



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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President's Report

Stepping up to the plate is a pleasure when working with an organization as well managed and well defined as our Hampton Historical Society. We have a mission that requires us to increase public knowledge and understanding of the history and cultural heritage of the town of Hampton. We communicate that history through an active museum, educational programs, and a research library. We are creating a vision statement to let others have a view of our organization, what we are, and what we do.

So what have we done? This past year we had programs that included History Book Clubs, Authors at The Inn, Treasures at the Isles of Shoals, Storms of the Seacoast, History of Miss Hampton Beach (my favorite!), Salt Marsh tours, and Powder Houses of New England. Our Pig Roast is a program and a major fundraiser. Thank you.

We serve our mission to the young by providing education programs to more than 150 local school children. Our

Program Committee is lining up a full range of events including Early Brewing in New Hampshire, Deb Knowlton's book "Color Me Included," the underground railroad, rum running, more to be revealed. We have the StEPs program, which is a self-evaluation of the Tuck Museum and a standards and excellence program designed for history organizations.

We have formed a Strategic Plan Committee which will meet shortly to review our existing Strategic Plan, and guide us for the next five years. Thanks to our fiscal policy of establishing and keeping within our budget every year, our finances are in good shape. This will allow our Building and Grounds Committee to prioritize and take on projects at the "60s wing," 1926 Hall, Farmhouse, Workshop, Fire Museum, Barn, School House, and Cottage. If you don't know where these are, or haven't seen them lately, maybe you need to visit us again. See you soon!

Bob Dennett

Executive Director's Report

Every once in a while we need a year of 'breathing room' to enjoy our accomplishments and to take a bit of a break. I thought 2016 might be that year. Wrong. As you read through the reports from the different committees, it is hard to believe that this is all achieved by volunteers with funds raised by volunteers.

For Women's History Month in March, Kathy McLaughlin wrote a series of articles to celebrate the life of legendary Ruth Stimson that were posted on Facebook and published in the Hampton Union; this prompted a museum exhibit on the Hampton icon. Kathy also did a series featuring our "regulars" - the weekly volunteers - which was picked up by local papers. Even Lassie, our four legged volunteer, was included.

Work continued at the CRC with photographic projects by Rich Hureau and Candy Stellmach. Between this duo, the museum's accessibility to town records, photographs, and old newspapers has been greatly enhanced. Ed Baechtold continued to tackle the Harold Fernald donation of Harold's personal and professional collection of local history items - which could keep Ed busy for months to come. The CRC also became the hub of work done by Cheryl Lassiter and Karen Raynes, as they researched the past 100 years of Hampton Beach beauty queens.

Karen Raynes is leading the StEPs project, which is an organization self-assessment program through the American Association of State and Local Historical Societies. This year Karen assembled groups of museum members and professionals and they covered the topics of Mission, Vision and Governance, Interpretation and Audience.

In March of 2016 we were awarded a historic preservation award from the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) for our work in the preservation of documents and photographs, work in making cemetery records accessible, oral histories, and identifying past and present local businesses. This was thanks to the work done by volunteers Elly Becotte, Carol Keating, Mary Ertl, Linda Metcalf, Diane Riley, Mike Angelari, Candy Stellmach, Rich Hureau, and me.

Bill Keating assembled an interview team to gather oral histories. This group received training through NH Humanities, which will enhance our program. Our history book group has continued to grow thanks to the leadership of Barbara Tosiano.

The Provident Bank once again was a great supporter of the Tuck Museum - they nominated us for the fourth time for their "Our Community - Your Evote" program, where this year the Provident Bank dispersed \$50,000 to over 40 seacoast non-profits. The bank is also the principal underwriter of our yearly Pig Roast fundraiser, which

celebrated its 15th year – thanks to the backing of our members and community supporters.

One of my greatest joys of the year was working with intern Jillian Holmberg, who is pursuing a masters in Museum Studies in addition to holding a full-time job. Together we developed some meaningful projects that benefited both her and the museum. I was invigorated with her youth and energy, and the museum staff benefited by her Facebook



training session. I also have another joy – my husband, Ben, who I must recognize for all the behind the scenes work that he does, from setting up for programs to following up the little details that keep the museum properties running smoothly.

The Tuck Museum and Society has been fortunate for the past three years to be under the leadership of HHS President Candy Stellmach. She was not only easy to work with, she was fun and engaging. I will miss working with her in her capacity as president, but look forward to seeing what local history research projects she will undertake in her new found spare time, and how we can help.



It is an honor and a privilege to be associated with all these great folks! They are the reason this organization is so vibrant.

Betty Moore

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
12 months ended October 31, 2016

Unaudited

Operating Account

Revenues, Gains, Other Support	
Dues	\$4,780
Donations - unrestricted	8,562
Museum Gift Shop Sales	2,015
Fundraising	22,371
Interest and Investment	2,139
Endowment Funds income	2,124
Programs & Other	993
Total Revenues and Support	42,984
Expenses and Losses	
Tuck Museum Program	3,106
Buildings and Grounds	14,033
Public Programs	1,351
Publicity and Website	355
Membership & Newsletters	887
Fundraising expenses	4,465
Gift shop purchases	1,215
Management and General	646
Total Expenses	26,058
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	16,926
Restricted donations received	680
Restricted donations expended	-6,471
Net change in liquid assets	11,135
Liquid Assets, Beginning of Year	134,514
Liquid Assets, End of Period	\$145,649

Treasurer's report

We had a good year with our fund raising activities, and expenses were kept to budget. We maintained our financial strength.

Ben Moore

Audit Committee

Thanks go to Tom Bridge for his services as auditor for the financial statements of the Society. In an effort to share our financial results with the membership and public our IRS filing, Form 990, will be available on the web site, www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org.

Education Committee

Our school programs started last October with The Ox Cart Man for the first graders, as usual. All of Hampton's first grade classes participate and enjoy the story being read by our costumed "Goody" in the barn. Marching back to school chanting "In 1638 Hampton was founded, and that was great!" is a fun way to remember our founding date.

The second grade classes at Centre School are always delighted to have a visit from us and "Goody Moulton," bringing the traveling trunk with items that might have been brought with the family as they journeyed across the sea to a new land and life here in New England, and eventually Winnacunnet Plantation, aka Hampton. This takes place in November, and the discussion of Pilgrims, Puritans, and Thanksgiving is really interesting, as well as what it was like to cross the ocean on that wooden ship, coming to a new land, and so much more!

Spring brings third grade classes to Tuck Museum and Pine Grove Cemetery. The classes are on a mission to learn about Hampton history, and they come to us to accomplish a lot of what they learn. This year when they met with us at the cemetery we were also met by a member of the cemetery commission, who showed us a newly uncovered stone! One of the things we talk about in the Pine Grove is to respect the cemetery and not touch the pieces of stone found lying about, as the commission will take care of it and do repairs. Gravestone rubbings are not allowed as this destroys the stones. This stone being uncovered during routine groundskeeping was a great example of how this works well. A great addition to the lesson!

The classes join us on another day at the museum to enjoy all the buildings and learn more about our history. We also hosted the fourth graders from North Hampton schools, with a similar program to our third grade day at Tuck.

As you can imagine, many volunteers are needed for these visits, so let us know if you are interested in helping out. We had some new volunteers this year and they were wonderful! I think they will tell you how much fun it is, and not hard work. (Right guys?)

We had some students from Winnacunnet High School come over this spring too! This was something new and we think it's great to have more students of all ages interested and involved with us! We will also see home school groups and scout troops, and others throughout the year. Call the museum if you have a request (603-929-0781).

As the fiscal year begins again, The Ox Cart Man is planned to present in October. Patricia O'Keefe has graciously taken the reins and I thank her very much! She's a goody Goody!

Sammi Moe

2015 - 2016 Volunteers

Over 100 Hours

Eleanor Becotte	Ken Lobdell	Liz Premo
Jillian Holmberg	Kathy McLaughlin	Karen Raynes
Rich Hureau	Jim Metcalf	Diane Riley
Bill Keating	Linda Metcalf / Lassie	Candice Stellmach
Carol Keating	Ben Moore	
Cheryl Lassiter	Betty Moore	

25 - 100 Hours

Mike Angelari	Lisa Grashow	Patty O'Keefe
Ed Baechtold	Dyana Martin	Kate Pratt
Rusty Bridle	Sammi Moe	Chet Riley
Mary Ertl	Jason Moore	

Other Volunteers

Elizabeth Aykroyd	Mike Edgar	Mark McFarlin
Douglas Aykroyd	Katie Ells	Gary Martin
Judy Ashenden	Tracy Emerick	Marie Matthews
Fred Ashenden	Dawn Emerick	Fred Rice
Ina Banbury	Rick Griffin	Joan Rice
Tocky Bialobrzski	Jack Goetz	Sam Robinson
Nancy Brady	Gary Grashow	Linda Sari
Ginny Bridge	Dave Hardy	Joshua Silveira
Tom Bridge	Abby Hansen	Nancy Stiles
Ann Carnaby	Amy Hansen	Michael Stiers
Blake Chichester	Whit Hansen	Priscilla Thoen
Renny Cushing	Ann Justin	Marilyn Wallingford
Margaret Dennett	Rev. Deb Knowlton	Bob Wallace
Robert Dennett	Sue Launi	Skip Webb
Bud Desrochers	Kathe Lobdell	Chuck Weinhold
Lois Desrochers	Beth Maloney	Karen Weinhold
Dick Desrosiers	Carol McCarthy	Maureen Workman
Ryan Devers	Jody McFarlin	

Board of Trustees; Officers; Committee Chairs; 2016-17

Officers

President - Bob Dennett
 Vice President - Karen Raynes
 Secretary - Kate Pratt
 Treasurer - Ben Moore

Trustees

Rusty Bridle
 Blake Chichester
 Gary Grashow
 Rick Griffin
 Rich Hureau
 Dyana Martin
 Kathy McLaughlin
 Linda Metcalf
 Sammi Moe
 Joshua Silveira

Committees and Chairpersons

Executive Director - Betty Moore
 Education – Sammi Moe
 Pig Roast – Dyana Martin
 Membership – Linda Metcalf
 Building and Grounds – Gary Grashow
 Audit – Tom Bridge
 Nominating Committee – Rusty Bridle
 Publicity – Kathy McLaughlin
 Communications – Rich Hureau
 Programs – Patty O'Keefe
 Oral History – Bill Keating
 StEPs Evaluation – Karen Raynes

2015-16 Annual Statistics (10/1/15-9/30/16)

Casual visitors	421
School programs	727
Group Tour visitors	85
Program Attendance	350
Other events	450
Total	2033

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.

Pig Roast Report

This year, 2016 marks the 15th annual Hampton Historical Society Southern Style Pig Roast. The event ran from noon to 2:30pm, and along with some scrumptious food, we offered musical entertainment, games for families to play, as well as a magician!

The day started out a bit drizzly but cleared out, and the weather was fine for the event, which was another exceptional year for the Historical Society fundraiser. Ticket sales were up this year from \$4,930 to \$5,038. Local restaurants and businesses were very generous with us, and lots of compliments came back to us on the food and the portions. The silent auction and Buy-It-Now table also set a new record at \$5,340. This was \$1,783 higher than last year. Also the 50/50 raffle set another record – \$567.50, which was then doubled thanks to the generosity of winner Tom Sherman, who donated his winnings to HHS. Overall, the net profit for the day was \$10,749.00.

I believe that we have a great group of volunteers for this event. They have a handle on what needs to be done and they do it. Witt Hansen, Chuck Weinhold, and Doug Akroyd

did a marvelous job again on the fire pit and the cooking and preparing of the pork. Linda Metcalf, Ann Carnaby, and Karen Weinhold did a wonderful job keeping ahead of everything in the kitchen. Again, we had Ben Moore as our SetUp Chairman and Ken Lobdell as our Breakdown/CleanUp Chairman and Karen Raynes as our Food Chairman, with Betty Moore. Kate Pratt and Diane Riley headed up the volunteers for the event and did a wonderful job organizing all of our trustees and volunteers at the event. Rick Griffin topped his totals in the 50 /50 raffle this year! Also, thanks to Mark McFarlin, Jody McFarlin, Gary Martin, and Ben Moore for all the work that they did to set up the grounds for the event...the grounds looked lovely and made a very inviting area for the event.

There are too many wonderful volunteers to write about or name here, but I want to thank everyone who helped at the Pig Roast this year. This really is a terrific group of volunteers that help each other out on behalf of the organization. That is why this event is so successful each year. The volunteers work harder every year to make sure that the patrons of the event have an extra special time and that everyone leaves feeling great after having a fun afternoon with friends and family. So credit goes to **all** for the success and fun that this event brought this year, and thank you goes out to **all** for everything that you did, whether it was serving food, cutting pork, dishing out desserts, selling tickets, picking up trash, or setting up for the event....whatever the job was, everyone did a great job and made the event fun for all for another year.

Dyana Martin



Volunteers Candice Stellmach & Kate Pratt



Volunteers Chet and Diane Riley

Communications Committee Report

As part of our ongoing effort to digitize the world, last year we photographed 22 years of the *Beachcomber* newspaper and placed the results on our website as PDFs. This year we enhanced these PDFs by using OCR software to make the text contained in them searchable and selectable.

A new Archive section was added to the website to contain photos and information about exhibits no longer on display at the Tuck Museum (for example, the Marelli's Market exhibit from 2014).

We saved some money by not having to buy a new computer (as we were prepared to do). We fixed the problem by replacing Windows 7 with Windows 10. Yes, sometimes it actually helps!

Rich Hureau

Building and Grounds Committee Report

Building and Grounds' main focus for 2016 was the continuing energy efficiency upgrades for Tuck Museum. Inspection of the 1960s wing and the Reading Room found there was no ceiling insulation. A local insulation contractor was hired and we now have over one foot of insulation. Immediate effects were felt this summer as the AC can now cool and retain the area much more quickly and keep the area more comfortable. Six windows in the same area have been replaced with energy efficient thermopane windows.

Topping off the energy activities is completion of lighting conversion to LED bulbs for the display rooms, and replacement of old thermostats with modern versions that are easier to use.

Tuck Museum's electrical and heating usage has been reduced, saving money for other needs.

Ken Lobdell

Membership Committee Report

Membership fees and additional donations in our annual appeal continue to contribute significantly to our operating budget. Membership dues for the fiscal year just ending total \$4,710 with accompanying membership donations of \$6,455. There are 441 members on our mailing list. Of these, 134 are Life members, 11 are Complimentary members, and 296 are Family, Senior, Senior Couple, Individual, and Business memberships. The renewal rate is 68%. In addition, of the total membership, there are 20 new members this year.

The 2017 annual appeal begins with this mailing. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Linda Metcalf

See the New (Old) Town Clock!!

We urge our members to go see the newly completed Town clock that used to sit atop the Odd Fellows Hall (that burned down). It is now in a new tower on the green in front of Centre School (across from Town Hall). See what a little civic-minded hard work (and donations!) can do!



Business members

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

234 Lafayette Road Realty LLC
401Tavern, LLC
Atlantic Motel
Robert Dennett
Eccentric Hair
Galley Hatch Restaurant, Inc.
Hampton Beach Casino, Inc.
Kingfish Trolley Lines, LLC
Lamie's Inn & The Old Salt Restaurant
Cheryl Lassiter
Mackensen & Company Inc.
William Nay
Northeast Auctions
Preston Real Estate
Provident Bank
Remick & Gendron Funeral Home & Crematory
RLSafeHome
The Troiano Wealth Advisory Group
Tobey & Merrill Insurance
Tracy Theatre Originals
Unitil Corp.
Dr. Leonard Walker
Windjammer By The Sea

HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Candice Stellmach at 6:30pm.

Treasurer's report – Ben Moore

Ben noted the financial statements are in the program book, distributed to all members at the meeting. Minutes of the 2015 annual meeting are in the program book. Moved by Bill Keating, second by Rich Hureau to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Nominating committee – Rusty Bridle, chairman

Rusty reported Candice Stellmach and Ken Lobdell are retiring from the board of trustees. He thanked them for their service and commitment to the Society.

Rusty introduced the members of the Nominating committee: Betty Moore, Blake Chichester, Kate Pratt, and Rusty Bridle.

The Nominating committee recommends returning trustees Rick Griffin, Dyana Martin, and Karen Raynes, and new member Gary Grashow for three year terms.

Moved by Bob Dennett, second by Sammi Moe to approve the recommendation of the Nominating committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Current trustees who will continue with their terms are Bob Dennett, Ben Moore, Kate Pratt, Rusty Bridle, Blake Chichester, Rich Hureau, Linda Metcalf, Kathy McLaughlin and Joshua Silveira with Betty Moore, Executive Director.

Per the bylaws, nominations were made for the 2016-2017 Nominating committee, Lisa Grashow and Jim Metcalf. Moved by Betty Moore, second Candice Stellmach. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved to adjourn the annual meeting by Ben Moore, second Rusty Bridle. Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Pratt, Secretary



Outgoing president Candice Stellmach receives
a gift from our new president Bob Dennett

Program Committee Report

The 2015-16 Program Committee consisted of Cheryl Lassiter (Chair), Sammi Moe, Betty Moore, Patty O'Keefe, and Karen Raynes.

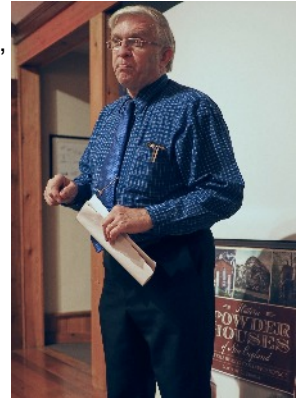
The committee coordinated six programs for the year, selecting a diverse set of programs connecting Hampton to the greater seacoast area. The first four, covering the entire seacoast area, included two NH Humanities offerings – *Our National Thanksgiving*, and J. Dennis Robinson's *Treasures from the Isle of Shoals*; followed by Kevin Scarupa's *Storms of the Seacoast*; and the fourth was *Powder Houses of New England* with Matthew Thomas.

The final two covered the local scene – Cheryl Lassiter and Karen Raynes spent almost a year researching their multi-media program on the history of the Hampton Beach beauty queens over the past 100 years; and finally, back by popular demand, was Ellen Goethel's Hampton Salt Marsh Walk.

Publicity was coordinated by Kathy McLaughlin, who made sure the local papers were notified of upcoming events. Liz Premo posted events on Facebook and Rich Hureau handled posting information on the website and sending out eblasts.

Cheryl Lassiter, who has helped coordinate programs, graphics and exhibits since 2008, has headed for a warmer climate and new adventures. We will miss her physical presence here in Hampton but she assures up that she will be volunteering electronically.

Betty Moore



Brooke Riley, 2016 Miss Hampton Beach



Current and past Miss Hampton Beach