 31, and you will find your dues renewal in this issue. If you are a returning member please note that in an effort to save postage, paper, and printing costs, we will not be issuing new membership cards.

I am looking forward to another year as president. We will continue to provide the public programs during the year, so invite a friend and come on out. Why not begin the holiday season with us at our annual open house holiday party? See you Dec. 1 at 5:30!

Sammi Moe

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## 4th Annual Pig Roast

Betty Moore, Cathy Fletcher, and Cliff Pratt co-chaired the 4th annual Pig Roast this year. The meal was great as always! Betty took care of getting the volunteers and side dishes, and Cliff was the

chef who stayed up Friday night to roast that delicious pork, braving the weather again. There were hamburgers and hot dogs too. Linda Metcalf took care of the silent auction donations with flare. And Cathy Fletcher took care of ticket sales and everything else. This means she was making sure all was ready and we all attended to the tasks necessary for a successful event. She does this with such knowledge of fundraising and 'how to's' of event planning that she makes it seem easy. It is a lot of work, but worth the effort for us. The payoff is loads of fun, good food and fellowship, and of course some much needed revenue. After expenses the profit came to approximately \$5000. The committee will be meeting for a post event wrap up soon, and ideas for the 5th annual Pig Roast will be discussed.

## 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.

## Director's Annual Report

I am happy to present an overview of highlights of the year as they relate to the operation of the Tuck Museum.

### Tuck Museum Committee/ Museum Hosts

The Tuck Museum Committee meets year round on Wednesday and Friday. Volunteers work on the cataloging of the collection, research projects, collection care, and exhibit preparation.

The museum is open year round Wednesday Friday and Sunday from 1-4 pm. Most of our volunteers do double duty; along with their specialized projects they assist with visitors and provide them with a great experience. I would like to recognize the following for their contributions:

Data entry- Ansell Palmer and Don Morton

Cataloging projects- Carol Keating, Linda Metcalf, Priscilla Triggs Weeks, Catherine Fletcher, Betty Moore, Jean Dezarn

File maintenance- Nancy Coes

Web site development and scanning projects - Rich Hureau

Exhibit preparation - Jerry Miller and Elizabeth Aykroyd "Hampton Then and Now"; barn model, Dave DeGagne; "Oh You Beautiful Doll", Christmas, Valentine and Post Card exhibits, Betty Moore

Library and genealogical information - Ann Morton

Military collection - Doug Aykroyd

Research- Elizabeth Aykroyd, Percy Annis

Clothing collection - Ann Carnaby

General Assistance - Percy Annis and Dave DeGagne

Supreme Highness of the Attic - Sara Moe

Best Girl- Carolyn Moe

Museum hosts - Bob Wallace, Karin and Brad Jacobson, Sammi Moe, Janet and Ed Caylor, Ben Moore

### Highlights of the Year

- In February, the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce with their "Faith In the Future Award" recognized the Tuck Museum. In July we co-hosted the Chamber Business After Hours with the Atlantic News and Tobey and Merrill Insurance
- Elizabeth Aykroyd and Betty Moore published "Postcard History Series: Hampton and Hampton Beach" through Arcadia Press. Jerry Miller, Percy Annis, Carol Keating, Eleanor Young, Nancy Coes and Jodie Millette assisted

them in this project.

- Work on the barn is progressing with the pouring of the foundation. A Five-dollar donation gets your name inscribed on one of the 200 pegs that will be used in the rebuilding.
- Building and grounds projects include: a new roof on the fire museum, a new exterior handrail by Ben Moore and Bud DesRocher. Guy Larivee modified the brick sidewalk around the railing. Sixty pounds of grass seed was planted by Bob Wallace to get the grounds back in shape after all the site work. Dave DeGagne, Ben Moore and Dann Shaw have done other building and grounds work. Gardening and planting was done by Linda Metcalf and Ben & Betty Moore.
- We have acquired a tourist cottage from the Sea Castle at Hampton Beach. Work will begin on it spring of 2006. Bud DesRocher coordinated the effort and Mike Plouffe moved the cottage to the museum grounds.

### Some interesting statistics

- Our education programs reached over 920 students.
- We had 265 visitors tour the museum - The visitor from the furthest distance was from New Zealand.
- Group tours and speaker program reached another 188 people - Lion's Club, Monday Club, Langdon Place and Association of Historical Societies of NH
- This year 672 people took advantage of our programs and events, which included speakers on a variety of topics, Trustee Holiday Open House, Business after Hours and "Hampton and Hampton Beach" book signing.
- Researchers accounted for another 57 visitors to the museum.

I have long since given up trying to keep track of the volunteer hours, but I am extremely grateful to all who give their time and talent- I know we all have a good time in the process. It is a pleasure to work with such great people!

Our Board of Trustees has provided great oversight and support throughout the year, and President Sammi Moe should be commended for a job well done- she has been a great coach, cheerleader and co-worker. Thank you all.

Betty Moore

## Education Committee

This year's school programs started off with the first grade classes visiting us in October for "The Ox Cart Man" story and brief tour of the farm museum and Tuck building. The students were excited to be taking their first walking field trip and loved seeing the artifacts. The costumed storyteller is always a hit with the kids!

The eighth grade students came over in the fall for a refresher on Hampton history. Many of those students were new to Hampton, so this was a first glimpse for them. Betty Moore gave a great presentation of slides, and the students then toured the grounds and museum. (Of course, Goody Cole is always popular with this age group and they wanted to know where we buried the body!)

Second grade classes had the "traveling history trunk" visit the Centre School in November, and the spring culminated in the three days we were able to have the third grade focus on Hampton history. This third grade program was revamped this year and now includes a cemetery tour at Pine Grove. The adults and children all had a wonderful time, spending 3 separate days with us.

We had some home schooled children, and also this summer had kids from the alternative school stop in for a visit. The education programs

keep getting better and better all the time. I have learned so much that I think this program is as much of an education for me as for the many students!

Thanks to all the volunteers who make this program possible, Betty Moore, Elizabeth Aykroyd, Pat Weeks, Ben Moore, Kelley McLean, Ansel Palmer, and Bud DesRochers. Without volunteers to assist in these types of endeavors we simply could not give the schools the quality programs we offer. And also we thank the Hampton PTA who generously donated \$200 to HHS this year. This helps to offset the costs involved in putting these programs on.

As always, more volunteers are welcome to join the education program at anytime!

Sammi Moe

## Programs

We had some great programs this year and they were all well attended. We still have some more programs for the calendar year. I understand the recent Salt Marsh tour was well attended.

On November 15 at 7pm we have "The Granite Kiss", a program on New Hampshire's stone walls, and Dec. 1 we will have our annual holiday open house. Our programs are all very interesting and I look forward to seeing people attend them. Please let me know if you would be interested in joining the programs

committee. Ideas for what types of programs you would like are welcome and appreciated.

Jean Shaw

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## Publicity

Publicity is done on each program, with pictures published in the newspapers when possible. We hosted a Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" in conjunction with the Atlantic News and Tobey and Merrill this summer. This was a good opportunity to show off the Tuck Museum as well as the Society. We use channel 22 and our newsletter to publicize programs and events as well. Information on the museum hours is placed in the Hampton Union, Atlantic News, Union leader, and various other publications.

One of the best things you can do for the publicity of our programs and HHS is to bring someone with you, or tell people what we have going on. If you would be interested in assisting with publicity please let a Trustee know.

Catherine Fletcher



### Holiday Open House

The Board of Trustees of the Hampton Historical Society  
Cordially invites Members and their Guests to a  
Holiday Open House  
Thursday, December 1, 2005 from 5:30 to 8:00  
P.M.  
At the Tuck Museum, Park Avenue, Hampton, NH

Refreshments will be served

Join in the Holiday Cheer  
Meet the new President and Board of Trustees

#### Hampton Historical Society Statement of Activities Fiscal Year ended October 31, 2005

Preliminary and unaudited

Operating account

Revenues, Gains, Other Support:

Dues	\$4,680
Donations	3,851
Fundraising events	9,721
Investment income	732
Income from Paige fund	1,460
Other income	<u>455</u>

Total revenues & support 20,899

Expenses

Tuck Museum	2,405
Building and Grounds	9,515
Public programs	478
Membership & newsletters	2,065
Fundraising expenses	2,747
All other	<u>1,556</u>

Total expenses 18,766

Change in net assets 2,133

Restricted donations received 20,392

Other restricted revenues 2,505

Expenditures on Barn (7,780)

Net change in liquid assets 17,250

Liquid assets, beginning of year 36,681

Liquid assets, end of year \$53,931

### Barn Fund Raising and Construction Activities

The goal of raising the barn in this fiscal year was not accomplished. We did raise approximately \$20,000 during the year and have raised in total over \$25,000. The job of raising the timbers can't be done until we know that we can secure the frame from the weather.

We did make the decision to pour the foundation walls this year, so that we can get an earlier start in 2006, if the monies are in hand.

Repair work on wind braces and peg making has been started by volunteers Chet Riley and Dave DeGagne and work on repair of posts and girths will be ongoing over the winter.

We added to our barn fund \$660 by a spaghetti supper in March 2005. Jim McAden and Elizabeth Aykroyd along with a large group of other volunteers made the event fun and financially successful.

The addition of the barn to the Museum's collection will be a major achievement. The uses for the barn will be many and it will be wonderful to have this 1795 barn once again standing in Hampton. It is going to take heroic efforts in volunteer time and donor's money, as it will take \$60,000 to complete the barn. Please support the project in all ways that you can.

Ben Moore

### Membership

We mailed a membership appeal to the community in February and were very pleased with the results. Over 160 residents joined the Society as a result of this appeal and we now have over 530 members.

Membership renewal letters will be mailed in November and we also plan on a mailing to businesses in Hampton to ask that they join the Society. Note that membership cards will no longer be mailed, but will be given on request.

## Holiday Gift Ideas

With the holidays approaching, remember that we have a new publication "Postcard History Series: Hampton and Hampton Beach" available for sale. Written by Elizabeth Aykroyd and Betty Moore over 240 postcards were selected from the Tuck Museum's extensive collection. The cards selected are from the early 1900s to the 1950s, and show the changing landscape of Hampton with the arrival of the railroad, trolley and finally the interstate. The book also traces the shoreline and Hampton River changes through man-made development and the forces of nature.

Signed copies of the book are available through the museum for \$19.99. Mail order copies are available for \$22. All the proceeds from the sale of the books go to the maintenance of the museum.

The limited edition ornaments of Hampton #1 and #2 are still available. Each ornament comes in its own gift box and depicts four local scenes by artist Susan Papanic. The ornaments are available for \$8.50 at the museum and \$10.50 by mail. They can be seen on our website [www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org) in the "Store" section.

Tuck Museum is located at 40 Park Avenue and is open Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 1-4PM. For more information call 603-926-2543

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## Beach Cleanups

We have been doing a monthly beach cleaning in conjunction with the Blue Ocean Society based in Portsmouth. We started last spring, and will continue through the winter. We adopted a section of Hampton Beach from Ross St. to Boar's Head, and collect and record the trash picked up. This information goes to BOS for a survey which determines land or sea based debris. This will be used for various purpose, and also brings some awareness of the need to keep the coastal areas cleaner.

By caring for our beaches we help to preserve this area for the future, which I believe goes right along with our mission. And the benefit of fresh air and a bit of exercise is nice too! All are welcome to join this group. It only takes about an hour each month. Call Sammi if you are interested. (929-0881)

## Business Members

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

Ashworth By The Sea  
BCOB, Certified Public Accountants, PC  
Casassa & Ryan  
Community Bank and Trust Co.  
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(Atlantic News)  
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Mackensen & Company Inc.  
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Tobey & Merrill Insurance  
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