

BANKENOTES

STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

SPRING 2024

From the President & CEO

SPRING IS A TIME OF TRANSITION at Strawberry Banke. While Rink Services Group is hard at work rolling up the last of Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond after a winter of fun, and Ice Dance International completed its final pop-up performances, the Museum is gearing up for two significant events scheduled for Saturday, April 27!

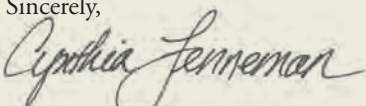
Mark your calendars for the return of Gloucestershire Old Spot piglets, Jacob lambs, and nearly a dozen more heritage breeds baby animals for the much-anticipated spring event, "Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke." Once more, Guest Curator Peter Cook shares his invaluable knowledge of heirloom breeds and enlists the assistance of expert breeders from New England and New York to delight and educate audiences of all ages.

In addition to this adorable history lesson, I am also thrilled to share that the historic houses will open a few days earlier than their typical seasonal opening to coincide with the Baby Animals event. After visiting the animals, be sure to explore the historic houses, especially the newest additions to the Walsh House. Lift the fork on the table in the dining room and trigger the new motion-censored audio program to learn about proper dining etiquette in 1802.

Exhibit enhancements and the integration of new technology are possible thanks to your generosity and support of the Strawberry Banke Fund (annual fund). The Museum is blessed to have the support of the Puddle Dock Restaurant, TOUR Golf & Grill and Ryan Lent, Owner, in leading the March Match Strawberry Banke Fund Challenge. Every gift made during March will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000 to help realize the vision of Strawberry Banke.

Thank you for joining me in making a March Match gift and for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Fenneman, *Chair of the Board of Trustees*





NEW!
 Combo ticket for
 Baby Animals &
 Museum Admission

Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke

April 27-May 5, 2024, 10 am-4 pm

Learn about domestic livestock typical on coastal northern New England farms from the 17th century to the present day at this family-friendly and educational event. Peter Cook, Guest Curator, and expert breeders from NH, ME, MA, and NY farms share stories and answer visitors' questions about the rare heritage breeds, their unique characteristics, special care, and importance in today's world. On Sundays of the event, Dan Smith, Restoration Assistant and Museum Beekeeper, performs a honey extraction demonstration in the Lawrence J. Yerdon Visitors Center from 11 am to 2 pm. **Note: Petting is not allowed for the animals' and visitors' health and safety.**

TICKETS:

Baby Animals

For admission to Baby Animals Heritage Breeds at the Banke only

Nonmembers (ages 1+): \$12. Children under 1: free, ticket required.

Members receive free or discounted tickets to Baby Animals! Discounts are based on membership level.

Plus! Strawberry Banke's historic houses are open for tours starting on April 27, 2024!

Enhance your experience at Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke by exploring the historic houses, exhibits, and heirloom gardens. Remember, Museum members receive free daily admission!

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Children's Program with Baby Animals

MORNING SESSION: April 27 & 28; May 4 & 5, 2024, 9 am-10 am

AFTERNOON SESSION: April 27-May 4, 2024, 4-5 pm

Presented for an hour before and after the event is open to the public, the Children's Program is led by a heritage breeder and educator. This program provides children (geared towards ages 4-8, but all are welcome) an opportunity to meet the baby lambs, kids, chicks, and other animals up close. Members \$20. Nonmembers \$25.



Reopening of the Historic Houses

April 27, 2024, 10 am

Plan your visit to the Puddle Dock neighborhood, where you can travel throughout time. Tour historic houses on their original sites, meet engaging costumed roleplayers, watch traditional crafts demonstrations, and explore heirloom gardens and historical landscapes. Remember, members receive free daily admission!



Flag Day Commemoration

Friday, June 14, 2024, 9-10 am

Free and open to the public

In what has become an annual tradition, join Strawberry Banke and alumni from Haven School for a Flag Day commemoration. The public is invited to assemble on the Museum side of Marcy Street at the edge of Prescott Park, opposite the Liberty Pole. The pole, first erected in 1766, will be saluted with a Color Guard, the singing of the National Anthem, and remarks from museum and City of Portsmouth officials.

Archaeology Lab Methods School

June 3-7, 2024, 10 am-4 pm

Join the Strawberry Banke Archaeologist for a hands-on introduction to professional archaeological lab methods. Learn about ceramic technology and identification, the history of glass bottles, and the significance of “small finds.” Then, see how archaeological research provides a foundation for museum interpretation. This workshop is intended for students majoring in history, anthropology, museum studies, or related disciplines. Ages 16 and up. Members \$200; Nonmembers \$250.

Revolutionary War Living History Encampment Weekend

May 17 & 18, 2024

Join the 1st NH Regiment at Strawberry Banke for a Revolutionary War Living History Encampment including drills as well as camping and cooking demonstrations. The 1st NH Regiment activities are included with your Museum ticket.

TUESDAYS on the TERRACE

June 18 - August 27, 2024, 5:30-7 PM

Enjoy acoustic music amid the summer splendor of Puddle Dock at Strawberry Banke’s popular annual summer concert series. Members: free, Nonmembers: \$5, Children (under 3): free.

- 6/18 North River Music (Americana)
- 6/25 Sharon Jones (Jazz)
- 7/2 2 of Us (Beatles Tribute Duo)
- 7/9 Kids Night:
Sages Entertainment & DJ Skooch
- 7/16 Ben Baldwin and Kent Allyn (Standards)
- 7/23 Zoe & Cloyd (Traditional Bluegrass)
- 7/30 Cormac McCarthy (Folk/Americana)
- 8/6 Truffle Band (Rock)
- 8/13 Sidewalk Boys (Folk/Blues)
- 8/20 Kid's Night:
Sages Entertainment & Mr. Aaron
- 8/27 Liz and Dan Faiella (Folk/Ancstral Ireland)



Thank You for Helping to “Keep Portsmouth Skating!”

Rink Services Group (RSG), the company that manages Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond, the Museum’s seasonal ice skating rink, issued a matching fundraiser to help offset the cost

of a new Zamboni. Donations made between Friday, January 12, and Monday, January 15 were matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$5,000. Thanks to the generosity and support of the community, **Strawbery Banke exceeded the goal and raised close to \$11,000, including matching funds!**



MARCH MATCH!

The Puddle Dock Restaurant and TOUR Golf & Grill have pledged to match every gift to the Strawberry Banke Fund during March, dollar-for-dollar up to \$25,000. With the end of the fiscal year quickly approaching on March 31st, and recognizing the Museum still needs to raise funds to meet its fundraising goal, the Puddle Dock Restaurant and TOUR Golf & Grill are challenging friends of Strawberry Banke to make a gift and support all operational areas of the Museum. Donating is easy:

- Send a check or credit card information using the enclosed envelope.
- Scan the QR code or visit StrawberryBanke.org/donate.cfm to donate online.
- Call Megan McNutt, Membership and Donor Stewardship Manager, via 603.422.7508.



Q&A with Ryan Lent, Owner of Puddle Dock Restaurant and TOUR Golf & Grill



Q. You grew up in Portsmouth. Do you have any early memories of Strawberry Banke?

A. Like most people who grew up here, I remember the Dunaway Store —

specifically, the penny candy, pickle barrel, and the working post office. My earliest memory of Strawberry Banke is how being here made me feel. I have always enjoyed history, although I remember feeling overwhelmed by the focus on events and dates. For me, it was the stories that made me fall in love with history. Being immersed in the stories of Portsmouth's past, seeing archaeological digs, experiencing roleplayers and reenactments, and being able to touch the past, helped cultivate one of my lifelong passions. The idea that other people, especially children, may feel the same way brings me much joy.

Q. What do you tell friends and family about Strawberry Banke? What is unique about the Museum?

A. What makes Strawberry Banke unique, to me, is the focus on different generations of Portsmouth. So many places focus on one period of history, specific events, or people. Strawberry Banke's focus on multiple families, their stories, and different time periods makes it a unique museum. It also makes Strawberry Banke a museum where you can effectively return again and again and still learn something new.

Q. When you opened the Puddle Dock Restaurant, you incorporated the local history of the neighborhood into your decorating plans. Why is that important to you and what was it like researching the area?



A. When I had the idea for The Puddle Dock Restaurant, I wanted a restaurant that couldn't exist anywhere else. Intention and authenticity are the only ways to achieve that. With the name being an homage to the area, I wanted

the restaurant to truly capture the history of the Puddle Dock neighborhood and Portsmouth. Researching the décor was fun and enlightening. In doing research at the Portsmouth Library, Athenaeum, and Strawberry Banke, I learned stories about people who used to live in the neighborhood, along with how they lived and played. I found the stories fascinating and wanted to showcase them in the restaurant. With help from archives, local artists, and personal family photos, all the artwork in the restaurant is uniquely Portsmouth. From the painting of the USS Ranger to a photo of children playing in the snow in the Puddle Dock neighborhood, every piece of art tells a story.

Q. You have many requests to support nonprofits. Why did you support Strawberry Banke with this incredibly generous gift?

A. In a word, community. I love that Strawberry Banke doesn't focus solely on history but on the stories of the people and community that have been here for hundreds of years. Moreover, Strawberry Banke is focused on preserving the community's history for the future. That is a mission worthy of generosity.

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/planned-giving or contact Joe April, Director of Development: japril@sbmuseum.org or 603.422.7551.

Welcome, New Staff!



Eve Southworth joins Strawberry Banke as the Grant and Foundations Relations Manager. Eve earned her Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary History from Brandeis University and has served 12 years as a boarding school history teacher on land and sea. Additionally, she brings valuable experience as a program coordinator, research assistant at Mystic Seaport Museum, and library assistant director. In her free time, Eve enjoys the outdoors, yoga, drawing, and time with family.

Thank you for your service on the Board of Trustees!

Strawbery Banke would like to thank and recognize the contributions of the following members of the Board of Trustees who end their service at the conclusion of the Museum's fiscal year on March 31, 2024. Their time, talent, and expertise have guided the Museum and positioned Strawberry Banke for success in the future.

- **Anne Weidman** *Labrie Family Skate Task Force, Chair*
- **Ben St. Jean** *Labrie Family Skate Task Force, Campaign Steering Committee, Finance & Audit Committee."*



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, or hearing about unique programming, exhibits, and events first. For more information and to purchase a gift membership, visit StrawberyBanke.org/membership.

Welcome, New Trustees!



Patrick Collins is a Director of Trusts and Estates at McLane Middleton, specializing in wealth transfer, philanthropic initiatives, and business succession planning for family offices and high-net-worth individuals. Before joining the firm, Patrick served as senior counsel at

Jordan Park Trust Company (previously Perspecta Trust), where he provided counsel on complex trust administration matters and strategic estate planning to some of the wealthiest families in the country.

Patrick brings extensive experience with advanced aspects of New Hampshire's favorable trust laws, encompassing the formation and administration of private trust companies, private non-charitable and charitable foundations, asset protection trusts, directed trusts, purpose trusts, dynasty trusts, and quiet trusts. He advises trustees on decantings, non-judicial settlement agreements, and trustee modifications. Patrick is the author of the "Modern Trust Design" Chapter in the Private Wealth and Private Client Review, Edition 9.

He earned his B.A. from Connecticut College, cum laude (2009) and his J.D. from Albany Law School, magna cum laude with honors in the Estate Planning Concentration (2012).



David White is Founder (1997) and Former President and CEO (Ret.) of Coordinated Transportations Solutions (CTS), a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation managing transportation services for underserved individuals and communities.

Specializing in programs that provide access to healthcare, school-based services for children, veterans services, and community-based organizations, CTS has grown to a team of 300 employees serving clients throughout New England and the mid-Atlantic states. Prior to his retirement, David led the organization's development and growth, and navigated the challenges presented by the Pandemic to both the organization and its customers.

CTS has been recognized as a leader in its field by the Community Transportation Association of America and has been accredited by URAC, a Washington D.C. based not-for-profit organization that provides accreditation of organizations involved in medical care services throughout the country.

He earned his B.A. from Washington and Jefferson College and a master's degree from the American University. Throughout his career, David has been a member of numerous local, state, and national not-for-profit boards and municipal Commissions.



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Visit strawberybanke.org
for updated schedules
and event details

Volunteer at Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke

Volunteer needs include helping with the animals, ticketing, and check-in, welcoming and directing guests, assisting with heirloom seed giveaways, and staffing the Museum information table. Families are welcome to volunteer, but all minors must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. For more information and to sign up, visit StrawberyBanke.org/volunteer



FROM THE COLLECTIONS



BERTHA ABBOTT SPENT MANY HOURS in her kitchen, and likely in this chair (1990.78), which was gifted to Strawberry Banke by her grandsons Joseph and Arthur. Bertha's rocking chair sat in front of the built-in cupboard that held the family's silverware and was constantly dragged across the floor and away from the drawer. When Joseph and Arthur gifted the rocking chair to Strawberry Banke Museum, the rockers were nearly worn flat. The family saved the old rockers, which the Museum carefully reinstalled. View Bertha Abbott's rocking chair and learn about life in the Puddle Dock neighborhood circa 1943 the next time you visit Strawberry Banke. Remember, Museum members receive free daily admission!

Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke
April 27-May 5, 2024

