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Strawbery Banke Museum begins construction of an Abenaki Wigwam to Enhance Interpretation of Local Indigenous Peoples' History



Thank you to Denise and Paul Pouliot, the head speakers of the Cowasuck Band of Pennacook-Abenaki people, for leading a group of Museum staff and volunteers in the construction of a wigwam frame. A wigwam is a traditional Abenaki dwelling structure, and will be available for museum visitors to view this season. Its interpretation will be a welcome addition to the

“People of the Dawnland” exhibit in the Jones House Discovery Center. The construction effort included Collections Department volunteers, students in the University of NH Native American and Indigenous Studies Minor program, and members of the Indigenous

NH Collaborative Collective, a local grassroots group focused on education. Red maple saplings were donated by UNH from the Thompson Farm in Durham.

Strawbery Banke continues to monitor the guidelines of the CDC, the NH Department of Health and Human Services, the Portsmouth Health Officer, and the City of Portsmouth's Mask Mandate. Prior to a visit to the Museum, please review COVID-19 precautions via StrawberyBanke.org.



Thank You, Volunteers!

Strawbery Banke Museum would like to thank the group of new and returning volunteers, including those who helped beautify the landscape for spring cleanup in April. Together, they spruced up the Goodwin and Ethnobotanical gardens and the Vivian Treat garden.

Interested in joining the group of passionate, dedicated, and talented Strawbery Banke volunteers? Additional volunteer opportunities with precautions in place will resume soon! For more info and new opportunities, visit StrawberyBanke.org.

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From the New Chair of the Board of Trustees

I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY to introduce myself to you. I've been involved with Strawbery Banke Museum for the past 12 years. First, as a member of the Museum's National Council, then as a Trustee.

I am a believer in Strawbery Banke, and its critical role in making the Seacoast area vibrant. It's one of the country's longest running and most successful outdoor history museums. The Museum is central to our community, and it builds a powerful sense of community. It creates family traditions, attracts visitors from around the country, appeals to all generations with diverse events, celebrates 300+ years of our shared history, and provides substantial economic benefit to our region.

Last year presented many challenges for Strawbery Banke. However, with the leadership of Zach Slater, former Chair, and Larry Yerdon, President and CEO, and the ingenuity and creativity of the talented staff, Strawbery Banke pivoted successfully to create new events and transform existing programs into an online format. We have many exciting long-range plans. Strawbery Banke will continue to innovate and grow, become even more integral to our Seacoast while it makes history come alive and builds an even brighter future.

I'm delighted to share with you that when the Museum reopens for the 2021 season on June 19, many of the historic houses will be reopened for public touring. How wonderful it will be to once more see front doors open and hear the sounds of visitors and families enjoying the Museum. Almost equally as exciting, Tuesdays on the Terrace, the popular outdoor acoustic music concert series, returns with extended dates for the summer. Members are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy local musicians performing every Tuesday evening from 5:30 – 7:00 PM from June 22 through September 14.

While the many daily programs have nearly returned to “normal,” the status of many of the Museum's renowned signature events are still being determined or re-imagined. Museum leadership will continue to closely monitor the guidance from the CDC, state and city health officials, and make decisions in the best interest of visitors and staff's health and safety. As always, members are the first to hear about scheduled programs, workshops, events, so be sure to look for updates in weekly e-newsletters.

As members, you are invaluable to the success of Strawbery Banke. I especially want to thank our major donors and annual fund members who really stepped up to ensure that the museum we all love had the financial backing it needs in this most difficult year. It's because of you that we can continue to build on years of success, and dream of an even better Strawbery Banke. I look forward to getting to know you better over the next few years and to seeing you back at the Museum soon.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Fenneman
Chair of the Board of Trustees



The 2021 Historic House Season

Strawbery Banke Museum reopens for the Historic House Season on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Tour the reopened historic houses on their original foundations, meet engaging costumed roleplayers, watch traditional crafts demonstrations, and explore historical gardens and landscapes. **Remember, members receive free daily admission!**



The Sherburne House Restoration Update

As Museum staff and First Period experts examine Sherburne House ahead of a new interpretation, an important detail will be the preservation of the spotted ceiling existing in the east room. The ceiling in this room, which was occupied by the widowed Mary Sherburne, is painted a dark red, with sponge painted circles, with even smaller black dots. This is the only room in the house to feature decorative paint, although there are other examples around New England. Paint conservators will arrive later in the summer to conduct a materials analysis of the paint and determine a conservation treatment for the surface. This analysis will show the true color of the original paint, perhaps revealing it to be a bright and airy decoration in this early eighteenth century room.

IN MEMORIAM

With deep sadness, Strawberry Banke announces the death of longtime supporter and friend of the museum, **ELISABETH "LIBBY" BARTLETT STURGES** on Sunday, January 31, 2021. As an avid lover of history, Libby became involved with Strawberry Banke Museum shortly after moving to Portsmouth, NH. Pursuing her lifelong interest in fashion, she supported special events at the the 2012 special exhibit, Thread: Stories of Fashion at Strawberry Banke as well as the Passion For Fashion Gala. Libby served on the Strawberry Banke Museum Board of Trustees from 2016 to 2019 and on the Museum's National Council from 2002 to 2008, and is a member of the Puddle Dock Society. In addition to Strawberry Banke Museum, Libby was well known for her active civic engagement and involvement in art, history, and civic organizations including Portsmouth-based Cross Road House. Her loss will be deeply felt by her friends, family, and the community, which she so deeply loved.

Creating a Legacy through the Puddle Dock Society



Making a planned gift is easy, is impactful, and offers a flexible way to establish a personal legacy in support of Strawberry Banke. **Here are five reasons** to consider making a Planned Gift and joining the Museum's distinguished Puddle Dock Society.

- 1. Easy.** Making a bequest is as simple as inserting a line to a will or other estate instructions stating, "I give, devise, and bequeath to Strawberry Banke Museum, Portsmouth NH, [insert dollar amount] or [insert percentage] of my estate."
- 2. Revocable.** Wills and trusts can be changed at any time.
- 3. Legacy Creation.** Direct a bequest to a particular purpose at Strawberry Banke that has special meaning.
- 4. Family First.** By choosing either a specific bequest or residual bequest, the gift is limited to what is comfortably within anticipated ability.
- 5. Tax-Smart.** Estates and trusts are entitled to unlimited charitable deductions in the form of bequests to qualified charitable organizations.

To learn more about the Puddle Dock Society and how to make a Planned Gift, contact Joe April at japril@sbmuseum.org or StrawberyBanke.org/PuddleDockSociety.cfm

Tuesdays on the Terrace are back!

Tuesdays on the Terrace, the popular open-air acoustic music concert series, returns to Strawberry Banke Museum for the 2021 season! Enjoy performances every Tuesday evening from 5:30 – 7 PM from June 22 through September 14, 2021. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy physically distanced, open-air concerts of acoustic music by local artists, amid the summer splendor of Puddle Dock. Cost per concert: Members Free; Nonmembers \$5. For the schedule and ticket information, visit StrawberyBanke.org/music-series.cfm

Pocket Garden Tour of Portsmouth

Friday, June 25 from 5 – 8 PM & Saturday, June 26, 10 AM - 4 PM

The Pocket Garden Tour of Portsmouth returns for its 32nd year presented by South Church with support from Strawberry Banke Museum. The self-guided walking tour provides exclusive access to 15 private gardens in Portsmouth's South End, including the Victorian Goodwin Garden. For ticket information and COVID-19 precautions, visit southchurch-uu.org.

"Behind the Curtain: Strawberry Banke Revealed"

Thanks to you, the first-ever March Match Virtual Event, "Behind the Curtain: Strawberry Banke Revealed" was a tremendous success. In less than 60 minutes, Strawberry Banke Museum shared the accomplishments of 2020, behind-the-scenes moments, museum trivia, and plans for 2021 and beyond. Additionally, the contributions from the March Match challenge for the Strawberry Banke Fund raised \$100,000. Funds support the needs of the museum, which saw a significant decrease in visitation 2020.

Thank you for your service on the Board of Trustees!



Lawrence Yerdon with Zachary Slater

Thank you, Zachary Slater! Strawberry Banke Museum wishes to extend sincere thanks to Zachary Slater for five years of service as the Chair of the Board of Trustees. At the end of the Museum's fiscal year at the end of March, Slater completed his term as Chairman of the Board. From chairing the Museum's \$25 million Capital Campaign: "Building Community: the Campaign for Strawberry Banke," hosting the Seacoast Skating with the Stars after-party, and engaging with visitors during Candlelight Stroll, his innovative ideas, energy, passion, and commitment to Strawberry Banke has been an undeniable asset. The Strawberry

Banke community is thankful to Slater for his five years of service and looks forward to his continued support as a Trustee.

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Strawbery Banke would like to thank and recognize the contributions of the following former members of the Board of Trustees. Their time, talent, and expertise has guided the Museum through uncertain times and positioned Strawberry Banke for success in the future.

Paul Barkworth	Bill Kath	John Pratt
Alison Jewett	Patricia Meyers	Peter Reed

INTRODUCING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Fiscal Year 2022 Slate of Officers

Cynthia Fenneman, *Chair*
Matthew McFarland, *Vice Chair*
Kathy Williams Kane, *Treasurer*
Jeffrey Gilbert, *Secretary*



Cynthia Fenneman, Chair of the Board, is CEO of American Public Television, the leading syndicator to PTV stations of well-known programs including *Rick Steves Europe*, *America's Test Kitchen*, *Doc Martin* and *Midsomer Murders*. For the past 20 years, APT has distributed 25-50% of public television's top 100 highest-rated titles. Its international division, APT Worldwide, is a key distributor of non-fiction content to more than 140 countries and streaming services. With more than 35 years of broadcasting management experience in commercial, cable network and public television, Fenneman has led public media in strategic and creative directions: the launch of Create TV, the popular lifestyle channel; distribution of WORLD, the nonfiction and documentary channel; online streaming initiatives; and innovative content pitch competitions.

Prior to APT, her career includes Discovery Health Channel, PBS, NHPTV, KYW/Philadelphia, KPIX/San Francisco, and WJZ/Baltimore. Fenneman's credits range from the Live Aid special, U.S. Presidential Debates and Evening/PM Magazine, to A&E Biography, Ciao Italia with Mary Ann Esposito, and PBS documentaries. She has been honored with more than 40 international, national and regional awards, including 12 Emmys and a Peabody, and is a frequent juror for the International Emmys, duPont-Columbia Awards, Seoul International Drama Awards, and others.

She has served on numerous boards including Children's Museum of NH, Pontine Theatre, Appalachian Mountain Club's Board of Advisors, Harvard Travellers Club, Latino Public Broadcasting, Junior League of Boston, and Strawberry Banke Museum.



Jeffrey Gilbert, Secretary, is a broadly experienced businessman who graduated from Dartmouth College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He practiced law for 14 years, primarily as a business lawyer, and thereafter spent several years as an investment banker. Since 2000, Gilbert has been active in politics, serving as State Representative until 2005. From 2002 to 2004, he was Vice Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, Chairman of the State Revenue Estimating Panel, Chairman of the Joint House and State Economic Development Study Committee, and a member of the joint House and Senate Higher Education Oversight Committee. He currently serves the State as Treasurer of the Port Advisory Council and as Chairman of the State Park System Advisory Council.

Currently, he is President of the Board of Trustees of The Housing Partnership, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of New Hampshire Public Television, and serves on the National Board of Trustees of American's Public Television Stations. After having served 11 years as a Trustee including five years as Chairman, Gilbert has rejoined the Board of Trustees of Strawberry Banke Museum. In addition, he has also rejoined the Board of Trustees of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and he has become a Trustee of the Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra.



JerriAnne Boggis, the Executive Director of the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire, is a writer, educator, and community activist who works to correct the historical record on the racial complexity and richness of New Hampshire's diverse past. Boggis currently serves on various state boards including the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and the Seacoast Media Group Editorial Board. In 2019, Boggis was appointed to the U.S. Commission Civil Rights N.H. Advisory Committee and currently serves as its chair. She is on the Advisory Board for New Hampshire Listens and is a member of the Leadership New Hampshire class of 2018.



Christopher Erikson is the principal broker of The Aland Realty Group and is one of the original founding members. He is a licensed broker in Maine, New Hampshire & Massachusetts. He has also been a licensed attorney in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Washington D.C. & Florida since 2006. He has extensive legal experience with a litany of real estate related issues. He is involved in and supportive of various Seacoast causes and organizations, including Strawberry Banke, and is proud to be raising his family in the New England seacoast area.



Joanna Kelley was born and raised in New Hampshire, grew up on the seacoast, and currently lives in Portsmouth and is the proprietor of Cup of Joe located in the heart of Portsmouth on Market Street. In addition to Strawberry Banke, Kelley currently serves on the Board of Big Brothers and Big Sisters and was recognized as "Big Sister of the Year" in 2017. In 2020, she joined the board of the Seacoast African American Cultural Center with the goal to help expand the conversations about the BIPOC community and work on acknowledging systemic racism problems in New Hampshire.



Scott Pueschel, partner and attorney at Pierce Atwood, has more than 25 years of legal experience assisting clients in dealing with a wide variety of challenges. Pueschel was named "Lawyer of the Year for the Manchester, NH area by The Best Lawyers in America" for Mergers and Acquisitions Law in 2018 and for Corporate Law in 2015. Additionally, he is listed in The Best Lawyers in America in the areas of Corporate Law (since 2010), Securities/Capital Markets Law (since 2010), and Mergers and Acquisitions Law (since 2014). Additionally, Pueschel served on the Strawberry Banke Museum Board of Trustees from 2004 – 2013.