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STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

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**SUMMER CAMP
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**
Summer camp returns for onsite learning. Register via StrawberyBanke.org/learn.cfm.

"Water Has A Memory" and a Sea Level Rise Initiative Update

Did you visit during the 2021 Historic House season? If so, you might have been one of the 16,000 visitors to explore the "Water Has a Memory: Preserving Strawbery Banke and the City of Portsmouth from Sea Level Rise" exhibit in the Rowland Gallery. The exhibit, which will be modified over the course of three years, is a model to tell the story of Sea Level Rise and teach the public about the number of factors contributing to increased flooding events from surface water and groundwater. The City of Portsmouth is a key partner for both the exhibit and as Strawbery Banke continues to research and discuss solutions to protect the Museum's historic houses.

In the coming year, Strawbery Banke, the City of Portsmouth, and other key partners move forward with research, mitigation, and educational efforts. An advisory committee including Rodney Rowland, Director of Facilities and Environmental Sustainability at Strawbery Banke, Peter Britz, Sustainability Coordinator from the City of Portsmouth, and other key partners join consultants from Horsley Witten Group and PlaceWork in a three-phase surface water study. The committee is to examine roof runoff, parking lot drainage, road surfaces, and find creative solutions to managing the stormwater at Strawbery Banke.

Additionally, Strawbery Banke, in partnership with the University of New Hampshire Geospatial Lab, is to install water depth and salinity sensors at various locations at the Museum that will send real-time data to UNH. The data will then be translated and

output to a kiosk in the "Water Has a Memory" exhibit enabling visitors to visualize how groundwater is moving under their feet as they tour the Museum and the historic landscapes. Some of these sensors measure relative humidity and better understand this impact as well. This effort will be joined by the City of Portsmouth so a greater understanding of how groundwater is moving can be achieved.

The "Water Has a Memory: Preserving Strawbery Banke and the City of Portsmouth from Sea Level Rise" exhibit reopens for the historic house season on Sunday, May 1, 2022. For more information, visit StrawberyBanke.org/collections/exhibits.cfm.

Save the Date!
2022 Historic House Season
SUNDAY, MAY 1-MONDAY, OCT. 31, 2022, 10 AM-5 PM



Strawbery Banke Museum's 10-acre campus, including the historic buildings and historical gardens, is open daily, 10 am-5 pm. **Strawbery Banke members enjoy free museum admission**, which includes access to the "Water Has a Memory: Preserving Strawbery Banke and Portsmouth from Sea Level Rise" exhibit in the Rowland Gallery in the Carter Collections Center.

Letter from the President @ CEO

MARCH MARKS A TIME OF TRANSITION, reflection, and new beginnings at Strawbery Banke.

With spring on the horizon, it's time to wrap up another successful winter of outdoor ice skating at Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond and turn attention to programming and plans for the upcoming season.

After two challenging years of postponed and canceled events, it's with much excitement that Strawbery Banke announces the return of Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke, an event beloved by multiple generations. In just a few short weeks, Puddle Dock will be transformed and the lambs, calves, piglets, and other heritage-breed baby animals will take up their temporary spring residence under the big tent.

On May 1st, the doors to the historic houses will open once more to welcome visitors as they step back in time and learn about local history through the stories and objects of residences in the neighborhood. Also reopening is the "Water Has a Memory: Preserving Strawbery Banke & Portsmouth from Sea Level Rise" exhibit in the Rowland Gallery in the Carter Collections Center. The exhibit, which opened in August 2021, is not to be missed and will be modified over the next few years to illustrate how both the Museum and the City of Portsmouth have adapted to address the rising waters.

This month we are also approaching the end of the fiscal year. I ask that you consider making a gift to the Strawbery Banke Fund. The Decatur Foundation is matching donations, doubling each gift, up to \$25,000 to help realize the vision of Strawbery Banke.

Your gift ensures Strawbery Banke remains a place to learn, a place to gather, and a place to preserve. Thank you for joining me in making a March Match gift and for your continued support.

Lawrence J. Yerdon
President and CEO



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BABY ANIMALS

Heritage Breeds at the Banke

SATURDAY, APRIL 23-SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022, 10 AM-3 PM

COME AND MEET heirloom breed baby barnyard animals (and their moms) at Strawberry Banke's Spring signature family-friendly event. Learn more about domestic livestock typical on coastal Northern New England farms from the 17th century to the present day.

Peter Cook curates the event, securing breeders from greater New England farms who are experts in heritage animals including lambs, kids, calves, piglets, bunnies, chicks, and ducklings. Breeders answer questions, explaining the developmental needs of the babies, the various aspects of husbandry, and why they have chosen to preserve these sometimes-endangered domestic animals for future generations.

Masks required and COVID-19 protocols followed. Tickets are limited and are only available online.

The emphasis of Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke is on educational information. All of the animals are rare heritage breeds, many of which are on the verge of extinction. For the health and safety of both the animals and visitors, petting is not allowed.

TICKETS: Member ticket sales begin Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 10 am. Public ticket sales begin Monday, March 28, 2022, at 10 am.

Members: Free or 50% off depending on membership level
Adult: \$10 • Children (ages 3 - 17): \$5.00 • Children (under 3): free

Children's Program with Baby Animals

Saturday, Apr. 23-Sunday, May 1, 2022, 9 am-10 am



Presented for an hour before the event opens to the public, the Children's Program is led by a heritage breeder and educator and is designed to give children ages 4 - 8 an opportunity to meet the baby lambs, kids, chicks, and other animals, up close. Participants learn about milking, feed the animals, and create a fiber

craft gift to take home. Limited tickets are available. Members \$15; Nonmembers \$20.

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HOMESCHOOL CLASSES

1700s — A Day in the Life

Thursdays, May 5-26, 2022, 12:30-2:30 pm

Outdoors at Strawberry Banke
14 Hancock Street, Portsmouth NH



Discover how people got the things they needed, what they did for fun, how they cooked their food, and ways that people tried to stay healthy.

COVID-19 protocols followed and masks are required when indoors. Members: \$20 per family; Nonmembers: \$25 per family. Register for all 4 programs and get one free. StrawberryBanke.org/school/homeschool.cfm.

Mary and Storer Goodwin Decatur Foundation leads the March Match Challenge



Mary and Storer Goodwin Decatur and the Foundation Mary created have supported the Museum generously throughout the years including capital projects such as the upkeep of the Goodwin Mansion and Garden, and contributed to the creation of the Horticulture Learning Center. Additionally, the Decatur Foundation donated items associated with the Goodwin family to the Collections including a mirror that George Washington gave to Mrs. Lear (his secretary's mother).

Due to the pandemic, the Museum has seen dramatic decreases in revenue from ticket sales, heightening the importance of philanthropic support. Will you join the Mary and Storer Goodwin Decatur Foundation and invest in Strawberry Banke?

Between March 1 and March 31, every dollar given will be matched, up to \$25,000.

Making a donation is easy:

- Send a check or credit card information using the enclosed envelope.
- Visit StrawberryBanke.org/donate.cfm to make a donation online.
- Call Megan McNutt, Membership and Stewardship Manager, at 603.422.7508 for assistance.



"Run Through History" Half Kilometer

On Saturday, Jan. 15, nearly 100 walkers, joggers, and runners participated in the Museum's first-ever "Run Through History" half-kilometer event. The event was a part of Wintertide Portsmouth, a project spearheaded by the Chamber Collaborative of Greater Portsmouth to embrace the cold and Portsmouth as a winter city. Many thanks to all who braved the cold for a very short run through a long stretch of history and helped raise funds for the History Within Reach program!

Additional thanks to:

DJ Skooch for the groovy tunes.
EVOLVE mindful movement, Xfinity, Stoner Andrews, & Warren's Lobster House for swag bag goodies.
Dwyer's Pub, Cup of Joe, Tj's of Portsmouth, & Loaded Question Brewing Co. for carb-loading, caffeine boost, and celebratory cocktail specials.

IN MEMORIAM: SHELDON KRASKER

Sheldon "Shel" Krasker, 96, died on January 21, 2022, at his home in Portsmouth, NH. Shel belonged to many local organizations and associations. He was a 50-year member of the Portsmouth Country Club, a 50-year member of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 56 F & AM in Portsmouth, a member of Bektash Temple Shrine in Concord, a Charter member of the William Pitt Tavern Lodge No. 1759 in Portsmouth, and a member and director of Temple Israel in Portsmouth.

Shel and his wife Elaine, descendent of Abraham's brother Samuel Shapiro, have been ardent supporters of Strawberry Banke since its inception and were instrumental in the creation of the Shapiro House. The Shapiro House was the home from 1909 to 1928 of Abraham and Sarah Shapiro and their daughter Mollie. They were part of a small community of Russian Jewish immigrants and Abraham was among the founding members of Portsmouth's Temple Israel in 1905.



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 StrawberryBanke.org/PuddleDockSociety.cfm or contact Joe April, Director of Development: japril@sbmuseum.org / 603.422.7551.

Thank you, Grantors!

Many thanks to the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation for a generous grant to support History Within Reach, which covers admission and transportation costs for school trips to the Museum for economically underserved K-12 schools.

Thanks to the Rosamond Thaxter Foundation for a generous grant to pay musicians who will perform in this summer's Tuesdays on the Terrace outdoor concert series.



Thank You for Helping to Keep Skating Accessible!

Thanks to your support, Strawberry Banke raised \$13,421 including matching funds from Rink Services Group, to increase the size of the accessible patio and make it a permanent structure.

The outdoor rinkside patio, currently a temporary structure that is reinstalled every season, serves as a place to gather outdoors when visitors take a break from skating or watch a child participate in Learn-to-Skate lessons. Additionally, the patio is accessible, helping to enable skaters of all ages and abilities to experience outdoor ice skating at Strawberry Banke.