

BANKENOTES

STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

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From the President and CEO

THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF SUMMER have returned to Strawberry Banke. On my daily rounds, I'm delighted to once again witness the excitement of visitors touring the historic houses, the happy sounds of children playing historical games during onsite summer camps, and the smiles on the faces of guests listening to local musicians perform at Tuesdays on the Terrace concerts.

While the Museum continues to monitor the pandemic and state and local guidelines, Strawberry Banke remains optimistic. The hustle and bustle of daily activities have returned and plans are in place to welcome guests back to campus for signature events including Ghosts on the Banke and Candlelight Stroll.

Museum Staff's attention has also returned to the opening of the "Water Has A Memory" exhibit opening later this month. The exhibit, created in collaboration with the City of Portsmouth, invites visitors to explore how Sea Level Rise is impacting the historic homes at Strawberry Banke as well as local, national, and international communities and become a part of the solution

Earlier this summer, The Board of Trustees announced the return of the 33rd annual Vintage & Vine, the fine wine, food festival, and auction, which will occur on September 11, 2021. The event historically occurs on the second Saturday in September. In recognition of the somber date and in gratitude for the efforts made by First Responders, Strawberry Banke wishes to extend a small token of appreciation. First Responders who have purchased tickets to the event will receive a complimentary one-year membership to the Museum.

Additionally, the Museum just launched the summer campaign for the Strawberry Banke Fund. The theme, "Out of great challenges come great opportunities," seemed especially appropriate given how the Strawberry Banke staff pivoted to bring the Museum to visitors in their homes through virtual program offerings. Contributions are needed to support programs, grow virtual offerings, and build upon opportunities.

Over these next months, I hope that you are able to enjoy the best that Strawberry Banke has to offer, and thank you for the continued support that makes it all possible.



Lawrence J. Yerdon
President & CEO





vintage & vine

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

VIP 4-7:30 pm **SOLD OUT**

Main Event 5-7:30 pm **SOLD OUT**

Championed by the Board of Trustees, Vintage & Vine, the fine wine and food festival takes place when the museum is at its finest — under glorious September skies. Attendees stroll amongst the museum's historic houses and gardens, while enjoying appetizers prepared by Seacoast-area top chefs, sampling wines offered by local wine brokers, and bidding on unique items in the mini-wine auction.

Complimentary Memberships for First Responders

First Responders who purchase tickets to Vintage & Vine receive a complimentary year-long individual Strawberry Banke membership, valid starting on November 1, 2021. Current members who are first responders and purchased Vintage & Vine tickets receive a complimentary 3-month extension on their current Strawberry Banke membership.

Many thanks to the following
Vintage @ Vine sponsors:



VOLUNTEER!

This year's Vintage & Vine event may be sold out, but there are still opportunities to partake in the fun by volunteering! The support of numerous volunteers is critical to the success of the Museum's largest annual fundraiser. Opportunities include assisting before and during the event with tasks such as preparing vendor packets, assisting with the silent auction and in-person raffles, and covering breaks during the event. For more information on volunteering, please contact the Vintage & Vine committee via vintageandvine@sbmuseum.org



Save the Date for the Vintage & Vine Online Silent Auction!

Friday, September 10 – Sunday, October 10, 2021

Support the Museum by browsing, bidding, and buying unique items and experiences in the Vintage & Vine Online Silent Auction. Items include gift cards, home goods, great escapes, beauty products, health and fitness packages, and more. The online auction kicks off on Friday, September 10, and concludes on Sunday, October 10, 2021.

VINTAGE & VINE PHOTOS COURTESY OF DAVID J. MURRAY/CLEARPHOTO.COM

Tuesdays on the Terrace

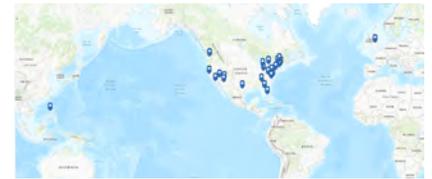
Every Tuesday evening through September 14, 5:30-7 PM

Enjoy performances every Tuesday evening from 5:30-7 PM through September 14, 2021. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy open-air concerts of acoustic music by local artists, amid the summer splendor of Puddle Dock. Cost per concert: Members Free; Nonmembers \$5.



Many thanks to the following Tuesdays on the Terrace sponsors and the foundations who support Strawberry Banke: The Fuller Foundation, Kennebunk Savings Bank, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, New Hampshire Council on the Arts, The Puddle Dock Restaurant, Xfinity, and Whole Foods Market.

The 2021 Virtual Archaeology Field School



The annual Strawberry Banke Archaeological Field School expanded its virtual offering in 2021, enabling students from all over the world to participate remotely. University students and members of the public joined Alexandra Martin, Archaeologist, from across North America, as well as the Philippines and the U.K. Thirty-five course participants received access to unique video tours, artifact photos, readings, moderated discussion boards, and guided activities. This year the virtual program included a special focus on Portsmouth's Black history and the Penhallow House, including an architectural tour from John Schnitzler, Master Carpenter, and the opportunity to research artifacts recovered during the 2016-2018 field seasons. Participants also learned methods used by archaeologists to collaborate with community scientists and to do remote research, and completed the course with a multi-part exercise to crowdsource geospatial data and create a Story Map using ArcGIS Online software.



EXHIBIT OPENING

“Water Has a Memory: Preserving Strawberry Banke and Portsmouth from Sea Level Rise”

Opening August 2021 in the Rowland Exhibit Gallery

Strawbery Banke teaches about centuries of history to thousands of visitors every year. Now the Museum endeavors to teach how history is impacting the present and future. Strawberry Banke Museum and its historic houses — some

of Portsmouth’s most valuable and irreplaceable heritage — are being damaged by the impact of Sea Level Rise. Right now.

The Museum and the City of Portsmouth partnered to create the “Water Has a Memory” exhibit, using it as a model to tell the story of Sea Level Rise and teach the public about the number of factors contributing to increased flooding events from surface water and groundwater. The City of Portsmouth is a key partner for both the exhibit and as Strawberry Banke continues to research and discuss solutions to protect the Museum’s historic houses.

“In 2007, the City of Portsmouth declared itself an Eco-Municipality committed to supporting and promoting sustainable practices. The Planning Department and Water Department have worked since then to assess the City’s vulnerabilities and to give residents practical guidance on ways to protect, conserve and sustain our natural and historical resources,” said City of Portsmouth Department of Public Works Deputy Director Brian F. Goetz. “The ‘Water Has a Memory’ exhibit is a collaborative, public-private outreach effort to raise awareness and broaden the audience for these issues in our past, present and future.”

The exhibit’s goal is to inform and engage visitors of all ages to understand the problems and learn proactive ways to adopt local, regional, national, and international initiatives to address Sea Level Rise. The “Water Has a Memory” exhibit opens to the public this summer in the Rowland Gallery at Strawberry Banke and will be modified over the next few years to illustrate how both the Museum and the City of Portsmouth have adapted to address the rising waters.

“The most exciting part about the exhibit is that the content is a wonderful blend of Strawberry Banke’s main mission to teach history and engage visitors about this important issue and ways to make a difference,” said Rodney Rowland, Director of Facilities and Environmental Sustainability. “The Museum’s partnership with the City of Portsmouth enables the Museum to be a voice for their ‘Think Blue!’ initiative as well as Strawberry Banke’s own Sea Level Rise mitigation efforts.”

Strawbery Banke is grateful to the following donors for their support of “Water Has a Memory: Preserving Strawberry Banke and Portsmouth from Sea Level Rise”

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| Anonymous | The Barbara and B. Allen Rowland Fund at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation |
| The City of Portsmouth | University of New Hampshire Geospatial Science Center |
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| Allison Potter | |

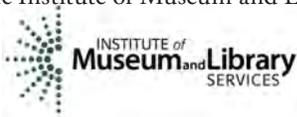
An Update on The Captain Walsh House

The reinterpretation of the Captain Walsh House has begun. Through a generous grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, staff members are in a three-year process to create a hands-on exhibit designed to immerse visitors into the lives of the Walsh family. Along with conducting research to unearth new information, staff removed all collections pieces from the house

and replaced them with reproductions so that items may be touched and used by visitors (yes, you can sit on the bed!) Programs and activities are designed to encourage discovery as we delve into the lives of the Walsh’s to search what we know, and what we still do

not know, about their lives in Puddle Dock. Come and explore!

The Captain Walsh House exhibit has been made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



Pronoun Pins

Visitors to the Museum this season may notice Museum staff wearing pins alongside their museum name tags, indicating whether they use she/her, he/him, or they/them pronouns. The effort toward ensuring that a person’s chosen name and personal pronouns are being used is a basic courtesy and aligns with the mission of the museum’s Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Task Force. To learn more about the importance of personal pronouns and how to help Strawberry Banke create an environment where everyone’s identities are valued, visit StrawberyBanke.org/about/IDEA/mission.cfm



Give A Little, Get a Latte!

Make a recurring monthly gift to the Strawberry Banke Fund and receive a free iced or hot latte courtesy of Cup of Joe Cafe & Bar in downtown Portsmouth! To make a gift to the Strawberry Banke Fund and get a latte, visit StrawberyBanke.org/GetALatte.cfm



Thank you and well-wishes!

Strawbery Banke Museum bids adieu to the following year-round staff members.

Maddie Biehl, *Roleplaying Coordinator* — With great joy and sadness Strawberry Banke announces that Maddie Biehl, Roleplaying Coordinator is leaving her role at the Museum to dedicate herself to her graduate program at the University of New Hampshire. Maddie has brought so much to the Museum throughout her work with the Junior and Adult Roleplayers, Summer Camps, and Education Programs. Maddie grew up visiting Strawberry Banke Museum as a child and attended Jr. Roleplayer Camp. Eventually, Maddie became an interpreter and adult roleplayer before assuming the role of Roleplaying Coordinator in 2015. Her dedication, hard work, and depth of knowledge will be greatly missed. However, Strawberry Banke supports and wishes Maddie all the best as she embarks on this new adventure.



Amy Warnock, *Special Events Manager* — Amy Warnock spent many years at Strawberry Banke as an Interpreter, Museum Teacher, and Assistant Horticulturist before taking on the extensive list of special events. Many thanks to Amy for helping the Museum pivot its events to online opportunities during the pandemic, including Virtual Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke, a Virtual American Celebration, and Well-Behaved Women, A Virtual Program, as well as for her extensive efforts to re-imagine Candlelight Stroll to an all-outdoor event adding much joy and cheer during a challenging holiday season. The Museum thanks Amy for her time and talents and wishes her all the best in future adventures.

Alexandra Martin, Archaeologist, receives 2021 UNH Sustainability Award



Alexandra Martin, Strawberry Banke Museum Archaeologist and Coordinator for the Native American and Indigenous Studies Minor at UNH, received a 2021 University of New Hampshire Sustainability Award in Bronze. The University of New Hampshire, a national leader in sustainability, recognizes and celebrates individuals and teams who are champions of and addressing sustainability issues through the UNH Sustainability Awards Program. In addition to her role at

Strawbery Banke, Alex is actively engaged in teaching at UNH about Native American and Indigenous Heritage, works collaboratively with community partners including local Indigenous leaders and Portsmouth Public Library, and leads students' research projects focusing on Indigenous Heritage.



New Staff Members

Please join Strawberry Banke Museum in welcoming the newest staff members.



Bethany Porter, *Event Rental Manager* — Bethany joined Strawberry Banke in the spring of 2021. As Event Rental Manager, Bethany combines her previous experience in marketing and event management with her interest in American history. She manages inquiries from people all over the country looking to get married in the Museum's beautiful gardens or host an event in one of our many on-site locations. When not at the Museum, she is putting her Communications and PR degree to good use by working with other local businesses...or simply cheering on the Red Sox and spoiling her nieces.

Suzanne Cornelius, *Landscape Assistant (seasonal)*
Denise Bowditch, *Visitor Services Associate (seasonal)*
Lissa Geggis, *Historical Roleplayer (seasonal)*

Promotions, Job and Title Changes

Please join Strawberry Banke Museum in congratulating the following staff members for the following promotions, and job and title changes."

FACILITIES

Rodney Rowland, *Director of Facilities and Environmental Sustainability*
John Schnitzler, *Master Carpenter*
Ron Raiselis, *Master Cooper and Cabinetmaker*
Bryan Cuddihee, *Maintenance & Events Operations Manager*
Chris Higgins, *Custodial and Security Coordinator*
Matt Kochka, *Landscape Operations Manager*

DEVELOPMENT

Wendy McCoole, *Community and Corporate Engagement Manager*
Martha Carlson-Bradley, *Grant and Foundations Relationship Manager*

Thank you, Interns!

Strawbery Banke welcomed six talented summer interns who joined the Museum from around the country and worked on a variety of projects, from the Summer Camp Program, Horticulture Research, Landscape Operations, and virtual marketing for the Development Department.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Shaina Gormley, *Summer Camp Intern*
Adrienne Hunter, *Summer Camp Intern*
Margaret Parish, *Summer Camp Intern*

DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING DEPARTMENTS

Rachel Novack, *Development Department Virtual Marketing Intern*

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Claire Pellegrini, *Horticulture Research Intern*

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

Claire Pfister, *Landscape Operations Intern*



PUDDLE DOCK SOCIETY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Peter and Phyllis Reed



“My wife Phyllis and I moved to New Hampshire in 2005. Before that, we lived in Westchester County, New York where we raised our four children. Our home in Westchester was built in 1776 and had fallen into considerable disrepair by the time we purchased it. In renovating, building an addition, and furnishing and decorating the home we learned to appreciate the beauty of older houses.



Several of our neighbors near our new home in New Castle, New Hampshire were already enthusiastically involved with Strawberry Banke. As we became acquainted with our

neighbors, they introduced us to the Museum where we found a community of individuals who were hardworking, smart, friendly, and dedicated to the Museum.

By observing the consistently high quality of the Museum’s activities and the creation of new programs, I become more confident that I would enjoy working with the Museum’s staff and felt that my financial background would be useful. My first effort was joining the Strawberry Banke Investment Committee. With a business background in finance, which included the management of pension portfolios, I was quite familiar with the procedures appropriate for protecting the value of these important assets. I also had the opportunity to meet and work with members of the Board of Trustees who were also on the committee. Several years later, I

was invited to join the Museum’s Board, although I recently had to resign as medical problems sapped much of my energy.

As we go through life, one of the final decisions that we all have to make is creating an estate plan that meets all of our future needs. With taxes, this is not an easy process, but I would hope that all of you will seriously consider a contribution to the Museum and joining the Puddle Dock Society. We know what Strawberry Banke Museum offers to the thousands of visitors each year and is frequently considering new activities, exhibits, and opportunities. To maintain these historic buildings and to add new initiatives requires additional finances every year. With a Board of Trustees and management team consisting of caring individuals, we can be certain that the future of the Museum will be favorable. But we need your help.”

Peter Reed, Jr.

Puddle Dock Society Member and former Strawberry Banke Museum Trustee

Join the Puddle Dock Society

Join Peter and Phyllis Reed as members of the Puddle Dock Society. Making a Planned Gift is easy and ensures a financially stable future for the Museum. For more information on the Puddle Dock Society and how to join, visit StrawberryBanke.org/PuddleDockSociety.cfm or by contacting Joe April, Director of Development via japril@sbmuseum.org or 603.422.7551.



THE STRAWBERRY BANKE FUND

Out of great challenges come great opportunities. Never were those words more applicable than the last 16 months. As we continue to forge ahead and build a brighter, reimagined future, Strawberry Banke needs your help! Contributions are needed to support the Museum’s programs, grow virtual offerings, and build on the opportunities Strawberry Banke has embraced. The Museum anticipates a budget gap of \$100,000 to meet programming needs. Please use the enclosed envelope or visit StrawberryBanke.org/Fund.cfm to make a gift to the Strawberry Banke Fund to help the Museum meet this goal by October 31, 2021.

Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (IDEA) Task Force

In 2020, Strawberry Banke Museum formed the Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Task Force to take action in inclusivity, diversity, equity, and accessibility for all visitors and staff, and the community at large. With staff and trustee participation and leadership, the museum is working to include a wide range of important initiatives that uphold the museum’s mission: “To promote the understanding of the lives of individuals and the value of community through encounters with the history and ongoing preservation of a New England waterfront neighborhood.”

The Task Force is organized into three working groups: Employee Experience, Visitor Experience, and Volunteer Leadership, which meet monthly and are each connected to a segment of the IDEA Task Force mission statement. To learn more about the IDEA Task Force, visit StrawberryBanke.org/about/IDEA/mission.cfm

Strawberry Banke invests in ongoing IDEA staff training and development opportunities, which are in part underwritten by the generosity of Bangor Savings Bank.



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Visit strawberybanke.org
for updated schedules
and event details

SAVE THE DATE!

Ghosts on the Banke

Friday, October 22 & Saturday, October 23, 2021, 5:30–8 PM



Save the date for the return of Strawberry Banke’s family-friendly Halloween event! Visitors trick or treat safely while strolling the streets of Portsmouth’s oldest neighborhood lined with jack-o-lanterns. Encounter long-dead sea captains, 17th-century shopkeepers, and wayward

pirates and catch a ghostly tale by local community members. More information coming soon to StrawberyBanke.org. **Ticket sales begin for Members on Wednesday, September 8 at 10 AM.** Public ticket sales begin on Wednesday, September 15 at 10 AM. This year’s event is expected to sell out. Advanced ticket purchase is strongly encouraged.

Many thanks to the following Strawberry Banke signature event sponsors: Amica Insurance, R.M. Davis, Kennebunk Savings, Newburyport Bank, Eversource Energy, Bottomline Technologies, Piscataqua Savings Bank, and Service Credit Union.

GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

A Strawberry Banke Museum membership makes for a long-lasting gift for weddings, graduations, retirements, birthdays, anniversaries, and other memorable occasions. For more information on membership levels and benefits, visit StrawberyBanke.org/Join.cfm

Congratulations, Junior Roleplayers!

Congratulations to the class of 2021! After years of volunteering for events and programs, contributing more than 500 hours of their time to the museum, many cherished members of the Junior Roleplayer program have moved on to their next big adventure. Strawberry Banke wishes them all the best as they look to the future!



Volunteer with Strawberry Banke!



Claire Pellegrini, Horticulture Research Intern, volunteers, and Horticulture staff are busy harvesting, drying, and preserving beautiful flowers and foliage from the Museum’s historical gardens and landscapes. Each season, thanks to the help of numerous dedicated volunteers, Strawberry Banke

creates seasonal wreaths, flower arrangements, and other designs using plants and flowers from the Museum gardens for Candlelight Stroll, the Museum’s signature holiday event. The Horticulture Department is one of many departments at Strawberry Banke that is actively recruiting new volunteers. For more information about volunteering, visit StrawberyBanke.org/people/volunteers.cfm.