



# GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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## Mark Your Calendar

It's time once again for the 8th Annual Southern Style Pig Roast on Saturday, September 5th from Noon until 3 PM on the grounds of Tuck Museum. We'll be serving roasted pig, potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, apple sauce, tasty desserts and beverages. There will be a silent auction, raffle, door prizes, music with our popular DJ, and Bubba the clown to entertain you. This has become one of the big end of the summer community events, bringing all of us together for some food, fun, and fellowship.

This is our major fund raiser for the society. We are privately funded through events such as this, donations, and memberships. The proceeds from the pig roast are of vital importance in funding Tuck Museum operations, educational curriculum for Hampton schools, and community programs. We can't do it without you. So please buy tickets and join us for the afternoon.

There is a ticket order form included in this newsletter (page 3), if you would like to order by mail.

Members may purchase adult tickets before August 1st for \$18.00, a discount of \$2.00. Student tickets are \$10.00 (9-16) regardless of date of purchase, and children 8 years and under are free accompanied by an adult ticket holder. Tickets may also be purchased from Dyana Martin, Parks and Recreation Office (at Town Hall), and at the Tuck Museum. Please make checks payable to Hampton Historical Society.

For extra tickets or any information call Catherine Fletcher 926-0124 or Tuck Museum 929-0781

## President's Report

The Society had the honor of receiving an award from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance in May for our work in preserving the Leavitt Barn. We were among a select group of organizations throughout the state that received awards and we are delighted for the recognition of our efforts. Several businesses that assisted in the project were also acknowledged, and we are now planning a ceremony to present certificates to them.

Our volunteers continue on the work of maintaining the 'business' of the Society. The third grade classes from Marston School toured the Museum in early June, the collection work parties on Wednesdays and Fridays continue their work on cataloguing, research projects are being undertaken, and a committee is at work on developing a strategic plan for us.

We have a few building projects that we would like to finish over the summer. These include painting the Fire Museum and a new bulkhead door to the basement. Help is needed and if you can volunteer give me a call.

The big effort in the next few months will be the Pig Roast ticket sales and silent auction preparation. This is our only fund raiser and its success is critical to our ability to operate the Museum. Please support the event by buying your tickets; it's a great day with good food, conversation and entertainment.

Ben Moore 926-2543

### 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.

## **Director's Report**

Currently on display is the wedding dress of Celestina Marelli. It is a lovely deep blue silk dress with lace collar and cuffs. Stunning on its own, but even more special once the story unfolds. Along with the dress we have a wedding photograph of the diminutive Celestina with her dapper husband, Luigi. Thanks to their granddaughters, Marcia Buber and Karen Raynes, we also have their family history.

Local residents will recognize the name. Marelli's Market, started in 1914, was the only grocery store in Hampton for many years. They provided credit to the townspeople through the great depression and offered home delivery of groceries to residents of Hampton and area towns. For years Luigi and Celestina worked side by side. Their kindness was well known as they sent care packages to Hampton soldiers serving in World War II and the Korean War. Luigi died in 1959 at the age of 76. Celestina worked in the store until she was 90, passing away at 93.

In 1960 the town of Hampton voted to name the depot square located across the street from the market "Luigi Marelli Square". Today Marelli's Market is the longest continually-operated business in Hampton and is still run by the members of the family. It is a local meeting place and is known by kids of all ages for its wall of penny candy.

Visitors viewing our display have an opportunity to write down their memories of Marelli's Market and receive a treat courtesy of the family. This beautiful wedding dress signifies the history of a family making a life in Hampton.

Betty Moore

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## **Pig Roast Silent Auction**

An important part of the pig roast is the silent auction. The auction provides around a third of the revenues and helps make the pig roast such a major fund raising event for the Society. Members can help by donating collectibles, antiques, services and discounts for business items. If you have items that you can donate, please call Ben Moore 926-2543 to make the arrangements.

## **Programs for 2009**

Our program year began successfully on March 28 with Gerry Miller's presentation on maps and geography. Twenty-five plus attended and all found the talk to be informative, especially the Leavitt and Carrigan maps.

Gerry's talk set the stage for our second program in May. In that talk, Dr. Jere Daniell discussed the political behavior of those who occupied the landscape of Gerry Miller's presentation - its citizens. Dr. Daniell talked about the development of the classic image of the New England town - that being the white steeple church, the grass covered common, and passionate politics. Dr. Daniell pointed out the distinction between town and city in New England and the jungle that New England politics and governance is known to be. Thirty plus were in the audience.

June will see the final program of our changing character of the New England town series titled "Hampton Then and Now." Our own Elizabeth Aykroyd and Betty Moore will draw on the Tuck Museum's extensive postcard collection to show the changing images of Hampton - a New England town.

Be sure to check out our upcoming programs in the Upcoming Events calendar on the last page.

Bill Keating, Program Committee Chair

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## **Pig Roast Volunteers Needed**

The next pig roast planning meeting is 4:30 June 24 at the Tuck Museum. All are welcome to attend!

Once again we are looking for people to help with the pig roast on September 5. A few hours of your time makes all the difference! We need help with table and tent set up on Friday, serving and silent auction on Saturday, homemade desserts, and clean-up after the event. Contact Kate Pratt at 926-3531 or email her at comish1@comcast.net for more information on ways that you can assist.

### Committee for Strategic Planning Drafting Long-Range Plan

A committee of members appointed by the Board has been meeting for the last two months to draft a vision of the Historical Society's future over the next five to ten years. The charge to the committee was to envision how the Society could grow and enhance its services to the community. No limits were placed on any ideas brought up to the group, and over the last few weeks a number of important initiatives have been suggested as goals which we should strive to achieve. The committee is now working on strategies to implement some of these proposals in the next few years.

The hard-working committee members are Percy Annis, Elizabeth Aykroyd, Chair, Lynn Blume, Tracy Emerick, Rich Hureau, Dona Janetos, Bill Keating, Secretary, Sammi Moe, Ben Moore, Betty Moore, Candy Stellmach, and Martha Williams.

### School Days

The creative photography class at Winnacunnet High School recently used the Leavitt Barn for one of their photography exercises.

The week of June 2 the third graders from Marston School came through en mass and enjoyed sessions in the schoolhouse, firehouse, and barn. In the main building they had a history scavenger hunt and "Historic Hampton" photo presentation. Many parents accompanied the group and it was the first time most of them had been to the museum.

One student was heard to remark to another "I didn't know that Hampton was so interesting." Let's hope that spark of interest will lead to a life long love of history

Thanks to Sammi Moe who coordinates all the school programs and Bud and Lois DesRochers, Maggie Generis, Priscilla Triggs-Weeks, Ben and Betty Moore for helping at the various stations.

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**603-929-0781**

### Pig Roast Ticket Order Form September 5, 2009

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  
**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks made out to Hampton Historical Society**  
**Mailing address P.O. Box 1601 Hampton, NH 03843**

### **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**

- June 28 2:30 pm "Hampton Then and Now"  
Betty Moore and Elizabeth Aykroyd  
- Tuck Museum
- September 5 Noon to 3 pm  
The 8th Annual Pig Roast
- September 20 2:30 pm  
"Cows and Communities"  
Steve Taylor  
- Leavitt Barn
- October 9  
6 pm Pot Luck supper  
7 pm "Slow Foods- Sustainable Gardens"  
John Foti  
Annual Meeting  
- St. James Masonic Lodge
- November 15 2:30 pm  
"Hampton's Diary and Other Early Industry"  
Bill Keating  
- Tuck Museum

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## HHS Membership News

This year, when you're making plans for the summer season, be sure to put a visit to the Tuck Museum on your calendar.

Not only will there be some exciting exhibits to experience in our beautiful buildings, but there are also a number of interesting programs to see, as well as our popular Pig Roast to enjoy.

Of course, one of the main reasons the Hampton Historical Society is able to offer these opportunities for summer fun is through the faithful support of our valued members.

Whether it's individual, family, Senior or business memberships, supporting the Hampton Historical Society helps keep the Tuck Museum's doors open, and helps fund the wonderful programs the HHS presents to the community.

Becoming a member is easy and inexpensive, even in these tough economic times. Just visit [www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.hamptonhistoricalsociety.org), click on the "Membership" link, print out the official form and send it along with your check to Hampton Historical Society, PO Box 1601, Hampton, NH 03843-1601.

Be sure to make the Tuck Museum and the Hampton Historical Society part of your summer, and enjoy all that the season and membership has to offer!

Liz Premo, Membership

### Board of Trustees

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Marelli wedding dress referred to on page 2

Celestina Marelli's granddaughters, Marcia Buber (left) and Karen Raynes (right), preparing the dress for display