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STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

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Letter from the Chair

THERE IS SO MUCH TO BE EXCITED about for the upcoming season at Strawberry Banke!

Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke is always a terrific way to kick off the season. Darling heirloom breed lambs, piglets, and other barnyard baby animals truly bring history to life for visitors of all ages and shine awareness on the preservation efforts for these rare breeds. Our sincere thanks to Peter Cook, Guest Curator, for producing this event and the opportunities to learn about the animals more in-depth at the Children's Program and the pre-event reception for the President's Club. If you missed Baby Animals this year, mark your calendars for April 22 – 30, 2023.


The historic houses reopened for the season on May 1. With this seasonal opening comes many exciting exhibits and programs. Visitors can immerse themselves in nineteenth-century life in the Captain Walsh House and Garden's interactive exhibits. Sit on the bed, touch the soft linens, and experience what life was like for sea captain Keyran Walsh and his family. Additionally, Strawberry Banke invites guests to interact with the "Water Has a Memory" exhibit in the Rowland Gallery and explore how the Museum and its partners address the rising waters.

In addition to welcoming visitors to engage once more with the stories of the Puddle Dock neighborhood, Strawberry Banke Museum pushes forward for the spring and summertime with a full calendar of activities. In addition to collaborative activities such as Piscataqua Riverfest in partnership with the Gundalow Company and summer favorites such as Tuesdays on the Terrace outdoor concert series, the Museum is thrilled to once more host the U.S. Naturalization Ceremony on the 4th of July. This patriotic and joyous celebration is one of my favorites.

All of these innovative programs would not be possible without the support of Strawberry Banke members. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at the Museum soon.




Cynthia Fenneman, *Chair of the Board of Trustees*



"Water Has A Memory" exhibit in the Rowland Gallery is open daily 10 AM - 5 PM and is included with Museum admission. Photo courtesy of David J. Murray/ClearEyePhoto.com."

Historic House Season & “What’s New”

Sunday, May 1 – Monday, October 31, 2022  Open daily, 10 am – 5 pm

In addition to touring the historic houses, engaging with costumed roleplayers, watching traditional crafts demonstrations, and exploring the historical gardens, there is much to explore and rediscover this season. Remember, members receive free daily museum admission.

REDISCOVER ENGAGING EXHIBITS

Cotton Tenant North — Horticulture Learning Center: Experience hands-on programs inspired by the Museum’s heirloom gardens, plants, and investigations based on 300+ years of garden-related items in the historical collections.

Cotton Tenant South — Traditional Craft Center: Learn how weavers turn wool into cloth. Watch a weaving demonstration with several different looms that are available for visitors to try under the direction of Museum staff.

The Lowd House — Portsmouth Woodworking Exhibit: The Lowd House contains an exhibit on New Hampshire craftsmen and their tools.



The Jones House — People of the Dawnland exhibit: Explore the culture, arts, foodways, and storytelling traditions of the Abenaki people who, according to archaeological evidence and oral tradition, have lived in New Hampshire for over 12,000 years. Additionally, be sure to view the wigwam located on the Museum grounds built in 2021 by Strawberry Banke staff, volunteers, the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People and the Indigenous New Hampshire Collaborative Collective.

The Wheelwright House — Historic Foodways: Explore historic foodways with techniques and skills taught by the Museum’s culinary historians.

Rowland Gallery — “Water has a Memory: Preserving Strawberry Banke and Portsmouth from Sea Level Rise” exhibit: The exhibit, in partnership with the City of Portsmouth, is a model to tell the story of sea-level rise and teaches the public about the number of factors contributing to increased flooding events from surface water and groundwater. The exhibit continues to be modified to illustrate how both the Museum and the City of Portsmouth have adapted to address the rising waters.

The Captain Walsh House and Garden: Explore the home and garden of sea captain Keyran Walsh in the early 19th century. The hands-on exhibit in the house allows visitors to examine the furniture, open the drawers, look inside trunks, search in the garden and explore anything that strikes curiosity.

Note: The Captain Walsh House is open on a periodic basis until the early summer. If you wish to explore the Captain Walsh House, please contact the Admission Desk at 603.433.1100 when planning a visit.



Piscataqua Riverfest

Saturday, June 4, 2022, 10 am–5 pm



The Piscataqua Riverfest, presented by the Gundalow Company in partnership with Strawberry Banke Museum, is part

festival, part boat show, and part celebration. The event is designed to celebrate and educate visitors about the rich maritime heritage of the Piscataqua Region and provide opportunities for all ages to have fun on and near the water. The event includes a traditional boat show, local food, live music, and demonstrations. All ages welcome. For more information and tickets, visit PiscataquaRiverfest.com.

Flag Day Celebration

Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 9-10 AM

Join Strawberry Banke and alumni from Haven School, Farragut Elementary School, and North End school for a Flag Day commemoration. Members of the public are invited to assemble on the Museum side of Marcy Street, opposite the Liberty Pole. Festivities include a presentation of the colors by a delegation from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and remarks from the City official. Free to attend. For more information, visit StrawberryBanke.org/flagday.cfm.



Make a Plan for Giving — Join the Puddle Dock Society!

With a planned gift, make a significant and long lasting impact on Strawberry Banke Museum and the museum's



programs and services for years to come. Make a planned gift through a will or living trust, retirement account, life insurance policy, or a more sophisticated estate planning vehicle.

Those who make planned giving arrangements as a part of their legacy become members of the Museum's Puddle Dock Society and are recognized:

- In the annual Honor Roll of Donors
- With special event invitations
- With annual updates from Lawrence J. Yerdon, President and CEO

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



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, 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 03801.



President's Club

Cynthia Fenneman, Chair of the Strawberry Banke Board of Trustees, and Lawrence J. Yerdon, President and CEO, welcomed members of the President's Club to a Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke preview on Friday, April 22. Peter Cook, Guest Curator, provided behind-the-scenes insight into the planning of the event and led the group to view many rare heritage breeds up-close.

The President's Club is a group of donors who have made significant contributions to Strawberry Banke to help advance the Museum's mission. The President's Club gathers for exclusive social events to network with other supporters six times a year. For more information on how to join, contact Joe April, Director of Development, via japril@sbmuseum.org or 603.422.7551.

IN MEMORIAM

KENNETH E. BARRETT, former Strawberry Banke Trustee and Board Treasurer died on February 12, 2022. After moving to Kittery, Maine in 1988, Ken and his wife Eve became actively involved in the community and supported numerous organizations including Strawberry Banke. He is a charter member of the Puddle Dock Society and was a friend and supporter of Strawberry Banke Museum for over twenty years.



GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

Need a unique gift? Enjoy your membership benefits? Consider gifting a Strawberry Banke Museum Membership. Members at Strawberry Banke have access to it all — whether it's exclusive invitations and discounts, moving to the front of the line, or hearing about unique programming, exhibits, and events first. For more information and to purchase a gift membership, visit StrawberryBanke.org/join.cfm.





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Visit strawberybanke.org
for updated schedules
and event details

SAVE THE DATE!

vintage & vine

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022
VIP Admission: 4-7:30 pm General Admission: 5-7:30 pm

Last year's event sold out!

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Mark calendars for the 34th annual Vintage & Vine, the fine wine and food festival. The event 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. **Browse, bid, and buy unique items and experiences** in the live and silent auction.

Member ticket sales begin on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 10 am.

Public ticket sales begin on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 10 am.

VIP ADMISSION (4-7:30 pm): \$125*; (*designated driver \$45*)

GENERAL ADMISSION (5-7:30 pm): \$85* (*designated driver \$35*)

Tickets at StrawberyBanke.org/events/vintage-and-vine.cfm

**Strawbery Banke Members save \$30 off the ticket price with early bird pricing through Sunday, June 19, 2022. Discount excludes designated driver tickets. Starting Monday, June 20, 2022, members save \$20 off the ticket price.*

Volunteer at Strawberry Banke!

Through the efforts of our extraordinary volunteers, Strawberry Banke provides quality programs and events that benefit thousands of visitors each year. Volunteers give their time and talents to support the following activities:

- ❖ ARCHAEOLOGY
- ❖ DEVELOPMENT
- ❖ EDUCATION
- ❖ FACILITIES
- ❖ HORTICULTURE
- ❖ HUMAN RESOURCES
- ❖ SPECIAL EVENTS

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please email Laura Towne, Director of Human Resources, Volunteers, and Interns via ltowne@sbmuseum.org. Unsure of what might interest you? Email Laura to learn about various opportunities or to receive the volunteer e-newsletter.