



BANKENOTES

STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

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Kent Stephens' History Theatre Returns!

THREE POURS, TWO TRUTHS, AND A FRAUD

A story-telling Wine Crawl

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 6 PM
OCTOBER 12-14 & 19-21

This story-telling Wine Crawl with Doria Bramante and Brian Chamberlain (past History Theatre stars) brings the audience through three centuries as the plot unfolds in Sherburne, Chase and Goodwin Houses. \$45 per person (Members \$40. Designated Driver \$25) StrawberyBanke.org/tickets.cfm

ALL WHO ENJOYED KENT STEPHENS' prior History Theatre events at Strawberry Banke know they're in for a treat as well as twists and turns of fate, some authentic and some imagined when a new show comes to life. In each space audience members enjoy a vintage wine along with a Portsmouth story and/or character that fits the date of each house. The 1768 story in Sherburne is "Spite Cake." The tale in Chase, "9 Bottles of Madeira," ranges from 1852 through 1907. And in an 1898 setting in the Goodwin House kitchen the audience learns of "Hobson's Choice." Before the final "curtain," audience members cast their votes on which of the stories is "The Fraud" and the name of the winner of a bottle of wine is drawn from the correct answers.

From the Chairman

Sometimes, being chairman of the board of trustees is an especially gratifying honor.

This is one of those times.

Attending Vintage & Vine, our annual trustee-run, fund-raising event, I was struck by how much fun everyone was having. Everywhere I looked, I saw happy, animated people, gathered in clusters of conversation, intently discussing wines with their vendors or sampling the delicious offerings presented by the Seacoast's finest chefs.



Best of all, I saw a wide diversity of attendees and I'd be willing to bet some of them had never been to Strawberry Banke before. What a great way to make an impression!

I can't begin to list the names of all of those who made this event happen; but deepest thanks to each one: event sponsors, donors of auction items, restaurants, chefs, wine vendors, the band, museum staff, trustees and volunteers. It takes an army to set up and clear the village of 100+ tents on and around Puddle Dock.

All of it worth it, in terms of the fund- and friend-raising that happened here.

And that's due in no small part to the efforts of the man at the helm of Strawberry Banke Museum.

He hates the spotlight, but I'm going to pull rank here in order to congratulate Larry Yerdon, the president and CEO. Not just for the way Strawberry Banke performs, day in and day out, or how it looks (especially when primed to welcome special event guests), or how he leads by example in the community, always ready to say, "How can we help?"

On this occasion I am proud to announce that the New England Museum Association has named Larry as the recipient of the 2018 NEMA Lifetime Achievement Award. He will be honored at the NEMA Annual Conference in Stamford in November.

We say, Congratulations for all you've done for the profession in your decades of service at the Adams National Historic Site in Quincy, MA; Plimouth Plantation; Hancock Shaker Village in the Berkshires and for the past 14 years at Strawberry Banke. We know you're not done yet. And we couldn't be prouder that this honor comes with the tag "President of Strawberry Banke Museum".

We're just getting started! A full season of special events, ice skating and further achievement lies ahead. Thank you, as always, for being part of making us who we are.

Zach Slater

"Becoming American"

A documentary and discussion series at 3S Artspace, presented by Strawberry Banke Museum with community partners

Strawberry Banke Museum is one of just 32 locations across the country selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities and City Lore to present the six-part "Becoming American: A



A DOCUMENTARY FILM AND DISCUSSION SERIES ON OUR IMMIGRATION EXPERIENCE

Documentary Film and Discussion Series on Our Immigration Experience." Each program is free and open to the public and takes place at 3S Artspace (319 Vaughn Street).

Strawberry Banke interprets itself as 'a neighborhood of newcomers' through the eyes of the families who lived in the neighborhood from 1695 to 1955. The 'Becoming American' series marries the museum's mission with the partners' shared commitment to provide the opportunity for thoughtful community engagement on an important contemporary issue.

The series features documentary film screenings and discussions on immigration issues led by Dr. Lucy Salyer, UNH Associate Professor of History. Future sessions include:

- OCTOBER 4:** *Between Two Worlds: Identity @ Acculturation*
FILM: "The New Americans"
- OCTOBER 18:** *Help Wanted?*
FILM: "Destination America"
- NOVEMBER 7:** *Family @ Community*
FILM: "Between Two Worlds"
- NOVEMBER 15:** *Immigration @ Popular Culture*
FILM: "The Search for General Tso"

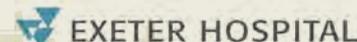


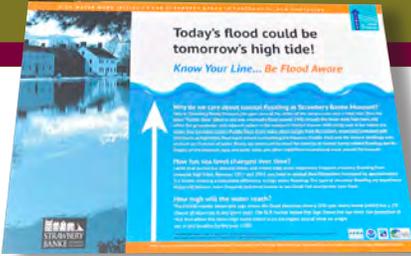
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Mary Ann Holton from Georgia Pacific Gypsum, LLC presents Strawberry Banke president Lawrence Yerdon with a check for \$2000 in support of History Within Reach

Thank you to the following who sponsor the many events Strawberry Banke offers for families each year:





Sustainability Update

As part of their continuing collaboration, Strawberry Banke and the Rockingham Planning Commission have created a sign installed in September on the Marcy Street end of the campus to raise awareness about the areas of the South End that are venerable to flooding.

Strawbery Banke is also hosting a **NH Preservation Alliance Workshop** on causes and solutions to wet basement problems in old houses, October 20, 9 am to 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM

Bob Pollard with his wife Nancy, a former Trustee, were well-known residents of the South End before moving to Durham a few years ago. Bob is perhaps remembered most fondly as a Fairy House Tour volunteer, acting as a gossamer-winged crossing guard for many years.

Emily Hall, with her husband Bill, were active advocates of the museum's History Within Reach program offering scholarships and transportation funding to allow underserved school districts to send students on field trips to Strawberry Banke. Emily volunteered with the Strawberry Banke Guild for ten years. In a *BankeNotes* profile several years ago, the Halls said, "We appreciate the opportunity to assist the Banke with its worthwhile education programs. We're history buffs and we think the lessons from the past are particularly useful today."

George Augustus "Buzzy" Dodge III, who with his wife Erica spent decades preserving and restoring Portsmouth's older homes. As noted in his obituary, "Buzzy was fascinated by the technology of craft traditions. He did his work with great care and attention to historic accuracy, using antique hand tools. He bemoaned the systematic gutting of old buildings because he felt it robbed them of their character and history."

PONTINE THEATRE PRESENTS COMMUNITY ARTS WORKSHOP

How to Bring History to Life Onstage

Pontine Theatre, resident company at Strawberry Banke, presents a Community Arts Workshop, based on their original stage adaptation of Thomas Bailey Aldrich's 1869 book *The Story of a Bad Boy*, performed at Strawberry Banke in 2017. The four workshops in the series are held in the TYCO Visitors Center from 5:30 to 7 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 2, 4, 8 and 11 with a performance of the results at the last workshop. All adult community members are welcome, no experience necessary.

In each session, participants join Pontine's Co-Artistic Directors, Greg Gathers and Marguerite Mathews as they demonstrate the process used to bring the historic text to life onstage by working with the text and acting out the various scenes.



The suggested donation for the four-session workshop is \$75 (\$25 for each individual session), however all adults are welcome to participate no matter their ability to pay. Those under eighteen must be accompanied by an adult. For further information please attend the first workshop scheduled for 5:30 pm on Tuesday October 2nd or contact Pontine Theatre at info@pontine.org or 603-436-6660.

Come skate with us!

- Opening for the 5th season in late November!
- Learn-to-skate sign-ups open now, classes begin in early December.
- Now accepting reservations for private parties.
- Rink open every day December to March, 9 am to 9 pm.
- Schedules and more info: strawberybanke.org
- Facebook: Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond





Visit strawberybanke.org
for updated schedules
and event details

FEATURED ARTIFACT

Exploring Food & Drink

The museum's fall fundraisers are reminders that food and drink are topics explored in **this year's featured exhibition, Vice** (in the Rowland Gallery through October 31). Sponsored by the Thompson Fund and Davis Family Foundation, the exhibition features decanters, whiskey bottles

and puzzle jugs from the collection including a fuddling cup, a vessel in the form of a three dimensional puzzle that dates to the early eighteenth century, and a toby jug in the form of a seated

person, that dates to the early nineteenth century. The focal point of the exhibition is a table set with rich and extravagant food and drink from different time periods.



COMING TO THE BANKE



Ghosts on the Banke

Friday & Saturday, October 26 & 27
5:30 to 8 pm

Family-friendly, not-too-scary, safe trick-or-treating from house to historic house.

Sponsors: Sanford Institution for Savings, Exeter Hospital, Appledore Medical Group, RM Davis, The UNIQUE College Investing Plan



A Worldwide Evening of Storytelling for Grownups

Saturday, Nov 17. 7-9:30 pm in the TYCO Visitors Center
Adults \$10 (Members, seniors, students \$8.)

