



14 Hancock Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801



Visit strawberybanke.org
for updated schedules
and event details

SAVE THE DATES!

Summer Camp Registration

Member Registration: Monday, January 9, 2023, at 10 am
Nonmember Registration: Monday, January 16, 2023, at 10 am



Learn about all aspects of life in the past and how it connects to the world today. Enjoy hands-on, one-of-a-kind interactive experiences, where investigating and exploring history, science, sports, art, theater, and cooking leads to fun-packed days at Strawberry Banke Museum's nearly 10-acre site.

House Hunters Class Homeschool Program (Virtual)

Tuesdays, February 7-28, 2023, 10-11 am



Join this four-class series investigating homes of the eighteenth & nineteenth centuries. Through images, videos, lively discussions, and hands-on projects, students learn the parts of a house and how to identify different house styles. The program is suitable for ages 8+. For more information and to register, visit StrawberyBanke.org/school/homeschool.cfm.

Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke

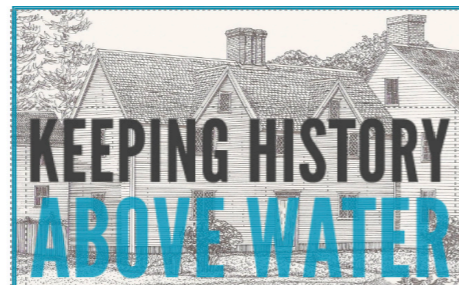
Saturday, April 22 - Sunday, April 30, 2023



Learn about domestic livestock typical on coastal northern New England farms from the 17th century to the present day at this family-friendly event. Peter Cook, Guest Event Curator, and expert breeders from NH, ME, MA, and NY farms answer visitors' questions about the specific heritage breeds, their care, developmental needs, and more.

The Best Ever!: Parades in New England, 1788-1940

Jane Nylander, former Director of Strawberry Banke Museum and President Emerita of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities / Historic New England, released *The Best Ever!: Parades in New England, 1788-1940* in 2021. *The Best Ever!* is illustrated with nearly 300 photographs, including "never-before-seen pictures of actual parades, including floats and banners that have mostly disappeared." Check with your local bookstore on availability. Also sold at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.



MAY 7-9 | PORTSMOUTH, NH

A National, Multi-disciplinary
conference on Saving Historic
Structures and Neighborhoods in
the Face of Rising Tides

HISTORYABOVEWATER.ORG

BANKENOTES

STRAWBERY BANKE MUSEUM

ISSUE 1 2023

Letter from the Chair

AS WE ENTER THE NEW YEAR, there is much to look forward to. Equally, there is much to reflect on and celebrate from the past year.

In 2022, Strawberry Banke completed a full calendar of events and programs, including welcoming more than 10,000 individuals for the 43rd Candlelight Stroll. Over the course of three weekends, members and visitors enjoyed touring the decorated historic houses, listening to carols and performances by wandering musicians, and learning about seasonal and holiday traditions from costumed roleplayers and historical reenactors. I particularly enjoyed hearing about Victorian Christmas traditions from Governor Goodwin and learning how to spin the dreidel from the Shapiros as they celebrated the seventh night of Hanukkah.

This year marked Lawrence J. Yerdon's eighteenth year at the helm of Strawberry Banke Museum as the President and CEO, Thomas W. Haas Endowed Chair. I hope that you will be able to join us in celebrating Larry's transformational leadership on Sunday, January 22 from 4:30-6:30 pm, for a joint birthday and retirement celebration in the newly renamed Lawrence J. Yerdon Visitors Center. We invite you to drop in, enjoy a piece of cake and light refreshments and wish Larry a happy birthday and retirement. Additionally, for those who wish to skate, Strawberry Banke is offering complimentary skating admission and rentals on a first-come, first-served basis.

Now that it's January, we are well into the ninth season of Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond and the first season of online ticketing for skating admission. It is the Museum's hope that this is a convenience for you when making plans to skate as well as taking advantage your member benefit of 50% off skating admission tickets. Speaking of benefits, be sure to mark calendars for Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 10 am, when member ticket sales begin for Seacoast Skating with the Stars. On Saturday, February 4, 2023, from 2-3 pm, Ice Dance International and Strawberry Banke partner to host this fabulous event where local "stars" are paired with IDI pros in a skate-off for audience votes.

Strawbery Banke is blessed to partner with Douglas Webster, Ice Dance International & Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond Artistic Director, and his company of extremely talented skaters, who take up a winter residency at Strawberry Banke during January and February. Be sure to take advantage of community skating classes and keep a lookout for pop-up performances and other events.

Perhaps most importantly in 2023, Strawberry Banke welcomes a new President and CEO, Thomas W. Haas Endowed Chair, to lead the Museum in this new chapter of fulfilling its mission. I look forward to introducing Larry's successor to the Strawberry Banke community and trust that you will all welcome the new leader with open arms and offer great support.

May your New Year be an inspiring one!

Cynthia Fenneman *Chair of the Board of Trustees*



PHOTO COURTESY DAVID J. MURRAY/CLEAREYEPHOTO.COM



Seacoast
skating
with the
stars

Saturday, February 4, 2023, 2 PM

Last year's event sold out! Directed 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.

Tickets for rinkside viewing

Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. VIP tickets include the opportunity to meet & greet the skaters and skating admission immediately following the show until 4 PM.

VIP (meet & greet the skaters)

Adult: \$22
Children (ages 5-17): \$18
Children (under 5): free, ticket required

General Admission

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

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.



New Hampshire
State Council on the Arts

Ice Dance International and Strawberry Banke Museum are supported in part by grants from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.



EVERGREEN DENTAL | HDC GENERAL CONTRACTORS | NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL
WINTER HOLBEN ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN

Larry's Birthday & Retirement Skating Party

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023, 4:30-6:30 PM



Save the date to attend a drop-in birthday and retirement party for Larry Yerdon. Wish Larry a happy birthday and retirement — and enjoy a slice of cake as well as complimentary skating & skate rentals at Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond. Cake and skating are offered on a first-come, first-served.

Cake and skating are offered on a first-come, first-served.

"Run Through History" half kilometer

Saturday, February 11, 2023, 1 PM

A half-K run? Not a typo! Join Strawberry Banke for the second annual "Run Through History" half kilometer. Enjoy 260 years of architectural heritage in one loop that can be walked, jogged, or run on the historic campus of the Museum. Historical costumes are encouraged, as is bringing a watch for self-timing. \$20 donation per person. Proceeds from the run benefit the "History Within Reach" program, providing workshops to economically underserved schools that would not otherwise be able to afford field trips.

Ice Dance International Winter Residency

Ice Dance International (IDI), a professional performing-arts ice-dance company, resides annually at Strawberry Banke from mid-January through February. IDI provides the community and schools with pop-up performances and community programming at Strawberry Banke and across New England.

Upcoming IDI Programming at Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond

Community Skating Classes: Taught by Douglas Webster, Artistic Director of IDI and Labrie Family Skate, with support from the IDI company, these adult skating classes are open to all and do not require advance registration. Additionally, IDI provides up to three free pop-up youth classes throughout the season. Check the rink schedule for weekly updates.

Seacoast Skating with the Stars: Ice Dance International partners with Strawberry Banke Museum for Seacoast Skating with the Stars on Saturday, February 4, 2022, at 2 PM. This 4th annual event partners local "non-skaters" with the IDI pros in a skate-off like Dancing with the Stars.



"Get Out and Skate" Program: Ice Dance International provides accessible ways for people from diverse backgrounds to view and appreciate the art of dance on ice, as well as to

engage in a healthy recreational activity in fun and innovative ways. IDI's partnerships include Little Harbour School and Future in Sight.

Pop-up performances & additional programming: Additional programs and community engagement opportunities may be announced throughout the season. Be sure to like and follow both the Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond and the Ice Dance International Facebook Pages for updates



Renaming the Shapley-Drisco House

It's not every day that a house is renamed at Strawberry Banke. In late October, a group of Museum staff, friends, and former Puddle Dockers celebrated the renaming of the Shapley-Drisco House to the Shapley-Drisco-Pridham House in honor and celebration of the Pridham Family and all former residents of Puddle Dock.

Sherm Pridham, a friend of the Museum, lived in the Puddle Dock neighborhood, specifically the Shapley-Drisco-Pridham House, during the 1940s and 1950s. Together with Strawberry Banke, Sherm remains dedicated to preserving and sharing stories about Puddle Dock, including Urban Renewal and the displacement of many families from the neighborhood. More information will be posted to Strawberry Banke social media accounts on how the interpretation of the Drisco-Pridham side of the Shapley-Drisco-Pridham House continues to be enhanced and personalized to the Pridham family.



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 contact Joe April, Director of Development: japril@sbmuseum.org / 603.422.755

Thank you, Grantors!

Strawbery Banke is grateful to the grantors who have recently awarded funds to support the Museum's mission:

- The Fuller Foundation
- The Roger R. and Theresa S. Thompson Endowment Fund



STRAWBERRY BANKE FUND

Your gift to the Strawberry Banke Fund helps underwrite the Museum's commitment to the community including

Library Passes: Strawberry Banke offers annual library membership passes to many libraries in NH, ME, and MA. Library memberships offer patrons complimentary daily general museum admission and admission to select Strawberry Banke events, as well as a 50% discount on ice-skating at Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond.

Blue Star Museum: To honor and thank those currently serving in the United States Military, including the National Guard and Reserve, Strawberry Banke provides complimentary general museum admission to active Military and their families.

History Within Reach: Strawberry Banke offers economically underserved schools complimentary or deeply discounted workshops and field trips through the "History Within Reach" program.

Complimentary Skating Tickets: The Museum has established partnerships with The Chase Home, Families First, Crossroads House, Dover Children's Home, Gather, Krempels Center, and Future In Sight, providing complimentary skating admission tickets to those served by these organizations.

To make a gift, visit StrawberryBanke.org/donate.cfm, scan and use the QR code, contact Sarah Regan, Donor and Visitor Services Associate, at 603.421.1644, or mail a check payable to Strawberry Banke Museum to PO Box 300, Portsmouth, NH 03801.



IN MEMORIAM

William Dean Howells II, "Dean," a longtime friend and supporter of Strawberry Banke, died on Monday, October 3, 2022, at his home in Kittery Point, Maine, overlooking Pepperell Cove. Dean's interest in Strawberry Banke Museum followed in the footsteps of his parents: His father, William White Howells, was the son of architect John Mead Howells, who with Stephen Decatur IV drafted a plan for a "maritime village" to preserve the colonial homes on the Portsmouth waterfront in 1935. Dean's mother, Muriel Howells, a champion of historic preservation, was described as "the woman who orchestrated the founding of Strawberry Banke" and was "instrumental in creating, administering and funding" the Museum. W. Dean Howells supported numerous major projects at Strawberry Banke, including the Heritage House Program, and served as a member of the Board of Trustees.

David Alan Donath, former Director of Strawberry Banke, died on Friday, November 25, 2022, at his home on Lake Groton, Vermont, after battling a long illness. In addition to directing Strawberry Banke, David had a long, successful career as a museum professional, serving in leadership roles at the Woodstock Foundation, the Jackson Hole Preserve, Inc., the Vermont Civil War Commission, the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and Fort Ticonderoga.

Diana Edwards Murnaghan died on Saturday, November 26, 2022, at her Mount Vernon Place home. She was, in her own words, "a ceramic historian and author of seven books on English ceramics, and 30+ articles on French and English ceramics." Diana was on the Strawberry Banke National Council and on the Board of the American Ceramics Circle. In 1988, she was involved in an exhibit and article called "Generations of Trash," featuring ceramics from the Hart-Shortridge House on Deer Street in Portsmouth. The Success to Trade bowl featured in this article is now on display in the "Port of Portsmouth" exhibit in the Thales Yeaton House.