



# GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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## Notice of the Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting of the General Membership will take place this year on Oct. 14, 2006 at the St. James Masonic Lodge, 77 Tide Mill Rd. Hampton, NH. We will have dinner at 6 p.m. with a program following at about 7 p.m. Our speaker this year will be Rebecca Rule, author and humorist. Rebecca's programs are always entertaining and "Better Than A Poke In The Eye!"

Dinner will be buffet style, and will include pork roast and all the trimmings. The cost of the dinner will be \$8.50 per person. If you are planning to come for dinner please send in your check, noting "annual meeting" in the memo section, by Oct. 6. Or call Sammi at 929-0881. (We need to let the Lodge know how many dinners to prepare.) The meeting and program is open to all.

The meeting will include an overview of the year's activities as well as election of trustees. We hope to see you there!

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## From the President

Happy Autumn Everyone! This is my favorite season for so many reasons. The air is crisp and cool, the kids are back to school, the colors of the leaves are wonderful, our major fundraiser is completed and a new year begins at HHS and Tuck Museum.

The 5th Annual Pig Roast was a great success! We had a fabulous time and it keeps getting easier with experience. Cliff has pork down to a science. Betty and Catherine are very organized, and Linda and Kelley did a great job with the auction. (See the committee report for the details.) It is nice to be able to depend on such a great group of volunteers who come to set up, serve, cook and bake, and clean up. If I try to

mention all of you I will take up too much room, and probably forget someone. There are so many who serve the Society so quietly and well, expecting no attention or thanks, but I do thank you! I heard it mentioned several times that it was impressive to see such an active historical society.

As we move further into the season our school programs will begin soon. The Centre School first grade classes will be on their way over for "The Ox Cart Man" program. Anyone who would like to assist or just come to see what this is all about is welcome to give me a call.

We also have the Dalton Family gathering in Hampton the weekend of Oct. 6,7, and 8. There will be a dedication of the Dalton stone in Founders' Park on Sat. Oct. 7. All are welcome to attend. The Women's Guild of the Congregational Church has asked us to present a program at their dinner meeting on Oct. 5th, and of course there is our own annual meeting on Oct. 14th. (Founder's Day!) I am hoping for a large attendance at our meeting this year. We will be having dinner and an entertaining evening with Rebecca Rule. Please see the article regarding this meeting.

We have many projects in the works at Tuck Museum. The barn building has begun. Our little beach cottage has a new coat of paint and we will be working on the interior sprucing to ready it for a display of "the beach as a tourist destination". And the Board of Trustees has made a decision to re-do the kitchen / office. This will make the kitchen much more useable for the many programs and events we hold, as well as give the office a bit more workable space for now.

I have enjoyed this year as your president. I am thankful for the board I have had the good fortune to work with. They are a wonderful group of people and I have been blessed to get to know them, and others of you too. We are

very lucky to have an Executive Director of the Tuck Museum like Betty Moore. Betty keeps the museum functioning in a professional manner. People are constantly expressing surprise at the fact that we are an all-volunteer organization. Our volunteers are well trained and maintain that professional attitude and level of service. Thank you all very much!

The nominating committee is working on a slate to present for a vote at the annual meeting. If you know of anyone the committee should consider please contact me, or call a committee member. Don't forget to check out our website from time to time to see what's going on. See you at the annual meeting!

Sammi

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### **Director's Report**

Between carpentry, painting and gardening the museum has been bustling with activity all summer long.

The tourist cabin (at right) was scraped and painted using the original colors - white clapboards with the traditional New England dark green trim thanks to Sammi Moe, Kelley McLean and Ben Moore. The cabin was thought to be c.1950 but upon additional research we found it was built in the late 1930s and was originally part of Young's Cabins on 877 Ocean Boulevard. The interior of the building has the original pine paneled walls, a built-in eating area and a combination stove/sink/refrigerator unit. We are looking for a metal headboard for a double bed that would have been typically been found in one of these units. Work still needs to be done in the bathroom as the floor was being held together with a lot of imagination and a little bit of vinyl.

We are using this cabin as an opportunity to gain more information about the other cabins and motel units that were scattered in the Hampton-Hampton Beach area and would appreciate any photos, stories or memories that any of you have as we try to capture some of the 20th century history of the town. We have developed a small questionnaire as a starting point but hope that participants go beyond that in providing information.

Visitors are even getting into the act. Jim Fones,

Catherine Fletcher's son, while here on vacation has replaced and rewired outside lighting fixtures on the fire museum and main building entrances and added security lighting to the Green side of the museum. Houseguests everywhere beware...

The beauty of our grounds are due to the mature trees that were planted in the 1920s, so we are establishing a replacement program as the older trees die off or are damaged by storms. This summer Ben Moore removed some dead and dying trees and ground out the old tree stumps. We planted an American Liberty Elm from the Elm Research Institute donated through the generosity of Bruce Booth. The 12 ft tree arrived by common carrier in a cardboard box in perfect condition (the driver said he had never delivered a tree before). This summer we have shared our grounds with the Rockingham County Craftsmen, the Hampton Area Community Band and the Rotary Club for former town manager, James Barrington's farewell party.

In the Winter 2005 issue of the Gatherings From the Green Elizabeth Aykroyd wrote an article on the red broadcloth woman's cloak given to the museum by Betsey Davis. This garment had been passed down through the Philbrick family and we were thrilled to add it to the collection. About that time I read an article on research being done for a book on clothing and textile collections in the US co-authored by Sally Queen, a well respected 18th and 19th century textile specialist. They were compiling information the holdings of different museums, institutions and private collections so we submitted our information along with a photograph of the cape. Out of 2600 entries listed in this publication we were one of the 250 photos chosen for the book. Not too bad for little Hampton.

Betty Moore



## 5th Annual Pig Roast

SUCCESS can describe the 5th annual pig roast held on September 2. Music played, Buba the clown entertained the kids, and folks enjoyed the afternoon with friends. We served over 250 dinners and took in \$8000 through meals, silent auction and raffles, (of which over \$1000 will go to the Barn Fund). The cool, cloudy day was certainly much better than the last two years roasts, which were done during hurricane driven storms.



Friday night's pit lighting ceremony has become an event in itself, and it is so much fun to sit and socialize as the pigs are being prepared for their fate. This year about 25 people showed up and kept the overnight crew company for at least part of the evening. Scoutmaster Douglas Aykroyd started the fire with a flint in record time to the cheers of the group. By morning the delicious aroma of pork could be smelled blocks away from the museum.



It takes over 60 volunteers to make this event work and we would like to thank all of you! From ticket sales to tent set up, to construction of the pig pit, to making homemade desserts, and then getting everything back to normal it is a group effort. Special thanks should be given to Cliff Pratt, Catherine Fletcher and Betty Moore who co-chaired the event this year. Kelley McLean and Linda Metcalf organized the silent auction. Sammi and Byron Moe coordinated the JetBlue Airlines raffle for the barn.

Thanks also go to the Old Salt Restaurant for providing food, JetBlue Airlines for the tickets, Larry's Canopies for the tents, Seacoast Coca Cola, Yvonne's Music Factory, Tobey and Merrill for their sign and Webber Antiques for use of the pig statue and the "what is it" item. For auction items we would like to thank: The Ashworth, Barrymore Designs, First Impressions Day Spa, Best Western, The Inn at Hampton, Buc's Lagoon, Mama Leone's, Captain's Cove, Ron Jillian's, Hagan's Grill, Foss Motors, The Galley Hatch, The Seacoast Framer, Hoaty's, Tobey and Merrill, Isle of Shoals Steamboat, Granite State Whale Watch, Bella Rosa, Hannaford, Market Basket, The Children's Museum of Portsmouth, Applebee's, Newbury North Salon, Eastman's Bar and Grill, The Maids, Wal-Mart, The Village Olde and New Shoppe, Lamprey Brothers, and donors from the Rockingham County Craftsmen.



Individual donations from our friends and members include: Janet Gilman, Catherine Fletcher, Kelley McLean, Sammi Moe, Rich Hureau, Betty Moore, Boy Scout Troop 177, Liz Cronin, Russ and Ada Merrill, Janet Caylor, Nancy Shinnars, Catherine Redden and Liz Premo.



## Barn Raising Update



If you attended the Pig Roast you will have noticed the progress on the barn. Bents 1 and 4 (the north and south gable ends) have been laid out on the foundation and repair work on the timbers in those bents continues. The posts on the gable ends had suffered the most damage from weather, animals and insects over the 200 years of our barns history and those posts have been replaced and repaired as necessary to insure that the barn has another 200 years on its new location. Several girths, a cross tie and wind braces have also been repaired or replaced. By the end of September these bents will be squared up and ready. The interior bents 2 and 3 are expected to require fewer repairs and will be worked on following the completion of the gable ends. How far we make it on the project this fall is still a matter of conjecture, stop by in the mornings from Monday to Friday each week and see the work in progress.

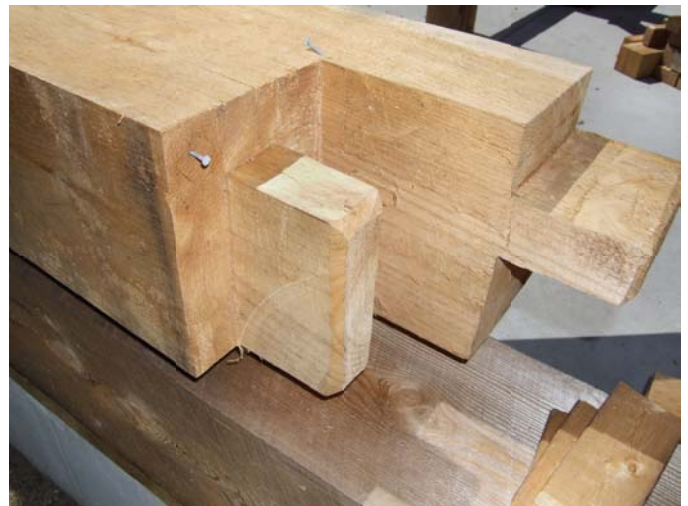
Our members Chet Riley, Dave DeGagne, and Percy Annis are doing the timber framing work. The amount of time and energy that these faithful volunteers have provided is amazing, the Society owes them a huge thank you. Other members have been involved in the project over the summer as we relocated the timbers from storage and completed the new sills. Our thanks go to Bud DesRochers,



Doug Aykroyd, Chuck Weinhold and Ben Moore for their assistance during the summer on the work.

Fund raising, of course, continues to complete the project. We have raised \$32,000 towards our need of \$60,000. While the Pig Roast benefits the operation of the Museum we did have a raffle at this year's event that specifically benefited the barn. The JetBlue Airlines ticket raffle raised \$1,100 for the Barn fund. Our gratitude goes to Bryon and Sammi Moe for organizing the raffle, to JetBlue Airways for the donation, and to all who purchased a chance. Congratulations to Pat Morgenstern, who won the tickets.

We are rightfully excited about this addition to the Museum's collection and need the continued support of the community and membership to get the job done, please help with your donation.



### 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.

**Life's Little Challenges**

The "office with a sink" is soon to be known as 'kitchen with a desk". As many things in life, emergencies are the impetus behind the priority in which projects are accomplished. The museum is no exception. Since our first Long Range Plan in 1990 and the recommendation of the MAP Grant (Museum Assessment Program) conducted through the American Association of Museums- updating this area was near the top of both lists.

It reached a critical point when the floor started lifting in front of the sink expanding in size daily. When a section of wall was opened, a four-foot crack in the cast iron air vent that goes to the roof was found to be the cause (not good). As the waterlines to the sink were removed to replace the venting, the plumbing literally disintegrated (getting worse). This was also tied into the exposed water supply lines from the former

upstairs bathroom that ran up the kitchen wall and across the ceiling showing evidence of many leaks and problems over the years (see where this is heading). All in all pretty messy.

The small and inefficiently charming cabinets will be replaced (but saved) with up-to- date cabinetry and we will be adding full size appliances to replace the tiny dorm-style refrigerator and twenty year old microwave. Members have volunteered their skills to help complete the project. We hope by years-end to have the room completed.

The removal of the old plumbing fixtures in the former bathroom will provide greatly needed manuscript storage space and the renovation of the office area offers more options in the quality of services we can provide our members, volunteers and visitors.

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**Barn Donation Form**

Please accept my contribution to the Hampton Historical Society's Barn Raising fund. I understand that my contribution is tax deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes.

All donations of \$100 and over will be recognized on a permanent plaque in the barn.

I wish to give at the following level:

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I prefer not to have my name on the plaque in the barn

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