



PLANNED GIVING DONOR PROFILE: **PATSY OSTRANDER**

Patsy Ostrander, Strawberry Banke Museum Trustee and museum advocate for over fifteen years, has always had an interest in historical preservation. It's hard to determine exactly when this love of and appreciation for people and things past began, as her passion started at a very early age. Throughout her career and, now retirement, Patsy has shared her time and talent with other similar preservation organizations including Historic New England and the Brookline Historical Society. It was somewhat inevitable that Patsy eventually became involved with Strawberry Banke.

In 2003, Patsy joined the Investment Committee, a group of advisors to the Board. As a businesswoman with a wealth of financial knowledge, she was an immediate asset. The more Patsy became acquainted with the Museum through her committee service and by observing the consistent high quality of museum programs, management, and personnel, the more confident she grew in the organization as a whole. Patsy joined the Board of Trustees a year later.

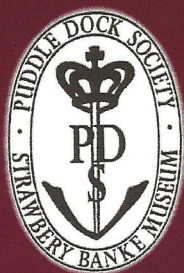
As a long-standing donor to the museum in both time and treasure, Patsy immediately thought of Strawberry Banke Museum when making her estate plan. Wanting to make a legacy gift to, and a large impact on, an organization so close to her heart, she determined with her lawyer that a bequest was the perfect vehicle to do just that.

"I care deeply about Strawberry Banke Museum," she observed. "It was clearly at the forefront of my mind." Ask her why, and the answer is simple: "I have confidence in the future because of the people of the present. Even after the current leadership retires and, the board is tasked with finding suitable replacements, I know the museum will remain in sound hands. The Board of Trustees is composed of strong individuals who make excellent decisions. They really care about the museum and its future."

Patsy's advice for those thinking of making a planned gift to Strawberry Banke is "Get involved to see what Strawberry Banke is all about and build confidence in the Museum and its people. And lastly, be generous!"

PREPARING AN ESTATE PLAN DOES NOT NEED TO BE COMPLICATED...

1. Gather information on all assets, including retirement funds.
2. Think about the people and organizations that matter most
4. Meet with an estate planning professional.
5. Talk decisions over with loved ones and family.



Preserving the Legacy of Strawberry Banke

To learn more about the Puddle Dock Society Planned Giving program and shaping a legacy with Strawberry Banke Museum, please contact Joe April, Director of Development at 603-422-7551 or JApril@sbmuseum.org.