



# GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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## Pig Roast

The fifth annual "Southern Style Pig Roast" will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2006 from 12noon to 3 pm on the grounds of the Tuck Museum. Cliff Pratt and Cathy Fletcher will co-chair, and many members will also volunteer time during the event. Please note that we have moved the date of the Pig Roast to the weekend of Labor Day.

We again plan a fun filled afternoon with music, 50-50 chances, a silent auction and GREAT food. The menu will include: succulent roast pig, salads, baked beans, rolls and desserts, and a beverage. Tables will be set up for dining but you can bring your lawn chair or blanket if you wish and plan to spend a relaxing afternoon in the company of friends.

The pig roast has been a very successful fundraiser for the Society and it is always a fun afternoon. We hope to serve 300 meals this year. The money raised goes to the operations of the museum.

Members may purchase tickets at a discounted price of \$18.00 each until August 1, 2006. We are also offering a student ticket this year at a price of \$10.00 (ages 9 to 16), children 8 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

Tickets for the general public

are priced at \$20.00 a person. Tables of 8 may be purchased for \$150.00. A table will be reserved and your company, organization or family name will be listed in the program.

Tickets are available by mail. Please send your check payable to the Hampton Historical Society, PO Box 1601, Hampton 03843-1601. There is a cut-out ticket form at the end of this newsletter.

Tickets are also available at the museum during operating hours.

If you would like to volunteer some time during the event, please call Betty Moore at 926-2543.

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## From The President

The first order of business is to give a big thank you to all of our volunteers! There are so many things they do to keep the Society going and the Tuck Museum running. A few years ago we decided to keep the museum open year round. Our faithful volunteers stepped up and have done a great job. New people have joined in for many programs and regular duty as well, and it is really hard to tell who has been working for a long time and who is new. Betty does great training and makes everyone welcome. If you are thinking about coming in but have been a bit shy,

don't be. Volunteer opportunities abound for any amount of time you can give. One day at a time, a few hours, or on an ongoing basis.

I know there were those of you who indicated on your membership forms and renewals that you would be interested in volunteering. We would love to have you give us a call or come on in. If you haven't been called yet, don't think we don't want or need your help. (It may be that we have been so busy that we really need you, or perhaps we missed you while you were out.) If you are not sure what areas of volunteer positions are available keep reading this newsletter. But don't stop there! Make that call to find out more. It's that easy! And don't forget to bring a friend!

And speaking of friends, we are sorry to report that our good friends Ann and Don Morton will be moving away. They have spent many years and countless hours at Tuck. Don and Ann have added so much to the collection in the genealogy and documentation area, working at the museum, presenting programs, serving on the Board, and more. They have both given much to our mission and they will be greatly missed!

As spring gives way to summer we will be concentrating on our outdoor area. Various activities will be held on the grounds this

summer. There is the "Arts in the Park" program for young children through the Rec. Department, as well as a "Summer Fest" on July 15. The Rockingham County Crafters will be holding their annual summer event on Aug. 5th, and the Hampton Community Band will be playing on the evening of Aug. 14. We will continue to have Tuck Museum open each Wed., Fri., and Sun. afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. Along with all this activity we will also be working on our barn and the beach cottage. The Pig Roast will bring the perfect ending to our summer happenings. I hope to see you around this summer. Come on over to Tuck and enjoy the season!

Sammi Moe

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### Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will take place this year on Oct. 14, 2006 at the St. James Masonic Lodge. 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! I hope you will join us for this meeting and great program.

Dinner will be buffet style, and will include roast pork and all the trimmings. The cost of the dinner will be \$8.50. The meeting and program is open to all. Save the date now, and we will have more information in the September newsletter, or call Sammi at 929-0881

### Focus on the Collection: The Standing Stool

The standing stool came to America with the seventeenth-century settlers. Puritans believed that crawling was unnatural and demeaning and made every effort to encourage their children to stand and walk at a very early age. The first standing stools were simple round stools with a hole in the center into which the mother would place the child. Some were equipped with wheels and were called walking stools. Parents thought that these devices would encourage their children to grow erect and straight, physically and morally. The standing stool did of course have the advantage of keeping the child off the floor and away from the dangers of the fireplace or stairs. The walking stool offered no such benefits, but it continued to be used in some American homes until the beginning of the nineteenth century.



In the early nineteenth century, as attitudes toward raising children became more lenient, the form and purpose of the standing stool changed. It assumed the shape we see here: a simple box with a board seat and a tray for small toys at the front. The child could sit or stand and play with his toys, yet be safe from harm. Karen Calvert, author of *Children in the House* (Boston, 1992), notes that by the early nineteenth century, standing stools were not common, and the few produced at that time were homemade and fairly crude. Our standing stool is just such a piece of furniture, simply made, and rather uncomfortable in appearance. The history of our stool is not known, but the Rev. Roland Sawyer, a local historian born in the 1870s, had in his family a standing stool just like it, which had come from the Dows of Kensington. These two stools were rare survivals even then and may well have been used in the Hampton area long after they went out of fashion in other regions.



Elizabeth Aykroyd

(top picture from *Children in the House*)

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### Always on a Sunday

We are looking for volunteers to help out by working at the Museum Sunday afternoons from 1-4 pm. With a large enough base to draw from, it will only entail working one Sunday every few months. Training is provided according to your schedule. Call Betty Moore for more details at 926-2543.

## Director's Report

We've just finished three weeks of school tours for the third and eighth grades involving the museum and Pine Grove Cemetery. The rain has provided additional challenges. Our basement sump pump is getting a workout and the cemetery has a huge tree limb that came down during high winds. But we survived.



With school programs over until the fall, we move ahead preparing for summer activities. Most visitors come from some distance as they are doing genealogy research



on their families. Early settlers soon became entwined with each other by marriage, because Hampton was so small, so their list of family relations gets quite long. Visitors to Hampton (and residents) are fortunate, because besides the museum which has the material culture (objects, photos, manuscripts, buildings) - the Lane Memorial Library has done a stellar job with their history web site and the Dearborn Room dedicated to local history. Both the library and museum are lucky to have dedicated volunteers to help- without them we couldn't offer the expert knowledge and experience that we do.

Throughout the summer we will be working on our outdoor collection of buildings - the tourist cabin and barn. The sill was replaced on the tourist cabin and soon it will be lowered to its base. Oak trunnels, or pegs, have been carved for the barn and the posts and beams will be repaired and checked in preparation for the barn raising. The volunteers at the museum will be participating in the Parks and Recreation Department Summer Fest (7/15), craft fair (8/5) band concert (8/14), pig roast (9/2) and other events held on our beautiful property. It is such a lovely location and we are pleased when we

can share it with others.

Our website keeps expanding monthly. Rich Hureau has developed a collection of prints and cards from our collection for sale. They are well worth checking out.

Cataloging and research projects continue - we are working two interesting projects. Photos and other items relating to the Hampton Fire Department were given in memory of former fire chief Howard Stickney who had been with the department for 27 years. The second involves a collection of photos and memorabilia relating to the Hampton Academy Class of 1930.

And the beat goes on.  
Betty



### F.Y.I.

The James House Association will be holding a Strawberry Rhubarb Festival on June 25 at noon. They encourage anyone interested to enter their favorite strawberry recipe in the contest. Following this event they will hold their annual meeting. For more information please call Skip Webb at 926-3851, or Ann Kaiser at 926-8538.

Beach clean ups continue on the 3rd Thursday each month at 8:00 a.m. through the summer. For more information or to volunteer please call Sammi at 929-0881.

### Barn Update

The barn floor is complete! Fortunately, we made an early spring decision and poured the floor for the barn before the May rains and we are happy to report that all the concrete work is now finished. The floor will provide a great work surface as we dry fit the bends prior to raising them.

We have inspected the posts from the frame and have determined that three of them will require replacement or major repairs. The other thirteen posts will be used with minor repairs necessary.

Chet Riley and Dave DeGagne will be tackling the posts in early summer. There is a lot of detailed work that must be done prior to the raising. Weather and time will play a major role in whether the job can be completed this year.

The fundraising continues, we are about half way to our goal of \$60,000. We will likely raise the barn but not install the final siding because of financial limitations. We anticipate that once the frame is up, that monies will be donated to put the finishing touches on the building.

Donations can be mailed to the Hampton Historical Society at PO Box 1601, Hampton 03843 or made on our website. We encourage experienced timber framers to volunteer their time. Please call Ben Moore at 926-2543 if you would like to help.



Chet Riley, Aaron Sturgis, and Dave DeGagne discussing plans for raising the Leavitt House barn

### Prints From Our Collection



The HHS is pleased to announce the availability of beautiful, color reproduction prints of selected paintings, photographs, signs, and postcards from our collection. Selections include paintings by Charles Henry Turner, a hand-tinted 1920 aerial photograph of Hampton, a striking 1892 black and white photograph of seaweed gathering on the beach, and water color paintings by various Hampton-area residents. We also offer enlargements of several of our vintage postcards, which make spectacular prints.

All prints are available in the following sizes:

- Notecard with envelope.....\$2.50
- 8 1/2 x 11.....\$10.
- 11 x 14.....\$15.
- 12 x 16.....\$20.

Prints are on high-quality, heavy-weight matte paper, suitable for framing. Custom print sizes are available on request.

By special order, we will enlarge and print ANY postcard in our large vintage collection at sizes 8.5x11 and larger.

So come in and browse our catalog of prints, or see it online at:  
[www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org)  
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**Pig Roast Ticket Order Form**  
September 2, 2006

I would like to order tickets for the Hampton Historical Society Pig Roast

_____	Adult tickets at \$20 each	_____
_____	Advance Sale Member tickets at \$18 each	_____
	(Must be ordered by August 1)	
_____	Student tickets (ages 9-16) at \$10 each	_____
_____	Table for eight at \$150 per table	_____
Children 8 and under free when accompanied by an adult		
	<b>Total</b>	_____

Ticket options (select one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mail tickets directly to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

or

\_\_\_\_\_ Hold my tickets at the serving line. But notify me for confirmation

Phone # or email address \_\_\_\_\_

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Although we do not anticipate changes, please check the website or call the museum for any changes. Thanks!

- 6/25 - James House **Strawberry Rhubarb Festival**; James House, noon
- 7/5 - Grounds Work Party; Tuck Museum, 8:30-11AM
- 7/15 - Parks and Recreation Department **"Summer Fest"**; Tuck Museum grounds and Tuck field, all day
- 8/2 - Grounds Work party; Tuck Museum, 8:30-11AM
- 8/5 - Rockingham County Crafters **Craft Fair**; Tuck Museum grounds, 9AM-3PM
- 8/14 - Hampton Community **Band Concert**; Tuck Museum grounds, 7-8PM. Museum open 6PM; picnics welcome
- 9/2 - **Pig Roast Fundraiser**; Tuck Museum Grounds, noon - 3PM
- 10/14 - **Annual Meeting**; St. James Masonic Lodge, 6PM

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