As the year closes and the time of giving is especially vibrant, Strawbery Banke looks to members and friends to keep the doors open to the past, the present and the future.

Recognized as one of the leading outdoor history museums in the country, Strawbery Banke contributes to a community with a deep and resonant sense of its place in history. The museum builds community through events, collaborations with local and statewide organizations and dedicated members and volunteers.

Strawbery Banke contributes $5 million into the local economy ($2.37 for every $1 spent at Strawbery Banke).

Considering the options for year-end tax deductible charitable donations, also remember that Required Minimum Distributions from an IRA account can be donated directly to Strawbery Banke without taxation on that income.

For more information, contact Joe April, Director of Development.

Here are a few more reasons, expressed in the recent Members’ Survey, to consider an Annual Fund donation to Strawbery Banke. Contribute online at StrawberyBanke.org/Donate.cfm or use the envelope enclosed for convenience.

Members say, Strawbery Banke is . . .

- **Enjoyable** for all ages, preserving and protecting a lot of our knowledge.
- A **first class** organization from top to bottom.
- A **resource** for the history of our area.
- A place to ‘time travel’ through everyday life in a coastal New England community.
- **Accessible.** Whether you are history buff or you have never encountered this type of museum, you will leave having learned something new.
- One of the things that makes Portsmouth such an outstanding place to live and work: a living, breathing Portsmouth artifact reminding us that **history is more of a verb than a noun!**
- Not just a museum, it’s really a **community center.**

"I can’t begin to measure the pride and joy I have welcoming and congratulating our newest American citizens on the grounds of Strawbery Banke — a tradition which started more than 20 years ago. Larry Yerdon and the entire museum staff have created a celebratory event which is inspiring and transformative for all who attend! #SBM Proud!"

At the Naturalization Ceremony on July 4th at Strawbery Banke, left to right: Blaine Stevens, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator Maggie Hassan, a newly-minted American citizen, Judge Joseph N. Laplante and NH Governor Chris Sununu.
The Holiday Members’ House is a special benefit for members, as a way of saying “Thank you.” Enter Candlelight Stroll through the Members’ House — Walsh House — at the Washington Street entrance. The gate will be open! Avoid the lines in the Visitors Center. And come back to the Members House at any time, to warm up, enjoy refreshments and receive a holiday gift. Members House is made possible, in part, by sponsor D.F. Richard.