



# GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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## Membership Annual Report

Membership is vital to the success of the organization. As you will recall we had participated in the Finlay Foundation membership challenge in 2008 and had seen a big increase in dues and membership as a result. We unfortunately did not win that challenge, but we hope that a majority of the new members we attracted will stay with us for the long term.

Several of those new members are now active volunteers. We gained 19 new members but net membership declined by 53 due to deaths and non-renewing members. Our paid membership on September 30, 2009 is 629.

Including in this mailing you will find the annual dues statement and appeal for donations. As we plan our next year we need the financial support of all of our members and friends. We hope you will renew and contribute. Please take a moment to review the contact information we have on file for you. If you have an email address and would like to receive our newsletters by email please indicate that on the form - it saves time, paper and money.

Liz Premo, Chair

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## Report from the President

One of the highlights of the year occurred in May as the Society was honored by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance with a Preservation Award for our work in saving the Leavitt barn. We are proud to receive the award and proud of the finished product. I can't remember what the property looked like before the barn, and we have certainly put the space to good use - from displaying the farm and early industry collection, to program presentations, to silent auctions during the Pig Roast.

In spite of a tough set of economic conditions in 2009, it now appears that we will end the year

very close to breakeven because of a better than expected Pig Roast fundraiser and lower than anticipated fuel oil prices.

A Strategic Plan committee was formed during the year with Elizabeth Aykroyd as Chair. The committee completed its work and the plan has been accepted by the Board. We will use the plan to guide our activities in the future, and will cover aspects of the plan in more detail in newsletter articles throughout 2010. That committee also recommended changes to the bylaws, and the membership approved those changes at the annual meeting.

At the Annual Meeting four trustees were reelected: Bob Dennett, Rick Griffin, Linda Metcalf and Sammi Moe, and a new trustee, Bill Keating, was elected.

The collection continued to expand in 2009, and catalog work as always is a key factor in the weekly efforts of the Museum committee. As has been the case for many years, our storage space is strained, but we can't forgo the important work of collecting the items that pertain to Hampton history, old and new.

The web site for the Society, ably managed by Rich Hureau, keeps receiving compliments for its content and ease of use. Requests for information and research driven by the web site increase yearly as we continually add bits of the collection to the web site. The age of the virtual museum is here and we will participate in that development.

As mentioned above, the Pig Roast had a very successful year. The silent auction set a new record and, most importantly, we added an event sponsor, The Provident Bank. We thank them for their support and all of you for your attendance and participation.

An Endowment fund option for donations to the Society was initiated in 2009. The Trustees

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believe that we need to increase our endowment funds to provide for the future of the Society and Museum. This will be a continuous challenge. Members are encouraged to donate to this fund and consider adding the Historical Society as a bequest in their estate plans.

The building and grounds committee accomplished most of its goals in 2009. The front hall was remodeled and five new windows were installed. The window project is multi-year and we are now down to nine windows that need to be replaced. Building maintenance has been a priority, and over the last ten years we have spent over \$75,000 in building improvements. (Not including the barn.) Our facilities are something that I believe we and the community can be very proud of. As we begin our new fiscal year, we have contracted for the replacement of the roof on the 1926 Tuck Hall and the 1960 wing.

Volunteers from a youth basketball program, Journeymen Basketball, assisted the Society in one of the final elements of the barn project by digging a trench for the retaining wall on the south side of the barn. HHS volunteers are now busy completing the retaining wall.

The Society has an exciting new project underway. We have started an inventory of the barns that still exist in Hampton built prior to 1950. This project is in support of a statewide effort from the NH Division of Historical Resources to inventory all barns in the state. More on this project during 2010.

Heartfelt thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers and to our members for making 2009 a successful year! We rely on member participation for our success and we welcome all the assistance we can get from a one-time project to weekly volunteering. You can make a difference.

Ben Moore, 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.

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**Adult Programs Committee**

**November 2008 through October 2009**

Elizabeth Aykroyd, the Society's Historian, opened its 2009 program year speaking about "A Puritan Church and Its Town." She addressed fifty-five members and friends on the interrelationship of religion and town government in colonial Hampton. Her presentation took place at Hampton's First Congregational Church on its 370<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

On November 9, 2008, Bill Keating presented an overview of Tuck Museum's historical collection. These objects and documents cover Hampton history since colonial times to current history. Twenty-three heard this presentation titled "What's At the Tuck." The Committee plans to present more programs on the museum's collection and the services offered by the museum. These programs will range from lectures and news articles to multimedia exhibits.

The changing character of the New England town was one of two themes presented during the 2009 program year. Gerry Miller, surveyor and student of topography, started this series on the New England town with a talk about the changing landscape of Hampton, from its founding to the present day. There were thirty-five in the audience for this program held in March at the Lane Memorial Library on Academy Avenue in Hampton, N.H.

The second program in the series on the New England town changed the emphasis from the topography of Hampton to the behavior of those who occupied its landscape its citizens. Dr. Jere Daniell talked about the development of the classic image of the New England town and the politics of the town meeting form of governance, an audience of thirty saw this program held at the Tuck Museum in May.

On Sunday, June 28, Betty Moore and Elizabeth Aykroyd, the museum's director and historian respectively, presented "Hampton Then and Now." This program rounded off the series on the New England town by showing how changes to Hampton's physical image reflected the changing history of this New England town. The presentation drew on postcards and other images from the museum's collection, thus accomplishing two goals of the adult program committee. Those goals are to present multimedia programs and to

use objects and documents from the museum's historic collection in its programs. Forty-five attended this program held at the Tuck Museum.

Fifty walked the Pine Grove Cemetery with Betty Moore, as she brought to life the stories behind the stone markers. The Hampton Heritage Commission sponsored the program.

Twenty-two listened to a presentation of "Hampton Then and Now" at the Dearborn House in September.

The 2009 program year concluded with a presentation by Steve Taylor on the impact of cows on New Hampshire's past, present and future. His program was held in the Leavitt Barn and taped by Channel 22, Hampton Public Access TV. This program was the first in a series covering industry in Hampton, and was attended by thirty.

The adult program committee is planning to continue developing programs that follow themes in Hampton and greater United States history, and will be offering those programs in many formats such as multimedia lectures, written articles, and video presentations. The committee also plans to collaborate with Channel 22 on future history projects.

Bill Keating

### Board of Trustees

President	Ben Moore
Vice Pres	Bud DesRochers
Secretary	Sammi Moe
Treasurer	Bob Dennett
Trustees	Percy Annis Elizabeth Aykroyd Dave DeGagne Catherine Fletcher Rick Griffin Rich Hureau Bill Keating Dyana Martin Linda Metcalf Liz Premo

## 2008-9 Volunteers

### Over 100 Hours

Percy Annis	Bill Keating	Betty Moore
Elizabeth Aykroyd	Carol Keating	Candice Stellmach
Marge Crean	Linda Metcalf	
Rich Hureau	Ben Moore	

### 25 - 100 Hours

Nancy Coes	Marilyn Green	Liz Premo
Dave Degage	Cheryl Lassiter	Chet Riley
Bob Dennett	Sammi Moe	Diane Riley
Bud DesRochers	Cliff Pratt	Dann Shaw
Catherine Fletcher	Kate Pratt	Priscilla Triggs-Weeks

### Other Volunteers

Doug Aykroyd	Lois DesRochers	Dick Millette
June Bean	Tracy Emerick	Gerald Miller
Tocky Bialobrzski	Steve Falzone	Jim Metcalf
Gerhart Blume	Maggie Genieris	Byron Moe
Lynn Blume	Ed Green	Carolyn Moe
Russ Brady	Rick Griffin	Jason Moore
Ginny Bridge	Ann Hansen	Chris Nevins
Sandy Buck	Dennis Kepner	Marilyn Rishkofski
Sharon Buck	Susan Kepner	Gloria Robinson
Art Caira	Masahiro Koizumi	Sam Robinson
Priscilla Caira	Brad Jacobson	Jean Shaw
Ann Carnaby	Karin Jacobson	Nancy Stiles
Janet Caylor	Dona Janetos	Gary Webster
Bud Coutu	Larry Marsolais	Chuck Weinhold
Christine Dargie	Dyana Martin	Karen Weinhold
Janice Deibert	Marie Matthews	Martha Williams
John Deibert	Ada Merrill	
	Russ Merrill	

Journeyman Basketball

## Education

The education committee offers programs to the public schools, home schools, scout troops, and others who ask for this service. We currently have standing programs for grades 1, 2, and 3. We also offer a program to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on request. Other educational programming is tailored to the needs of the specific group attending.

The volunteers for this group meet a few times a year to discuss and refresh programs, usually prior to the schools attending programs. New volunteers are encouraged to join the group and will be greatly appreciated! Training is short and easy to accomplish. Call Sammi at 929-0881 or the Tuck Museum, 929-0781.

Sammi Moe, chairman

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**Director's Annual Report**  
**October 2008-September 2009**

**Highlights of the year include:**

- Award from the NH Preservation Alliance for the Leavitt Barn
- Strategic Planning for HHS – Elizabeth Aykroyd, Chair
- Scanning procedures standardized for photographs – Rich Hureau
- Hampton Cemetery CD - Marge Crean
- Barn Exhibits - Percy Annis, Bill Keating
- Recipient of IMLS Bookshelf Collection through the Institute of Museum and Library Science
- Community outreach – use of facilities by local groups: Hampton Garden Club, Hampton Community Band, Hampton Blooms contest, DAR
- Building and grounds projects: Renovation of first and second floor hallways; five windows installed on the second floor; renovation of west entrance garden, and a fieldstone retaining wall next to the barn.

**Other recognition:**

- Website, newsletter, email notices, scanning – Rich Hureau
- Collections – Carol Keating, Priscilla Triggs-Weeks, Nancy Coes, Diane Riley, Linda Metcalf, Betty Ann Lavallee, Percy Annis, Bill Keating
- Scrapbook Scanning Project – Cheryl Lassiter
- Exhibits – Percy Annis, Doug & Elizabeth Aykroyd, Bill Keating
- Research – Elizabeth Aykroyd, Candy Stellmach, Marge Crean
- Museum Hosts – Bob Wallace, Elizabeth Aykroyd, Janet Caylor, Rich Hureau, Carol and Bill Keating, Linda Metcalf, Priscilla Triggs-Weeks, Marge Crean, Martha Williams, Betty Moore
- Landscaping & Grounds – Bob Wallace, Ben Moore, Chet Riley, Percy Annis, Bud DesRochers, Bill Keating, Betty Moore
- Snowplowing – Gary Webster
- Program chair – Bill Keating for incorporating our collection into programming
- Pig Roast Committee Chairs and Key Volunteers – Cliff and Kate Pratt, Marilyn Green - food solicitations, Catherine Fletcher and Bob Wallace – ticket sales; Ben Moore - silent auction; Percy Annis- set-up. Thanks for the most successful pig roast to date.

**Highlights to the Collection** all donations relating to the history of Hampton are appreciated, but the following are of special significance:

- Scrapbooks relating to Hampton history – various sources
- Photos and memorabilia from Hampton Playhouse
- Selectmen's reports and other town records – Town of Hampton
- Photographs relating to Hampton – Lane Memorial Library

I would like to recognize Nancy Coes and Priscilla Triggs-Weeks for their many years of volunteering. To the committee chairs with whom I have the privilege of working, thanks for all your hard work!

Betty Moore, Director

**Mark your calendar for the 2010 Pig Roast**  
**Saturday, September 4, 2010**

## BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

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

234 Lafayette Road Realty LLC  
 Dion Construction, Inc.  
 Eccentric Hair  
 Fairpoint Communications  
 Hampton Eyecare Associates  
 Kingfish Trolley Lines, LLC  
 Lamie's Inn & The Old Salt Restaurant  
 Landwright, LLC  
 Mackensen & Company Inc.  
 Neville & Associates Financial Services  
 Northeast Auctions  
 Preston Real Estate  
 Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory  
 Seabrook Station  
 Seacoast Florist Inc.  
 Tobey & Merrill Insurance  
 Unutil Corporation



Candice Stellmach presents Roberta Golledge with a history of the Nudd Homestead. Mrs. Golledge provided photos, maps and documentation regarding one of the earliest homes on Hampton Beach, aiding the museum in their research of early homesteads.



Building improvements at the museum continue with a new roof installation on the 1960s wing and Tuck Hall.

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Eleven Months Ended September 30, 2009

Unaudited

### Operating Account

Revenues, Gains, Other Support	
Dues	\$4,647
Donations - unrestricted	4,668
Museum Gift Shop Sales	127
Fundraising	8,701
Interest and Investment	279
Endowment Funds	2,351
Grants	500
Programs & Other	<u>30</u>
 Total Revenues and Support	 <u>21,303</u>
Expenses and Losses	
Tuck Museum Program	2,151
Buildings and Grounds	15,128
Public Programs	962
Publicity and Website	313
Membership and Newsletters	872
Fundraising	1,161
Management and General	<u>682</u>
 Total Expenses	 <u>21,269</u>
 <b>Change in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	 <b>34</b>
Restricted donations received	1,565
Endowment fund transfer to NHCF	<u>-1,565</u>
 Net change in liquid assets	 34
 <b>Liquid Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	 <b><u>61,091</u></b>
 <b>Liquid Assets, End of Year</b>	 <b><u>\$61,125</u></b>



The Barn Survey Team. A barn inventory of Hampton is being done for the NH Division of Historic Resources. Local structures will be described, measured, photographed throughout 2009-10. The barn in the background belongs to Chet Riley.



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## News from Membership

Christmas is coming! Are you making a list and checking it twice?

True, Santa's arrival is still more than a month away, but it's not too early to start thinking about gift-giving. This year, when you're making out your holiday shopping list, please consider giving your friends and loved ones the gift of membership to the Hampton Historical Society.

Whether it's through individual, family, or Senior Citizen memberships, supporting the mission of the Hampton Historical Society helps fund a variety of wonderful programs, and keeps the Tuck Museum open to the community.

Not only that, but giving a gift membership at Christmastime is like giving a gift that lasts all year long. For example, members can enjoy being an important part of HHS events, get a discount on items from the museum shop, and regularly receive the HHS official newsletter "Gatherings from the Green."

It's easy to bring others on board. Simply visit [www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org), click on the "Membership" link, print out as many copies as needed of the official form, fill them out, and send along with your check to Hampton Historical Society, PO Box 1601, Hampton, NH 03843-1601. You may even wish to announce your gift with a note accompanied by a special HHS holiday keepsake ornament.

And while you're at it, consider giving yourself the gift of membership to the Hampton Historical Society by renewing just in time for the New Year. You'll be glad you did!

Liz Premo  
Membership



Mrs. Jacobson's first grade class from Centre School learns about early settlers lives from our own Ox Cart Man, Dave DeGagne. Ten local first grade classes visited the museum in October to hear a story and see how some of the tools described in the story were used.