

BANKENOTES

STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

WINTER 2023-24

From the President & CEO

ASWINTER IN PORTSMOUTH APPROACHES, I reflect on the passage of time and the many traditions that have made Strawberry Banke a cherished part of our community for over half a century. This season marks my first winter as President and CEO at the Museum, and I am filled with gratitude and excitement as we approach the holidays.

Strawberry Banke has long been where history comes to life, and Candlelight Stroll is a shining example of this tradition. This year, as Strawberry Banke joins Portsmouth in celebrating its quadricentennial, I am delighted to announce that we are working to make it an even more memorable and magical experience and have expanded the event for two more evenings. My gratitude extends to the Museum's staff who are hard at work creating lasting memories for visitors of all ages.

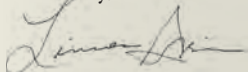
Another cherished tradition that I am excited to embrace with my family is ice skating at Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond. The twinkling lights and the sounds of laughter make it the perfect place to celebrate the joys of winter. I look forward to seeing you on the ice this season.

We celebrate not only the traditions but also the support of our community this holiday season. In this spirit, I am pleased to share that the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has awarded Strawberry Banke a general operating grant. The Museum is using this generous grant as a fundraising challenge. All gifts made to the Strawberry Banke Fund through December 31st will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$20,000. Your gift, in combination with the Charitable Foundation's, will help us preserve and share the rich history and culture of this extraordinary neighborhood.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Strawberry Banke. Together, we will ensure that the traditions and stories of our past continue to thrive in the present, for the enjoyment and enrichment of future generations.

Warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season, and I look forward to celebrating with you at Candlelight Stroll and Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond.

Sincerely,



Linnea Grim

President and CEO, Thomas W. Haas Endowed Chair





Candlelight STROLL

NEW! Fridays, December 8 & 15, 2023, 5-9 pm
 Saturdays, December 2, 9, 16, 2023, 5-9 pm
 Sundays, December 3, 10, & 17, 2023, 4-8 pm

As Strawbery Banke celebrates Portsmouth NH's quadricentennial, Candlelight Stroll invites visitors to step into the past and experience 400 years of seasonal and holiday traditions in the Puddle Dock neighborhood.

The Museum's furnished historic houses are adorned with handmade decorations created from greens and dried flowers from the Museum's heirloom gardens. Visitors call upon the many families who once lived in the waterfront neighborhood – portrayed by costumed roleplayers – who share stories, customs, and seasonal traditions. While traveling from house to historic house, the glow of hundreds of lighted candle lanterns light the way as guests enjoy seasonal greetings from wandering musicians and performers who recreate the traditions of times past.

Additionally enjoy hot apple cider, a warming bonfire, an old-fashioned holiday shopping experience at Pickwick's at the Banke, and Ice Dance International's Currier and Ives Vintage Skaters for several performances each night of this treasured event.

Members: \$16 or free depending on membership level Adults: \$32 Children (ages 5-17): \$16 Children (under 5): Free

Candlelight Stroll is presented in part by:



STROLL MEMBER PREVIEW NIGHT

Friday, December 1, 2023, 6-8 pm

Members are invited to experience the Candlelight Stroll one night before the event opens to the public. In addition to a first look and complimentary admission, members enjoy complimentary admission tickets and skate rentals to Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond and a commemorative member gift. Tickets for Member Preview Night and skating tickets are limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

SOLD OUT!

Enjoy Seasonal Outdoor Ice Skating in downtown Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond at Strawbery Banke Museum offers daily public skating, adaptive ice time, private rink rentals, learn-to-skate lessons, and pick-up pond hockey on a professionally maintained surface supported by a chilling system and Zamboni. Skate rentals, training aids, and skate sharpening services are available.



Tickets are available online! Ticket sales begin each week on Sundays at 5 pm.



HOMESCHOOL CLASSES

Archaeology Adventure Homeschool Day
Homeschool Program

Friday, May 3, 2024, 10 am–4 pm

Delve into the world of archaeology and discover the secrets that lie beneath your feet. Explore authentic archaeological sites, participate in an archaeology-themed scavenger hunt, visit furnished homes, meet roleplayers, and much more! Students 8-12 can sign up for additional hands-on workshops learning about what it takes to be an archaeologist and techniques for excavation. Archaeology Adventure Day is a family program designed for all ages.

\$12.00 per student (ages 5 +), 1 adult per family free, additional adults \$8.00. Archaeology Adventure Homeschool Day. Family, Friend, Supporter, Patron, and Benefactor level members receive 50% off.



Basket Making Classes

Learn the traditional craft of basket making from Strawberry Banke Museum’s knowledgeable instructors. In these beginner-friendly classes, participants learn about the tools and materials used in basket making and work with instructors to acquire and are limited to 10 participants. Must be 18 years of age or older to participate. For more information and to register, visit StrawberryBanke.org/adult-education.

Cost per class: Members \$55; Nonmembers \$65.

Peppermint Twist Basket • Saturday, January 20, 2024, 1–4:30 pm

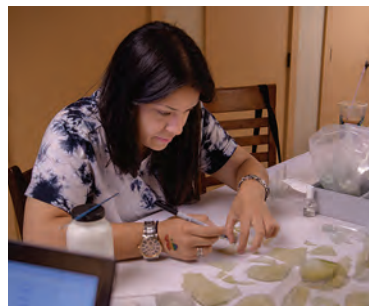
Heart Basket • Saturday, February 10, 2024, 1–4:30 pm

Easter Basket • Saturday, March 23, 2024, 1–4:30 pm

Bread Basket • Saturday, April 13, 2024, 1–4:30 pm

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.



Summer Camp Registration

Member registration begins on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 10 am.

Learn about all aspects of life in the past and how it connects to today’s world. Strawberry Banke Museum offers programs for school-aged children with a wide array of interests and abilities. Enjoy hands-on, one-of-a-kind interactive experiences, where investigating and exploring history, science, sports, art, theater, and cooking leads to fun-packed days at the Museum’s nearly 10-acre site. For more information, visit StrawberryBanke.org/summer-camps.



Did you know?

The Collections Department houses over 1.1 million artifacts, including personal items like smoking pipes, buttons and jewelry, and children’s toys like marbles and tea sets!



DOUBLE your gift to the Strawberry Banke Fund

Thanks to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

This year, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is supporting the Museum with a generous Community Grant, which we are using as a challenge grant to inspire donors to help the Museum achieve its end-of-year Strawberry Banke Fund (annual fund) goal. In November and December, **every gift will be matched** dollar-for-dollar up to \$20,000 by the Charitable Foundation.

Visitors praise the quality of the staff interacting with guests daily, believing that interactions with these talented staff members bring history to life. Your donation, along with the generosity of the New Hampshire Charitable Fund, helps pay for seasonal staff, educators, and roleplayers and allows the Museum to positively impact the lives of more than 100,000 guests annually.

Donating is easy:

- Scan the QR code or visit StrawberyBanke.org/Strawbery-Banke-Fund to make your gift online.
- Send a check or credit card information using the enclosed envelope.
- Call Megan McNutt, Membership and Donor Stewardship Manager, at 603-422-7508 to make a gift over the phone.
- Donate via Venmo via @StrawberyBankeMuseum-Strawbery

THANK YOU, GRANTORS!

Our thanks to the following grantors who support the mission of Strawberry Banke Museum:

- Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation
- Fuller Foundation
- Grimshaw-Gudewicz Foundation
- Samuel P. Hunt Foundation
- Institute of Museum and Library Services
- McIninch Foundation
- New Hampshire Charitable Foundation
- New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program
- New Hampshire State Council on the Arts & National Endowment for the Arts
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- Roger R. and Theresa S. Thompson Endowment Fund



Ice Dance International Winter Residency

Strawbery Ice Dance International (IDI) resides annually at Strawberry Banke and provides the community with pop-up performances and community programming at Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond and across New England. Additional programs and community engagement opportunities may be announced throughout the season!

Community Skating Classes. Taught by Douglas Webster, Artistic Director of IDI and Labrie Family Skate, with support from the IDI company, these drop-in adult skating classes are open to all. Additionally, IDI provides up to three free pop-up youth classes throughout the season. Check the rink schedule for updates.

“Get Out and Skate” Program. IDI provides accessible ways for people from diverse backgrounds to view and appreciate the art of dance on ice and engage in a healthy recreational activity in fun and innovative ways. IDI’s partnerships include Little Harbour School and Future In Sight.

FREE POP-UP PERFORMANCES:

HOLIDAY DANCE PARTY ON ICE on December 14, 2023, at 6 pm. Get in the festive spirit and be awed by national champion Ryan Bradley and two-time national champion Alissa Czisny.

NYE RAVE DANCE PARTY on December 29, 2023, at 7 pm. Join Ice Dance International for an on-ice performance with IDI’s top talent, including fire skater Themis Leftheris.

Check the Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond and Ice Dance International Facebook page for more information. Pop-ups last 20-25 minutes and are weather dependent.



Horticulture Holiday Decor Tip

Decorate your home this holiday season with dried flowers and greens from the garden. Numerous plants are easy to dry and may already exist in a dried state within your garden. If you have strawflowers, statice, celosia, or desert flame in your garden, bring these cuttings indoors and hang them in a dimly lit location within your residence for approximately one week.

Other flowers that lend themselves well to drying through hanging include marigolds, ornamental grasses, and salvia. Tastefully display them in vases, position them on mantels or shelves, integrate them into wreaths, or even use them to adorn your Christmas tree.”



Sherburne House Restoration

Exterior construction on the Sherburne House began this summer, led by John Schnitzler, Master Carpenter, and Kevin Cronmiller, carpenter. They undertook several tasks, such as replacing clapboards, installing a new door on the North elevation, and fitting new windows.

The windows were replaced with custom sash units in their original openings. The specifications for the window glass, including size, shape, and color, were meticulously determined through extensive research and by examining archaeological evidence from the Sherburne House site. After an exhaustive search, the glass was imported from Verrerie de Saint-Just in France and will be cut into square quarrels based on archaeological and historical evidence. The leading work was skillfully performed by Maine Art Glass Studio in Lisbon Falls, ME.

The clapboards dating back to approximately 1967 were swapped with new custom-hewn clapboards featuring scarfed ends. To maintain historical accuracy, following evidence discovered at the Warner House, the corner boards were removed, and the clapboards were connected using butt joints.

Martha Carlson-Bradley announces retirement



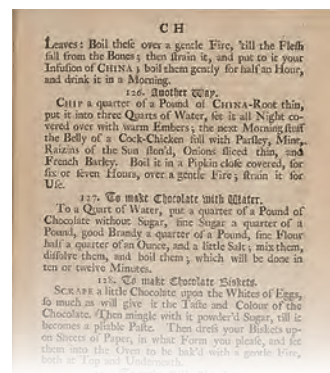
After five and a half years of dedicated service, Martha Carlson-Bradley, Grant and Foundations Manager, recently announced her retirement from Strawberry Banke Museum effective February 2024. Martha has been an invaluable member of the Development Department, consistently demonstrating an incredible eye for detail

and an unwavering commitment to advancing the Museum's mission. Her efforts have been instrumental in securing vital grants and partnerships that have allowed Strawberry Banke to preserve and share its rich history with the world.

Warm up with this 1723 recipe for hot chocolate

Oral histories from Puddle Dock tell us that, in the winters of the early 1900s, the Portsmouth fire department would flood South Mill Pond to create an ice skating rink. Today, residents and visitors can still skate at the Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond, located on the Museum grounds. After a day spent outside, warm up with this 1723 recipe for hot chocolate from *The Cooks and Confectioners Dictionary* by John Nott:

“Take a Quart of Milk, Chocolate without Sugar four Ounces, fine Sugar as much; fine Flour or Starch half a quarter of an Ounce, a little Salt; mix them, dissolve them, and boil them; which will be done in ten or twelve Minutes.”



Modern adaptation:

- 2 qt. whole milk
- 8 oz. unsweetened chocolate bar, grated
- 2 c. sugar
- 2 Tbl. cornstarch + 2 Tbl. water
- 2 tsp. salt

In a medium kettle, gently heat milk, sugar, and salt. Once hot, add in grated chocolate and whisk until smooth.



Give the Gift of History this Holiday Season!

Looking for the perfect holiday gift? Consider a membership to Strawberry Banke Museum, where history comes to life! When you give a Strawberry Banke Museum membership, you're giving the present of unlimited visits and countless memories. Members enjoy a wide range of exclusive benefits:

- Unlimited general museum admission
- Access to special members-only events and exhibitions
- Discounts to special events such as Candlelight Stroll, Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke, and Ghosts on the Banke, special programs, and admission tickets to Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond
- Invitations to exclusive previews and receptions

For more information and to purchase a gift membership, visit StrawberryBanke.org/membership.



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Visit strawberybanke.org
for updated schedules
and event details

FROM THE COLLECTIONS

During the snowy Northeastern winters, Abenaki and other Wabanaki peoples navigated the landscape with snowshoes. A wood frame with woven cordage gives users a wide surface area to distribute their weight evenly across the snow.

In a traditional story recorded in 1892, a boy asked, “How could I know a Micmac if I should find them?” and his mother said, ‘My boy, you would know the Micmac by the track of his snowshoes.’”

This pair was made by a Mi’kmaq maker around 1900 in the traditional ‘beaver tail’ design: a rounded shoe with a short tail. These snowshoes were added to the “People of the Dawnland” last season, gifted to the museum by Dree Sherry.



SAVE THE DATES!



**Baby Animals:
Heritage Breeds at the Banke**

April 27–May 5, 2024

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.