



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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Notice of Annual Meeting

Join us for the annual meeting of the HHS on Friday October 12, 2007 at 6pm. The meeting will be at the Masonic Lodge on Tide Mill Road. Dinner will be baked chicken, with all the trimmings for \$9 per person. Our annual meeting will include voting on new trustees and the year-end review starting at 7 pm. Following the meeting, Dianne Rapaport will do a presentation and book signing from her newest book: *The Naked Quaker: True Crimes and Controversies from the Courts of Colonial New England*.

Diane is an award winning author and former trial lawyer. Her presentation is a collection of true stories based on colonial court records. The title story involves a 17th century Quaker woman from Hampton, who showed her contempt for Puritan authorities by taking her clothes off during church services! Dianne has won a number of awards for her first book *New England Court Records: A Research Guide for Genealogists and Historians*. You can visit her website at

If you are joining us for dinner please send your check made out to Hampton Historical Society and send to P.O. Box 1601 Hampton, NH 03843-1601, along with a note telling us who will be attending. We will have a check-in list at the door.

We need to let the Masonic Lodge know how many will be attending by Sunday, October 7, so PLEASE help us by being as prompt as possible. You may also pay for the dinner by bringing your money to the museum during regular operating hours. (You are also welcome to join us for the business meeting and program at no cost at 7pm).

For more information contact Betty Moore at 926-2543. With advance notice we will also provide transportation to those in the local area who have trouble driving at night.

From the President

I am sitting in Michigan as I write this newsletter article. I am here because my new grandson was born Sunday night, the day after our Pig Roast. He is so beautiful, and it made me think that this is just one more reason we do what we do at HHS. By preserving our history we are ensuring that the future generations will know the stories of our Seacoast town and its people. Our artifacts, photographs and written documentation are ways of showing this past to others, and I think we do a pretty darn good job of this preservation. Thank you to all the volunteers!

Volunteers are vital to this organization. Betty is so knowledgeable and always ready to assist anyone who wants to learn. We have many volunteers who put in regular time at the museum with various tasks, and we are grateful for them! We are also very grateful to the volunteers who come out to help with the special events and programs, preparing and serving food, taking donations, selling tickets, setting up auctions, building barns, doing yard work - the list goes on and on. All of these things are necessary for the HHS to continue to do the work we do. Volunteers are always needed and I encourage you to give us a call to donate some time. You won't regret it!

The Pig Roast was another successful fundraiser and great fun. Thanks to all who contributed to this event. Read the wrap up article for more information.

Our annual meeting is coming up fast. The date is Friday, October 12. We will again be having dinner at the St. James Lodge on Tide Mill Rd. The meals there are always so good, so come join us for this end of the fiscal year wrap up and an interesting program called 'The Naked Quaker' (that got your attention didn't it)!

Now I am going to go hold my new little boy, so read on to get all the news...
Sammi

Barn Update

I would hope that all members that live in the area have had a chance to drive by or drop in to see the barn. We are very proud of the finished product! After the raising of the timbers back on June 2 we kept very busy with the finishing work of sheathing, clapboards and painting, and the barn construction is done. Our next step will be electrical work as we light the interior and exterior.

We would not have made this quick progress without the timely work of Paul and Luke Powell. Sometime back Paul volunteered to install the shingles on the barn. One thing led to another, and by the time the frame was raised Paul had agreed to install not only the shingles but also the roof sheathing and a second layer of plywood underlayment on the roof. After all we wanted the barn to be stronger than the original. On some very hot July days Paul and Luke donated their Saturdays to get the work done. For contractors, during the short New Hampshire summer, to lay aside their regular work, or a day of rest, speaks volumes for the Powell's dedication to this project. We greatly appreciated it!

The wall sheathing, clapboards and painting were handled by a growing list of volunteers-Percy Annis, Chuck Weinhold, Jodie Millette, Leigh Smith, Chet Riley, Dann Shaw, Ben Moore, Betty Moore, Bud Desrochers and Dave DeGagne. Dave also was the master carpenter on the job and designed and fashioned a system of rafter extensions to hold fascia and soffit boards for the roof edge. Percy designed a method to dress up the interior concrete columns that support the aisle posts to look like barrels, Dave and Percy installed the slats, and it looks great. The last major bit of carpentry was the creation of new barn doors and a second transom window for the rear of the barn, as always Dave was there and did the work beautifully. It really is a masterpiece to behold.

Several businesses helped during the final phases-Wicked Awesome Paints and Bradco/Wickes Lumber all gave us special prices on the materials and Sun Belt Rentals with a scissors lift that helped with the overall budget.

While we still have a few things to complete: electrical work, sidewalks, landscaping and installation of the exhibits, it looks like we will

get the job done for less than our \$60,000 estimate. Combined with our fundraising, which reached \$65,000, we are happy to report that an endowment fund for future maintenance of the barn will now be created. This will ease the job when the barn needs to be painted in a decade or so.

We are planning a grand opening of the barn for the spring of 2008, hopefully with a barn dance after a special reception for volunteers and donors. More details will follow in the winter newsletter. Until then please stop by, we are happy to show off the newest 'old' barn in Hampton.

Ben Moore

Director's Report

Accession Number: 2004.036

Object: Post and beam barn frame 'Widow

Leavitt Barn' c.1796 from 324 Lafayette Rd

Acquisition date: May 2004

Storage location: Grounds of museum
and garage at 54 Tide Mill Rd.

Looking at a cement foundation and floor for a year and piles of timbers under blue tarps on the museum grounds, I wasn't exactly worried. But it took a lot of faith to believe that the barn would be completed on schedule. The crowing achievement of the summer was that all the posts and beams were reunited on the June 2 barn raising and with the hard work of many volunteers, most weekdays all summer long, the newly assembled barn was ready for a preliminary inspection at the annual pig roast on September 1. This beautiful barn is a legacy that future generations of visitors and members will be able to appreciate. See the barn article in this issue for more information.

Now it looks like I need to update the records. Next project -on to finishing the tourist cabin.

Betty Moore

Pig Roast 2007

A more beautiful day was not to be had for our 6th annual pig roast on September 1. The pigs were cooked to perfection, Buba the clown, charmed the children and Yvonne's Music Factory entertained the crowd with her toe-tapping music. Everyone enjoyed the relaxing afternoon with friends old and new.

We served delicious food (selling over 260 tickets), and held a silent auction and 50/50 raffle which made the museum almost \$6,800 after expenses. Thanks goes to Cliff Pratt for suggesting the pig roast to our board and who continues to command the head cook position each year, and to his wife Kate, who provides the beautiful mums that decorate the tables.

Special recognition goes to Catherine Fletcher and Betty Moore who have co-chaired the event for the 6th time; Kelley McLean and Sammi Moe for organizing the silent auction; and to Marilyn Green for coordinating all the food donations.

The event takes lots of volunteers from setting up tents, to watching the pigs all night, to making the delicious homemade desserts. There are over 60 people who help to make the day a success and we thank them all! Besides raising money to operate the Tuck Museum, it is one of the best community events around.

The following business provided food, goods or services for the event: Burger King, Fast Eddies, Joe's Meat Shoppe, Hannaford's, Larry's Canopies, Sam's Club, Seacoast Coca-Cola, Shaw's, The Galley Hatch, The Old Salt, Webber Antiques. Another 40 businesses or individuals contributed items to the silent auction or various raffles.

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.

All About 'DAGS'

The Saturday, November 10 program 'All About Dags' will be held at 2 PM at the Tuck Museum. Dennis Waters is a dealer of daguerreotypes and has a studio on Water Street in Exeter, NH where he sells and restores 'dags' or dagurreotypes. Daguerreotypes are photographic images perfected by Frenchman, Louis Daguerre, which were made on silver plated copper sheets, and were popular from the 1840s through the 1860s. Early dags took an hour for a sitting, as the exposure time to produce an image took that long. Exposure time lessened with changes in techniques, and soon studios were found in almost every city where a likeness could be made for between \$2-\$5 (at today's prices). During that twenty-year period millions of faces and thousands of scenes were produced.

Waters' interest in dags started in 1985 when he purchased his first image and today he has one of the best collections in the country. Dennis encourages anyone who has dagurreotypes of their own to bring them to the program and he will be happy to discuss composition, condition and care. For more information on the program call 926-2543. For information on Dennis Waters and dags go to www.finedags.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS

9/16 Program 'OVER AND UNDER WEAR'
Selections from the Tuck Museum collection
2 PM Ann Carnaby Tuck Museum

10/12 Annual Meeting (DATE CHANGE)
6 PM Dinner Meeting \$9/person
7 PM speaker Diane Rapaport
The Naked Quaker: True Crimes and
Controversies from the Courts of
Colonial New England
Masonic Lodge Tide Mill Rd.

11/10 Program 'ALL ABOUT DAGS'
2 PM Dennis Waters Tuck Museum
(Note: This is a Saturday program)

NEXT PROGRAM

**September 16
OVER AND UNDER WEAR**

This is a reminder to join us at 2 PM, Sunday, September 16, at the Tuck Museum as Ann Carnaby presents 'OVER AND UNDER WEAR' examining some of the cloaks, hats, underwear and other garments selected from the Tuck Museum's collection. Featured items will be our late 1700s red wool cloak and a 19th century paisley shawl.

At the end of the presentation Ann will be willing to examine clothing items that are brought in by the audience, and discuss them as to material, construction techniques, who might have worn them and basic methods for care and storage. For more information call 926-2543.

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