



# GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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## President's Report

Welcome, spring! After being closed January and February, we partially opened in March; and now we are back to our normal hours (Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.). The Board will get a report from the Treasurer shortly on cost savings associated with the trial winter closure. The report from the volunteers is that they missed coming in and all of the activities. The Board will review all of the factors and determine what we will do next winter.



Springtime also kicks off our program year. Our first program, Celebrating National Poetry Month, will be held April 18 at 6:30 p.m. (details at right). A more complete listing of programs can be found on the last page.

In the last election, Warrant Article 2 (pertaining to building demolition) included a provision requiring that the Society or its designee "be provided with the opportunity to photographically document the building" if it meets certain criteria for historical significance. This opportunity will be given to the Society after the demolition permit has been issued. This provision will help the museum to maintain its collection of photographs and information on old homes and noteworthy structures.

The transition from a single museum director to an organizational structure in which the responsibility and authority for museum operation is distributed among the Board of Trustees is underway. The new organizational chart can be found on our website (on the [About Us](#) page). I urge you to take the time to look at it and see if there's a place where you might fit in. If that's the case, you can either call and leave a message on the museum's voice mail or send the museum an email with your name and contact information.

We are looking forward to a busy year. As the weather warms and the gardens wake up, we will all become more engaged in our summertime activities. Be sure to take note of the July 14 members-only CRC open house and our annual Pig Roast on Saturday, August 24. I'll be looking forward to seeing you all throughout the summer.

Linda Metcalf

## Celebrating National Poetry Month with Hampton Academy 8th Graders and Others

Join us for an evening of poetry about the legends of Hampton on **April 18, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Tuck Museum.

This is the first program of the year for the Tuck Museum of Hampton History. Eighth grade students at Hampton Academy have been meeting at the museum with retired teacher Lori Cotter and museum volunteers, discussing poetry, Hampton history, and writing poems that they will read during the program. Hampton ghosts seem to be of interest to the students, allowing them to research Hampton history for their poems' details. The students have been recommended for this program by their teachers from the Language Arts and Social Studies classes at the Academy.



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- “Hampton” leather hand-tooled wallet c. late 1700s – Hollis Brodrick
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- Postcard – Stagecoach between Whittier’s Hotel and Great Boar’s Head – Paul Jermyn
- Hampton Trivia Game – Ann Dietz
- Letter relating to Philbrick Garrison House, certificate for Old Home Day (1988), 1938 wooden nickel – Betsy Davis
- CD & photos relating to grand re-opening of the Tuck Museum 1960s wing, programs from Hampton Beach Carnival Week, Chamber incorporation documents (copy) of Chamber of Commerce, photographs relating to the Chamber – Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce
- Photographs from 1948 Hampton road race – Joanne Pelkey Daniels
- *Reminiscences* by Kristen Chencus – Priscilla Thoen
- Godfrey Family photos, tintypes of Godfrey family, Sunday School awards of merit, roster Perkins Post GAR - Richard Dennison
- Collection of booklets, almanacs and *Cousin Grace’s Pretty Story* books - Anonymous
- Savings bank - Robert Nowlin
- Graduation photos from the class of 1939 - Alvin Nudd
- Souvenir pillow “Hampton Beach”, ashtray from Rocky Bend Restaurant, **framed panoramic photograph of Hilliard and Tabor Company outing at Hampton Beach**, framed photograph of Hampton Beach fire station showing staff and apparatus - Steve Brigandi



- Child’s tea set, scrapbook of news clippings c. 1938; two Hampton memorabilia trays, collection of local business pens, pencils and collectables - Jewell Brown
- Barn history 641 Exeter Rd, clay marbles, barn easement research, Hampton Village Playhouse Senior Seminar research – Chet and Diane Riley
- Bannister back chair (18th c.) Joseph Dow trunk and 300 + documents (includes: deeds wills, accounts, legal papers, correspondence, agreements, causeway papers, Revolutionary War information, military information, sawmill contracts, church information, map; books, genealogy information, research notes for *Dow’s History of Hampton* and diaries)
- books - *The Devil in the Shape of a Woman*, *Guide to the preservation of Burial Grounds in New Hampshire*, *A Visual History of Seabrook New Hampshire*, *Vagabond Quakers*, *Pure Grit*; town and school district annual reports; business directories and yearbooks from Hampton Firefighters Local 2664
- Mini-photo album of Hampton postcards - Janet Trudeau
- Souvenir **“Cat’s Meow” buildings** of Hampton (Casino and **Hampton Playhouse**), Hampton jigsaw puzzle - Carolyn Fluke
- Hampton Beach souvenirs - ruby glass dish and fork from Hampton Casino-Betty Anne Lavallee
- Research project - *The Lane Family Tomb* – Michael Lajoie
- Panoramic photograph – Firefighters’ Convention at Hampton Beach 1939 – Martin Chase
- School workbook of Joseph Philbrick – Julie Mortlock
- Leather billfold belonging to Charles Snyder, Snyder family papers – Jeanne L. Hunsaker
- Postcard collection – Paul Fecteau
- Slides of 26 Towle Farm Road – Town of Hampton
- Mini-postcard souvenir folder Hampton Beach – Edward Steele
- Town directories (1908, 1924-26, 1946-48, 1949-51, census index 1800 & 1841; vital statistics town of Chichester, Epsom Greenland, Londonderry, South Hampton, collection of Massachusetts town histories (Amesbury, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Salisbury, Amesbury; books – *The Maps of Essex County*, *The New England Annals*, *Tall Ships of the Piscataqua*, *History of Exeter, NH* – Yeaton Family in memory of Elinor Yeaton
- Incorporation seal - Hampton Cemetery Association
- Business card Surfside Chalet – Gail Fellows
- Menus from Ashworth and Casino – Joyce Grandmaison



- **Bung hole auger** – Diane Maguire
- Watercolor – Tourist Cabin at Tuck Museum – Peg Duffin
- Watercolor – Buildings and Grounds at Tuck Museum – Cecelia Oh
- Roland Paige papers and wrist watch – H. Alfred Casassa
- Ephemera from Ground Observer Corps, First Congregational Church ephemera, Freeman Dairy milk bottle, ruler from The Greenery – Roderick Blake
- Book - *Introduction to Civil War Photography* – Betty Moore
- Dog license, bi-centennial pin (1976), 1988 souvenir ornament, bag from Aires Transportation Co., keychains – Mickey Wardell
- Book – *Sandpiper: The Life and Letters of Celia Thaxter* – Tracy Cassidy Czarnecki
- Descriptive Book Command 3rd Regiment NH Volunteers; telephone directory 1941 – Betsy Dunbrack
- **Collection of Winnacunnet High School yearbooks (1989, 1991, 1992, 1994)** – Karen Souney
- **Serving platter from the Casino dining room** c. 1900 – Cheryl Lassiter
- Poster – “Stop Seabrook” – Paul Cease
- Posters from Hampton Playhouse productions – Donald Ogert
- Ground Corp Observer information packet – Horace (Bud) Desrochers
- Photographs from “Behind the Stage Door” program – Karen Raynes
- Sundresses (2) c. 1950-60s – Priscilla Thoen
- Alarm clock C. 1550 – James Djerf
- Photos from Hampton Beach and General Moulton House – Seabrook Historical Society
- Postcards of Hampton and Hampton Beach – Hampton Falls Historical Society
- Booklets – *Club Casino Review 1980* and *Photoscenic New Hampshire*, 2 VHS tapes relating to the Hampton Police Department, VHS tape “The Quiet Summer” – relating to solutions to riots at Hampton Beach
- Stereopticon cards of Hampton Beach 1890s – Johanna Lyons NH Division of Historical Resources
- Photo postcards of damage at Hampton Beach from 1938 hurricane – Wilma Felch
- Postcard collection of Hampton – June Chevalier



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## Saga of the Submarine Squalus – 80th Anniversary of the 1939 Rescue & Salvage - a Video Documentary



The *Saga of the Submarine Squalus* is a well researched video documentary by Karen Raynes and Mike Garland, showing the rescue, salvage, and rebirth of the submarine Squalus.

- Monday, **May 27, 2019, 1 p.m. at American Legion Post #35** - 69 High St. Hampton
- Tuesday **May 28, 2019, 6 p.m. at Lane Memorial Library** - 2 Academy Ave Hampton

It was just an ordinary day on the seacoast of New Hampshire, May 23, 1939, when the Portsmouth Navy Yard-built submarine USS Squalus prepared for her 19th test dive six miles southeast of the Isles of Shoals.

During this dive, the main induction valve failed to close and water rushed into the submarine, flooding the aft compartment. She sunk in 240 feet of water; 33 of the 59 crew members would be rescued (shown in picture above). It was the greatest submarine rescue in the history of the United States Navy.

2019 marks the 80th anniversary of the Saga of the Submarine Squalus. In addition to the 2 showings of the video (above), we are planning an exhibit and an event:

- Starting in May there will be an exhibit about the Squalus in the Military Room at the Tuck Museum.
- **Squalus Sunday** will be November 10, 2019 at the Tuck Museum. The video will be shown from 2-3 p.m., with Karen Raynes and Mike Garland present to answer questions about the making of the *Saga of the Submarine Squalus*.

## The History of Beekeeping in New Hampshire from Seabee Honey of Rye

Local beekeeper Joe Marttila will bring some of his bees and their honey to discuss the importance of bees in our lives. At present he has about 100 hives in the seacoast and sells his Sea Bee Honey at local stores. Joe remembers as a child seeing the hives and buying honey with his mom from Arthur Sherburne's apiary on Mill Road in Hampton. This encounter and others heightened his interest in bees and beekeeping. "No Bees, No Plants, No Food!" This quote points out the importance of bees in our lives. Honeybees are vital to our agricultural environments.



Come learn about the fascinating bees from Joe Marttila of SeaBee Honey. **Saturday June 22, 2019, 7 p.m.** at Tuck Museum.

### Calendar of Events 2019 – Tentative Schedule

Dates and times subject to change

- **April 18** – 6:30 p.m. – “Celebrate National Poetry Month with Hampton Academy 8th Grade” – Local poets’ and students’ readings and works; Tuck Museum.
- **May 27** – 1:00 p.m. – “Saga of the Submarine Squalus” documentary video by Karen Raynes and Mike Garland – American Legion Hall, Hampton; sponsored by HHS and American Legion.
- **May 28** – 6 p.m. – “Saga of the Submarine Squalus” second showing; Lane Memorial Library.
- **June 22** – 7 p.m. “The History of Beekeeping in New Hampshire from Seabee Honey”; beekeeper Joe Marttila, local beekeeper; Tuck Museum.
- **July 14** – 1 p.m. Member-Only Event – Tour of the Tuck Museum Collection and Research Center at 387 Lafayette Rd.
- **August 24** - Noon – 2:30 p.m.; 18th Annual HHS Pig Roast – On the grounds of the Tuck Museum; great food, silent auction, 50-50 raffle; biggest fundraising event of the year for the Society.
- **September** – Time and date TBA; Viking Day at the Tuck Museum – visit with the group, Draugar Vinlands; learn about Viking lifestyle, customs, and culture; and watch demonstrations of skill.
- **October 10** – 6:30 p.m.; HHS annual meeting and program “A Visit with Queen Victoria” (a NH Humanities Program), Sally Mummey presenter.
- **November 10** – 1-4 p.m.; “Squalus Sunday”; Creators of the video “Saga of the Submarine Squalus” will be present; view the Submarine Squalus exhibit; the video will be shown 2-3 p.m. Tuck Museum.
- **December 6** – Tree Lighting Ceremony at Marelli Square – enjoy the famous HHS molasses cookies.