In Bloom!
Photographs by Michael Winters
June 3rd through July 31st.

Strawbery Banke Museum presents another special Seacoast exhibit in the TYCO Visitors Center lecture hall. The featured artist is Michael Winters, photographer and Portsmouth High School counselor.

Last fall, at the peak of the season in the Strawbery Banke historic gardens, Winters photographed models wearing floral fashions, flower crowns, and head-dresses, hand-crafted by Erik Wochholz, the museum’s Curator of Historic Landscapes. The designs were posed with local backdrops and some of the museum’s historic houses.

In addition to Strawbery Banke, project collaborators included models Sajin Murphy, Jessica Labrie and Sarah Papa; costumer Jeanne McCartin, hair stylist Chelsey Drapeau and makeup artist Laurie Hoey.

The exhibit was made possible in part thanks to donations from Portsmouth Sign Company and Emily Brackett/Portsmouth Print Shop and is free and open to the public, daily 10–5, in the TYCO Visitors Center.
President’s Message
Lawrence J. Yerdon, President & CEO

Strawbery Banke is really looking great these days. With the backdrop of the fresh paint of the completed HHP Thales Yeaton House, new grass on Puddle Dock and in front of Yeaton-Walsh, the next HHP project, the site is in terrific shape.

During Preservation Month in May, the NH Preservation Alliance honored the Heritage House Program with one of just 11 statewide awards. This honor is due to all who have contributed to transforming what were once under-loved buildings into thriving assets for the museum. The Montrone Family, for whom the new Gallery in Thales Yeaton is named, are among many who have enabled the project and Strawbery Banke to achieve such milestones.

On the smaller end of the scale of “fresh, new and functional” news is the completion of the totally revamped StrawberyBanke.org website. Departmental edits under the direction of Marketing have taken the site design and operation implemented by Graphic Details and Harbour Light/Savvy Software to heights already being appreciated by members and guests. One of the best features is the site’s optimization for mobile use, as fully 42 percent of those accessing attraction websites like this are doing so on their smart phones.

The first annual Barnyard Baby Animals at Strawbery Banke was a resounding success and a delightful way to start off the 2016 season. May all such beginnings auger well for the whole season. I look forward to seeing you around the museum.

“Port of Portsmouth: War, Trade & Travel” Opens July 1 in the New Montrone Family Gallery

Thanks to a major gift to the Heritage House Program from the Montrone Family and grants from the Roger R. and Theresa S. Thompson Foundation Fund, The Davis Family Foundation and the Sawtelle Family, Strawbery Banke Museum is set to realize Joseph Sawtelle’s vision of creating a maritime history exhibition permanently, and rightly, housed in Portsmouth.

Housed in the Montrone Family Gallery in Thales Yeaton House, the exhibit focuses on the maritime history of Portsmouth and the Seacoast, showcasing a collection of models and paintings of ships built in Portsmouth. Historical artifacts once owned by ships’ masters, builders and crew add insight into life in maritime Portsmouth.

Eight beautifully-crafted models of Portsmouth-built sailing ships, originally collected by Joseph Sawtelle, form the centerpiece of the exhibit and trace the urgency of the American Revolution, the dark history of the Triangle Trade and the knife’s edge balance of the Civil War.

“Port of Portsmouth” explores the breadth of maritime history associated with the seacoast of New Hampshire and its influence on the lives of those who lived in the neighborhood of Puddle Dock now occupied by Strawbery Banke Museum. The new exhibit is now an integral part of the museum and its interpretation of the Puddle Dock neighborhood.
In Memoriam

Strawbery Banke lost three significant friends in the past few months, each of whom made a huge impact on the museum as it is enjoyed today. Now immortalized as key figures in the history of Strawbery Banke they include:

Margaret Kelly, “Mrs. Goodwin” role-player for many years and the author/editor of Sarah Parker Rice Goodwin’s diaries that hold rich details for the interpretation of her Goodwin Mansion and gardens.

James Labrie, key donor to the creation of Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond, generous community philanthropist and gentleman to all.

Bruce Dicker, chair of the Strawbery Banke Board of Trustees and principal at JSA Architects. He was part of the museum’s master planning team, site planning team, Puddle Dock interpretation plan team, TVC and Carter Collections Center design team.

Strawbery Banke launches The Boatshop at Strawbery Banke!

Keep an eye on the activity taking place next to the Dinsmore Shop coopers’ shed. The Boatshop at Strawbery Banke is taking shape under the direction of wooden boatbuilder Nate Piper who is bringing traditional boatbuilding back to Strawbery Banke in partnership with the museum and donors who contributed $25,000 this spring. Details at BoatshopAtStrawberyBanke.org

AN AMERICAN CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 6–9 PM
1940S STYLE SWING DANCE

MONDAY, JULY 4
NATURALIZATION CEREMONY 11 AM
PLUS OLD-FASHIONED FIELD DAY
10 AM – 2 PM
Kids FREE thanks to BAE Systems.

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Many thanks to CPManagement, a new corporate partner who has committed their support to Strawbery Banke for the next two seasons. Founded in 1986 and headquartered in Exeter, NH the firm has a century of combined expertise in various disciplines, including property and facilities management, construction management, development, in-house asset management, maintenance and residential management & leasing.
SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

VINTAGE & VINE FINE WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL AND SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT STRAWBERRY BANKE

Each year, thanks to the efforts of the Museum’s trustees in producing this event, Vintage & Vine fills Strawbery Banke with great food, great wine and great company, all dedicated to the goal of sustaining the Museum as a place to learn and a place to gather for the community.

The highlight of the end-of-summer season, Vintage & Vine guests sample a selection of hundreds of fine wines and gourmet items created by the Seacoast’s finest chefs while mingling in the landscape of historic homes and heirloom gardens of Portsmouth’s past. Vintage & Vine is indeed a celebration of the vintage and the vine.

Five Star Chefs take center stage, grilling specialties from their Seacoast restaurants. The Silent Auction features unique gifts and experiences for bid including behind-the-scenes tours with museum staff and trustees. The popular wine and lottery ticket raffles also return for 2016.

General admission for Vintage & Vine is 5 to 7:30 pm, with tickets available online at $65 ($20 for designated driver). VIP tickets permit early admission to the grounds—at 4 pm—and a VIP tent offering premium wines and hors d’oeuvres (VIP tent is open 5–7; and VIP ticket holders have full access to the entire site for the duration of the event). VIP tickets are $120 per person ($30 for designated driver). All guests must be 21 or older. Members receive a 20% discount using the supplied promotional code.

Tickets are available online at StrawberyBanke.org/events