

# BANKENOTES

STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

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## From the President and CEO

**A**LTHOUGH EVERY SEASON IS SPECIAL at Strawberry Banke, it's wonderful in the summer when the gardens are in full bloom, and the sounds of laughter can be heard around every corner from visitors enjoying all the Museum has to offer.

With summertime comes the hustle and bustle of the daily program and a slate of special events. This year in particular there is much additional activity throughout the grounds. On one of my recent walks throughout the site, I overheard a conversation of a young family complimenting Strawberry Banke on its restoration efforts.

Maintaining the 37 historic houses at Strawberry Banke is ongoing, with nearly half a dozen projects underway. Most noticeably may be the repairs to the roof and gutters on the Goodwin Mansion or the fresh coat of paint to the exterior of the Yeaton-Walsh House in the center of the campus.

Rehabilitation, restoration, and preservation efforts are costly. Thanks to the generosity and support of grantors, donors, and you, our members, the Museum can realize its mission of promoting 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.

There are many ways to support the Museum; bring your guests and visitors to Strawberry Banke, donate to the Strawberry Banke Fund, or attend an upcoming special event, such as Vintage & Vine on Saturday, September 10.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to welcoming you on your next visit.

Regards,



Lawrence J. Yerdon  
President and CEO





### Vintage & Vine Silent Auction!

Friday, Sept. 2, 2022, 10 am  
to Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022, 6 pm

Items include gift cards, home goods, great escapes, beauty products, health and fitness packages, and more. For more information, visit [StrawberyBanke.org/VVauCTION.cfm](http://StrawberyBanke.org/VVauCTION.cfm).

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022. RAIN OR SHINE

**General Admission:** 5-7:30 pm. *Tickets still available!*

**VIP 4-** **SOLD OUT**

#### *A wine festival in historic style and annual fundraiser for Strawberry Banke Museum. Now in its 34th year.*

Vintage & Vine, the fine wine and food festival, is championed by the Board of Trustees and takes place when the museum is at its finest, burnished to perfection by the season. **Sample wonderful wines** from wine distributors and vineyards while strolling the historic neighborhood when the gardens are at a high-summer peak. Additionally, **enjoy innovative bites** from the star chefs, caterers, and restaurant partners and **browse, bid on, and buy unique items and experiences** in the live and silent auction.

**VIP Admission** **SOLD OUT**

**General Admission: \$85\***

**VIP Designated** **SOLD OUT**

**General Admission Designated Driver: \$35**

*\*Strawbery Banke Members save \$20 off the ticket price. The number of discounted tickets is based on membership level and the discount excludes designated driver tickets.*

### 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](mailto:vintageandvine@sbmuseum.org)

*Many thanks to the following Vintage @ Vine sponsors:*



## Tuesdays on the Terrace

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

- July 5,** "Kids Music and Magic Night" with Sages Entertainment and Mr. Aaron
- July 12,** Ben Baldwin & Kent Allyn
- July 19,** "Chorus Night" with Sounds of the Seacoast and Portsmouth Pro Musica
- July 26,** Sharon Jones
- August 2,** Tom Richter & the Sidewalk Boys
- August 9,** The Russ Grazier Quartet
- August 16,** "Kids Dance Party and Magic Show" with Sages Entertainment and DJ Jay La Bella
- August 23,** Liz Frame and the Kickers
- August 30,** Dave Gerard/Truffle
- September 6,** Chickenshack Bluegrass Band
- September 13,** OldHat Stringband

**Cost per concert:** Members free; Nonmembers \$5. For more information, visit [StrawberyBanke.org/music-series.cfm](http://StrawberyBanke.org/music-series.cfm).

*Many thanks to Tuesdays on the Terrace sponsors:* Kennebunk Savings Bank, Xfinity, and Whole Foods Market, with additional support from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts & National Endowment for the Arts, and the Rosamond Thaxter Foundation.



### Water has a Memory: Preserving Strawberry Banke and Portsmouth from Sea Level Rise

Strawbery Banke Museum's historic houses are being damaged by the impact of sea-level rise. Right now. Learn how history is impacting the present and future, understand the problems, and learn proactive ways to adopt local, regional, national, and international initiatives to address sea-level rise. Open daily through October 31, 2022, in the Rowland Gallery.



## Lorne Jones & Laura Brown



You're never too old (**YOUNG!**) to make a planned gift.

"We were thrilled to join the Puddle Dock Society by putting Strawberry Banke in our wills. This commitment — even if the actual gift is deferred — shows other potential supporters that we believe in the Museum, today, tomorrow, and, many years from now."

**Laura Brown**, National Council Member, Volunteer, and Puddle Dock Society Member & **Lorne Jones**, National Council Chair and Puddle Dock Society Member

To learn more about supporting Strawberry Banke Museum with a planned gift, please contact Joe April, Director of Development at [japril@sbmuseum.org](mailto:japril@sbmuseum.org) or 603.422.7551.

## Historic House Updates

*Strawberry Banke staff and contractors are hard at work on several projects to preserve the Museum's historic houses.*



**Captain Walsh House, c. 1796** — This hands-on exhibit invites visitors to examine furniture, open drawers, look inside trunks, search in the garden, and explore anything that strikes curiosity. The exterior of the house will be painted over the summer. The Captain Walsh House exhibit has been made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**Goodwin Mansion, c. 1811** — Strawberry Banke is replacing the wood gutters and roof on the Goodwin Mansion.



In order to replace the roof, the balustrade (architectural feature) was removed, repaired, and repainted.

As part of the Museum's commitment to bringing sustainability and resiliency to all projects, modifications to the gutter system to accommodate the larger amounts of rainwater the region now experiences on a regular basis are being installed.

**Penhallow House, c. 1750** — Phase one of the Penhallow House project (foundation and exterior restoration) has been made possible in part by National Endowment for the Humanities, LCHIP, Cogswell Benevolent Trust, the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation, and the McNinch Foundation. As part of the overall Sea Level Rise Initiative, exciting opportunities to mitigate groundwater in the basement are being explored.

**Sherburne House, c. 1695** — The Sherburne House project continues throughout the summer. Strawberry Banke is partnering with architectural historian Bill Finch to create plans as well as contracting with an engineer to determine how to rebuild the chimney on a groundwater-impacted basement. The Museum will soon have results from the engineer which will help us determine the design of a new chimney.

**The Yeaton-Walsh House, c. 1803** — The Yeaton-Walsh House



is currently being painted in new colors. Paint analysis has revealed that the body of the house was originally an ochre color, and the trim a dark green. The contrast is striking after so many years of the house being white. The roof will also be completed this year.

## Welcome New Staff



**Sharon Martel, Director of Finance** — Sharon Martel joined Strawberry Banke in May of 2022. She brings to the Museum 11 years of nonprofit administration and financial management experience, as well as 18 years of experience working for the largest law firms in Maine & NH. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Southern NH University and a Master's of Science in Environmental Studies from Green Mountain College. When not buried in spreadsheets, Sharon enjoys reading, paddling her kayak to spot loons, hiking, skiing, and chilling in her backyard with the birds and other wildlife.

## Staff Accomplishments

**Laura Towne, Director of Human Resources, Volunteers, and Interns** — In May of 2022, Laura completed her Masters of Business of Administration through the UNH Paul College. As part of this program, Laura had been awarded the Lai Family Foundation Scholarship for balancing academic programming with a full-time job and other life commitments. Congratulations, Laura!

**Rodney Rowland, Director of Facilities and Environmental Sustainability** — Rodney presented at the Keeping History Above Water Conference, in May 2022 in Norfolk, VA, about Strawberry Banke's mitigation and adaptation strategies and the Museum's outreach and educational programs. Rodney continues to spearhead awareness efforts and has played a pivotal role in Strawberry Banke's partnership with the City of Portsmouth to host the KHAW Conference in 2023, in conjunction with the 2023 Portsmouth NH 400th.



## STRAWBERRY BANKE FUND

The Strawberry Banke Fund is critical to the success of programs, providing an expanded base of financial support. Unrestricted gifts to the Fund enable Strawberry Banke to meet the Museum's daily and unexpected costs. Contributions support Education, Roleplaying, Restoration, Interpretation, Curatorial, Horticulture, Visitor Services, Collections, and Archaeology initiatives by providing essential resources.

To make a gift, visit [StrawberryBanke.org/donate.cfm](http://StrawberryBanke.org/donate.cfm), contact Megan McNutt, Membership and Stewardship Manager, at 603.422.7508, or mail a check payable to Strawberry Banke Museum to PO Box 300, Portsmouth, NH 03802.



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for updated schedules  
and event details

#### FROM THE COLLECTIONS



As Strawberry Banke prepares for Vintage & Vine — A Wine Festival in Historic Style, the Collections Department shares this creamware Monteith bowl (2001.38), usually found in the Chase House dining room. These unique vessels were made to cool wine glasses by resting the base of the glass upside down in the grooves of

the rim. One would then fill the body with ice water, thereby chilling the glasses.

When first introduced in the late seventeenth century, Monteiths were largely made of silver. Monteith bowls were named for a larger-than-life Scotsman, “Monsieur Monteigh,” who likely had nothing to do with their production, and everything to do with using them for consumption. As Homer said, “wine can of their wits the wise beguile, Make the sage frolic, and the serious smile.”

This rare English example dates to about 1780 and has a local history. Strawberry Banke purchased this bowl in 2001 from a private collection in Greenland, NH.



### Ticketing System Update

In an effort to improve the member and user ticketing and registration experience, Strawberry Banke is switching online ticketing systems from Simpletix to Altru, a comprehensive ticketing, fundraising, and membership management software. Members will receive additional email correspondence on how to create an account, purchase tickets, and other key information.

**Please make sure Strawberry Banke has your preferred email address.** To update your information, contact Megan McNutt, Membership and Donor Stewardship Manager at 603.422.7508 or [membership@sbmuseum.org](mailto:membership@sbmuseum.org).

### SAVE THE DATES!



#### Portsmouth Fairy House Tours

September 24 & September 25, 2022, 10 am–3 pm

Tour more than 250 fairy houses during the Portsmouth Fairy House Tour produced by the Friends of the South End.



#### Ghosts on the Banke

A family-friendly Halloween @ trick-or-treat event  
October 28 & October 29, 2022, 5:30–8 pm

Trick-or-treat safely outdoors from house to historic house with Jack-o'-lanterns lighting the way of Portsmouth's oldest waterfront neighborhood.

#### Dawnland StoryFest

New Hampshire's annual Indigenous storytelling festival  
November 5, 2022, 10 am–5 pm

This daylong event features storytelling “concerts” or performances by experienced Indigenous Northeast storytellers as well as a keynote address.