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SAVE THE DATES!

Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond

Opening Day (weather dependent):
“Frozen Friday,” November 25, 2022,
9 AM

Strawbery Banke Museum’s seasonal outdoor ice-skating rink offers daily public skating, ice-skate rentals, event rentals, adaptive ice time, and skating lessons from December to March.



Candlelight Stroll

Experience seasonal & holiday traditions of times past

Saturdays, December 3, 10, 17, 2022, 5–9 pm
Sundays, December 4, 11, 18, 2022, 4–8 pm

Travel from house to historic house adorned with seasonal and holiday décor, with the glow of hundreds of lighted candle lanterns lighting the way. Call upon the many families who once lived in the Puddle Dock neighborhood and enjoy seasonal greetings from costumed roleplayers and performers who recreate the traditions of times past. **Member ticket sales begin on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 10 am**

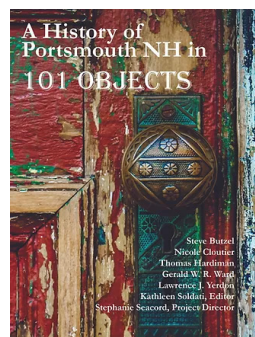


PUDDLE DOCK SOCIETY

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 StrawberyBanke.org/PuddleDockSociety.cfm or contact Joe April, Director of Development: japril@sbmuseum.org / 603.422.755

A History of Portsmouth NH in 101 Objects

Now available for pre-publication purchase!



A collaborative group of local historical institution leaders launched the “Portsmouth History in 101 Objects” project, an initiative designed to create a commemorative book and website for the Portsmouth NH 400 anniversary in 2023. The book features full-color photographs of 101 objects unique to Portsmouth and short essays by local authors to represent the pre-history, birth, history, present, and future of the City of Portsmouth. For more information, visit 101objectsportsmouthnh.org.

Download and Play the BankeQuest App!

Download the BankeQuest App, a family-friendly quest that guides visitors throughout the Museum with a series of rhyming clues from JD the Cat! Developed by Graphic Details, Inc. in partnership with Strawbery Banke Museum, the app allows users to find their way around the grounds, learn more about their surroundings, and discover interesting facts along the way. Available for free from the App Store or Google Play.



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Letter from the Chair

I'D LIKE TO START OFF BY THANKING LARRY YERDON for his remarkable passion, innovation, and tireless efforts as president and CEO of Strawbery Banke Museum for the past 18 years! As you may have read in recent member communications or newspaper headlines, Larry publicly announced his plans for retiring in January 2023. It has been an honor to work with him through the years and witness his leadership play a transformational role in making Strawbery Banke the jewel that it is. There will be much more celebration of Larry in this newsletter's next issue, which will be delivered to your mailbox in mid-November.

This summer was an incredible season for Strawbery Banke. Based on the high number of visitors to the Museum's grounds throughout the summer, it's clear that Portsmouth has once more resumed its role as a premier arts and cultural destination. Perhaps you saw that Strawbery Banke was featured in a recent article by Conde Nast Traveler of “The Best Things to Do in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.”

In addition to daily activities, Vintage & Vine – A Wine Festival in Historic Style is the first of many exciting autumn activities. I'd like to give special thanks to my fellow trustees especially to Robyn Aldo, Vintage & Vine Event Chair, sponsors, donors of auction items, restaurants, chefs, wine vendors, the band, Museum staff, and volunteers. The event's success could not be possible without their support.

As you may know, proceeds from Vintage & Vine and its online auction support ongoing preservation and education efforts. If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to browse the many exciting experiences and unique items in this year's auction. If you have the itch to travel, you might find that the luxury Santa Fe Cooking, Art, and Culture Trip for Two is your next vacation destination. Or perhaps dinner and a show at Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club for a night out in Portsmouth is more appealing. Either way, be sure to make your bids before the online auction ends at 6 PM on September 25.

Soon to come are the Friends of the South End's Portsmouth Fairy House Tour (the world's largest) and Ghosts on the Banke – the family-friendly, trick-or-treat event. Additionally, Strawbery Banke Museum is proud to once more host the Dawnland StoryFest, New Hampshire's annual Native American storytelling festival. This year's event takes place in the Visitors Center and features five traditional Indigenous storytellers.

Thanks to your continued support of the Museum and its many events and programs, Strawbery Banke continues to be popular and vibrant. I look forward to thanking you in person at an upcoming event.

Cynthia Fenneman, Chair of the Board of Trustees





AUCTION

Friday, September 2 at 10 am
through Sunday, September 25, 2022, at 6 pm

Whether shopping for yourself or getting a head start on the holidays, you'll find something for everyone. All proceeds benefit Strawberry Banke Museum's educational programs and preservation efforts. Items include gift cards, home goods, great escapes, beauty products, health and fitness packages, and more. Some items are highlighted below. For a full list of items and to make a bid, visit StrawberyBanke.org/VVAuction.cfm.



Four Red Sox Tickets for a 2023 Season Home Game in the State Street Pavilion Club at Fenway Park. Enjoy a bird's-eye view of first base in the State Street Pavilion for a Red Sox game in the 2023 season. The State Street Pavilion

box seats are steps away from concessions and the restrooms. Date determined by the donor and the winning bidder (5 opportunities available). Donated by Matt and Jill McFarland. Value: \$350.



Dinner & a Show in the "Library Room" at Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club. Jimmy's is designed and built with superior acoustics and sound equipment to showcase some of the music world's most talented jazz and blues artists. A gift certificate

redeemable for dinner and a show for 4 in the "Library Room" at Jimmy's. Donated by Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club. Value: \$500.



Private Wine and Spirit Tasting for 10-12 Guests at Flag Hill Distillery and Winery. Flag Hill Winery makes wines from French-American, and Minnesota hybrid grapes, and produces excellent fruit wines, fortified wine, and sparkling wines. Private tastings must be scheduled in advance and attendees must be 21+.

The certificate is valid on Sundays, January 2023 - May 2023 and expires on May 31, 2023. Donated by Flag Hill Distillery and Winery. Value: \$600.

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. The world's largest fairy house festival includes activities such as storytelling, face painting, crafts, and games. For more information and tickets, please visit FairyHouseTour.com.



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. Meet wayward pirates and a mysterious fortune-teller, listen to ghostly tales, construct a giant spider web, dance to spooky musical tunes, and play games for prizes. Additionally, enjoy frighteningly fun shopping at Pickwick's At the Banke, the Museum store. Event held in rain or by moonlight. Members (ages 1+) \$4; Nonmembers (ages 1+) \$8; Children under 1, free. **Member ticket sales begin September 21, 2022. Tickets are limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis.**

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Dawnland StoryFest

New Hampshire's annual Native American storytelling festival
NOVEMBER 5, 2022, 10 AM-5 PM

This daylong event in the TYCO Visitors Center features storytelling "concerts" or performances by five experienced Indigenous storytellers as well as a keynote address. Gayle Ross (Cherokee), Dawnland Storyfest 2022 keynote speaker, is a direct descendant of Principal Chief John Ross.

Her storytelling concert and keynote will be broadcast on Zoom for virtual attendees. Additionally, attendees are invited to attend a "Swapping Grounds" story-sharing session to share a prepared traditional Native American lesson story — or just to listen. Suggested donation of \$10.

This project was made possible with support from New Hampshire Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Fall & Winter Homeschool Programs

Strawbery Banke welcomes families to step into the past either in person or virtually for learning and discovery in the historic neighborhood of Puddle Dock. Explore traditional arts and crafts such as basket weaving and woodworking, learn how to write a historical fiction book, develop scientific experiments blending history and science, and so much more. For more information, visit StrawberyBanke.org/school/homeschool.cfm.

New Staff Members

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



Poleena Vassiliev, Collections Manager — Poleena joins Strawberry Banke as Collections Manager in 2022. She also works in public library Special Collections. In 2021 she completed her Master's in Library and Information Science at Simmons University and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Art History from the University of North

Florida. In her free time, Poleena enjoys reading, making dumpings, and the ocean.

- Margaret April**, Historic Interpreter & Roleplayer
- Tim Benoit**, Historic Interpreter
- Carolina Cooper**, Historic Interpreter
- Harrison English-Yonan**, Parking Lot Attendant & Historic Interpreter
- Philip Goulet**, Historic Interpreter
- Tessa Hollister**, Visitor Services Associate and Historic Interpreter
- Sarah Hoskin**, Historic Interpreter
- Mary Liz Lancaster**, Visitor Services Associate
- Katelyn Leboeuf**, Parking Lot Attendant
- Kathy Maloney**, Historic Interpreter
- Marcie Paez**, Historic Interpreter & Roleplayer
- Penny Remick**, Visitor Services Associate
- Elsa Rogers**, Historic Interpreter & Roleplayer
- Katie Spencer**, Historic Interpreter

Thank you, interns!

Many thanks to Strawberry Banke Museum's six summer interns for all their work this season. Staff members have greatly enjoyed having them as a part of the team.



- Meaghan Brennan**, Summer Camp Intern
- Savannah Kruguer**, Summer Camp Intern
- Miranda Leclerc**, Archaeology Intern
- Anna McGrath**, Landscape Horticulture Intern
- Maddy Noah**, Landscape Horticulture Intern
- John York**, Development Intern

IN MEMORIAM

Howard S. Crosby, Capt. USN Ret., dedicated Archaeology Department volunteer and friend of Strawberry Banke, died on April 16, 2022.



Strawbery Banke announces the naming of the Kennebunk Savings Terrace

Strawbery Banke Museum announced the naming of the Kennebunk Savings Terrace on Tuesday, August 9 in a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony honoring one of the primary donors who enabled its upgrade and expansion. At the ceremony, representatives from Kennebunk Savings presented Lawrence J. Yerdon, President and CEO, and Cynthia Fenneman, Chair of the Board of Trustees, with a check for \$50,000.

The effort to expand and create a more accessible year-round space began earlier this year with Rink Services Group issuing the "Keep Skating Accessible" \$5,000 match challenge fundraiser over the Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend in February. Donors raised \$13,421, including matching funds from RSG over three days, earmarked toward expanding the rink patio and making it a permanent structure.

Additional improvements to the Kennebunk Savings Terrace include replacing the existing outdoor furniture with ADA Compliant tables and chairs, planters on wheels that can be moved for functions, as well as significant electrical upgrades to the outdoor space, including new exterior lighting. Additionally, a non-permanent covering will be installed at a later date to offer shade during the warmer months.



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 StrawberyBanke.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.