

# BANKENOTES

STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

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## Letter from the Chair of the Board

**D**ECEMBER WAS FULL OF HOLIDAY CHEER at Candlelight Stroll. Once again, this year's event was "Under the Stars" and was a tremendous success thanks to your outpouring of support. I so enjoyed speaking with many of you at the Member Preview Night, watching Ice Dance International's Currier & Ives Vintage Christmas skaters perform in costume on the rink, and viewing the dozens of uniquely decorated trees in the "Grove of Sponsored Holiday Trees." I found it particularly difficult to vote for only one favorite in each category. Perhaps you found the same to be true.

Now that 2022 has arrived, please let me wish you health and happiness in this new year. For the Museum, a new calendar year brings many exciting initiatives on the Museum's campus in the winter months. Strawberry Banke joins the citywide effort to provide the community with outdoor opportunities to enjoy all that winter on the Seacoast has to offer.

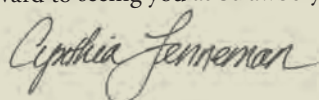
You might have noticed many new programs and activities added to the calendar of events. In addition to the "Good Morning, Strawberry Banke" StoryWalk® and "Run Through History" Half-Kilometer, other fun activities occur on-ice at Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond.

Strawberry Banke's partnership with Ice Dance International provides many opportunities to enjoy ice dance performances and participate in skating clinics. The company will perform several pop-up performances of "Solstice," an ice ballet that was created during the pandemic by Douglas Webster, Executive and Artistic Director of IDI. The piece will be broadcast this winter on public television's All Arts Channel. How wonderful it is when my passions and work worlds merge!

If watching IDI skaters perform rinkside isn't possible, you might enjoy watching the rink's livestream webcam, which is generously provided by PortsmouthWebcam.com. Did you know the livestream has quite the dedicated following? Last season more than two million people watched including viewers from all 50 states and more than 50 countries.

I am particularly excited about the 3rd annual Seacoast Skating with the Stars on February 5. Several well-loved members of our community have been selected to participate and have been practicing routines on ice with their IDI skating partners. I never miss this event and love the creativity and passion each of the contestants brings.

There are so many exciting things happening at the Museum this winter. Bundle up and I look forward to seeing you at Strawberry Banke!



Cynthia Fenneman  
Chair of the Board of Trustees



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**Saturday, February 5, 2022, 2-3 pm**

*Rain Date: Sunday, February 6, 2022, 11 am-12 pm*

**Rinkside at Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond**

Strawbery Banke Museum, in partnership with Ice Dance International, presents the 3rd annual Seacoast Skating with the Stars professional skating show. Watch skating routines by local "stars" paired with professional skaters from Ice Dance International.

Choreographed by Douglas Webster, Ice Dance International & Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond Artistic Director, local "stars" are paired with IDI pros in a skate-off for audience votes. As in "Dancing with the Stars," esteemed judges give their marks on skill and expression. Seacoast Skating with the Stars also includes performances by the IDI company.

"Stars" were announced on Monday, January 3, 2022. For star bios, more information, and tickets, visit [StrawberyBanke.org/events/skatingstars.cfm](http://StrawberyBanke.org/events/skatingstars.cfm).

**Tickets for rinkside viewing:** Tickets are for rinkside viewing, are limited, and are only available online. VIP tickets include the opportunity to meet & greet the skaters.

**VIP TICKETS:**

Adult\*: \$22  
 Child (6-17): **SOLD OUT**  
 Children\* (under 5):  
 free, ticket required

**GENERAL ADMISSION**

Adult: \$15  
 Children: (ages 5-17) \$10  
 Children (under 5):  
 free, ticket required

\* Accessible tickets are still available. The VIP viewing area (Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond patio) is the only accessible viewing area for Seacoast Skating with the Stars. For accessible accommodations and questions, please contact Bethany Porter, Event Rental Manager, via 603.422.7502 or [bporter@sbmuseum.org](mailto:bporter@sbmuseum.org).

Many thanks to the following organizations:



Funded in part by the New England States Touring program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, made possible with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program and the six New England state arts agencies.

**Outdoor Ice-skating at Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond**  
 DECEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY



Daily public skating, private parties, skating lessons, adaptive ice time  
**2021-2022 Admission Rates:** Members (ages 5+): \$6  
 Rentals: \$6 Nonmembers (ages 5+): \$12 Sharpening: \$7

## Ice Dance International's Winter Residency at Strawberry Banke

Ice Dance International (IDI) resides annually at Strawberry Banke from January through February. The professional company of world-renowned skaters provides the community and schools with pop-up performances and programming at Strawberry Banke and across New England.

### Upcoming IDI Programming at Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond:

**Pop-Up Performances:** Check the IDI or Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond Facebook Pages or [IceDanceInternational.org](http://IceDanceInternational.org) for showtimes.

**"Get Out and Skate Program":** Tuesdays in February

**IDI's Winter Dances:** Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 6 PM

**Did you know?** During IDI's residency at Strawberry Banke, the company performs and teaches in towns across Maine in partnership with L.L Bean's Winter Across Maine program. For more information about IDI and the company's programs, visit [IceDanceInternational.org](http://IceDanceInternational.org).

### Thank you, rink sponsors!



## GRANTOR PROFILE

### Ginnie Lupi

Director of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts



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As a state arts agency, the mission of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts is to ensure that every citizen and community in New Hampshire enjoys the cultural, civic, economic, educational, and personal benefits of the arts. State agencies like ours were created

by legislatures and governors to promote the arts and reduce barriers to participation. Every state and U.S. jurisdiction has a designated arts agency.

We are passionate about this work because we get to see first-hand the positive impact the arts can have on communities and the joy participation in the arts brings. The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts has been supporting Strawberry Banke with a Public Value Partnership grant for many years. We support the Museum because of its commitment to excellence and to the community. Strawberry Banke enriches Portsmouth and the state in so many ways! The COVID-19 pandemic created a significant programming challenge, but the Museum was nimble and creative – outdoor tours and the Tuesdays on the Terrace concert series were the perfect way to welcome the public back to the museum in a safe way. We are proud to support Strawberry Banke!

## Thank you, Grantors!

Strawbery Banke Museum is deeply grateful to the foundations that have generously supported the Museum's mission this fiscal year (as of 12/15/21):

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Fuller Foundation  
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New Hampshire Humanities

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts  
New Hampshire Charitable Foundation  
New Hampshire Land and Community  
Heritage Investment Program  
Sidney Stern Memorial Trust  
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## Treehouse School of Portsmouth Pre-School Students Unveil StoryWalk® at Strawberry Banke



"Good Morning, Strawberry Banke" StoryWalk® Project.

Children, adults, and families are invited to read "Good Morning, Strawberry Banke," page-by-page, while walking the grounds of the Museum, free of charge, through April 2022. For more information, visit [StrawberyBanke.org/StoryWalk.cfm](http://StrawberyBanke.org/StoryWalk.cfm).

*The StoryWalk® at Strawberry Banke is inspired by The StoryWalk® Project created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Mrs. Ferguson. Since its inception, StoryWalk® projects have been installed in 50 states and 13 countries.*

In late fall, Lawrence J. Yerdon, President and CEO, and Anne Weidman, Trustee, led students from The Treehouse School of Portsmouth in a ribbon-cutting ceremony kicking off the



## Make a Gift to the Strawberry Banke Fund

Fewer visitors and postponed events have put a tremendous strain on the Museum's operating budget. In Fiscal Years 2020 & 2021, Strawberry Banke experienced a decrease in revenue of over \$575,000, because of the pandemic, from admissions and special events. Strawberry Banke needs your help in achieving a \$405,000 annual goal for operational support.

Gifts to the Strawberry Banke Fund help minimize operational losses and help keep the physical and virtual doors to the Museum open. As Strawberry Banke continues to adapt and safely reinstate onsite programs, while maintaining digital offerings, the Museum relies on the support of the community to make history accessible to all.

Make a gift online at [StrawberyBanke.org/Fund.cfm](http://StrawberyBanke.org/Fund.cfm).

## Imagining the Past Virtual Homeschool Program

Online via Zoom, Tuesdays, March 8–29, 2022, 10:30–11:30 am

Explore three centuries of history using imagination and fantasy! Each class begins with a brief introduction to the historical time period followed by an interactive conversation with one of Strawberry Banke's professional roleplayers. Finally, participants will be taught some period crafts that they can do on their own. Kits with all craft materials are available for purchase for \$6 plus \$9 shipping.

**Imagining the Past is included in the cost of a Homeschool Subscription!** Or pay per program. Imagining the Past program cost: Members: \$40; Nonmembers: \$50. For more information and to register, visit [StrawberyBanke.org/school/homeschool.cfm](http://StrawberyBanke.org/school/homeschool.cfm).

## Strawbery Banke Summer Camps

**Registration opens in February 2022.** Participants learn about all aspects of life in the past and how it connects to our world today. Each camp is structured to be hands-on, providing one-of-a-kind interactive experiences, and minds-on, allowing kids to investigate and explore the world around them. Integrating science, sports, art, theater, cooking, and history; Strawberry Banke camps are designed to get kids excited about the past and eager to be active participants in the world around them. **For more information and to register, visit [StrawberyBanke.org/school/camps.cfm](http://StrawberyBanke.org/school/camps.cfm).**

## Welcome New Staff



**Laura Towne, Director of Human Resources** — Laura Towne joined Strawberry Banke in December of 2021 as the Director of Human Resources. She previously served in many roles at Big Brothers Big Sisters of NH, including in operations and donor engagement. In 2019 she graduated from Boston College with a Masters in Social Work with a macro focus, and in May of 2022, she will graduate from UNH's Paul College with an MBA. In her free time, Laura can be found getting crafty at Board and Brush in Portsmouth, reading, or going for walks in the woods or along the water.





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Visit [strawberybanke.org](http://strawberybanke.org)  
for updated schedules  
and event details



## Thank you, Volunteers!

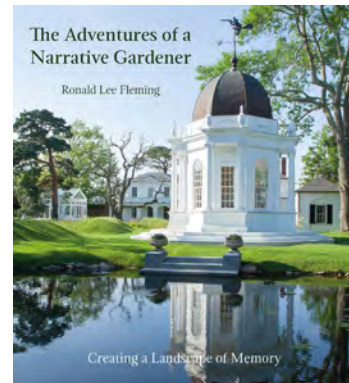
Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Candlelight Stroll Under the Stars a success.

**Junior Roleplayers:** Among all of the things that make Candlelight Stroll special, some of the brightest stars are the Museum's Junior Roleplayers. Each one of them puts their all into portraying people from the history of Strawberry Banke's neighborhood, from the early 1700s through the 1940s. Many thanks to the Junior Roleplayers for making the past come to life, and for that, Strawberry Banke offers them a sincere thank you!

**Horticulture Volunteers:** Many thanks to the numerous Horticulture volunteers for helping to create the numerous wreaths, swags, and other decor that decorated the exteriors of the Museum's historic houses. Their unique and historically accurate design delighted attendees across all nights of the event.

**Facilities Volunteers:** Special thanks to Alan Calhoun, Facilities Volunteer, for restoring and repairing all of the candle boxes for the event. Alan helped ensure that the lanes of the Museum were lit and festive for the event.

**Event Volunteers:** Without the support of the many Candlelight Stroll Under the Stars volunteers, this year's event would not have been possible. The Development Department and the entire Museum staff thanks these individuals for sharing their time with Strawberry Banke to help visitors experience the magic of seasonal and holiday traditions of years past.



## The Adventures of a Narrative Gardener: Creating a Landscape of Memory

Ronald Lee Fleming, Friend of Strawberry Banke and National Council Member, recently released a new book titled "The Adventures of a Narrative Gardener: Creating a Landscape of Memory." As the publisher notes, "...Fleming brings to life the garden he has created at Bellevue House, Newport, and explains his many sources, many of which hold deeply personal memories." Check with your local bookstore on availability. Also sold at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.

**PLANNING AN EVENT?** Strawberry Banke Museum offers unique spaces and historical settings for a wide variety of special events from small private gatherings and meetings to larger weddings and corporate events. The museum has various spaces available to suit your needs. For more information, contact Bethany Porter, Event Rental Manager, via [bporter@sbmuseum.org](mailto:bporter@sbmuseum.org).