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## Artifact of the Month

by Strawbery Banke Assistant Curator Amanda Breen

A diorama recently acquired by the Strawbery Banke Museum Collection. The diorama is the "Launch of the Frigate Raleigh" by William Hitchcock. In 1776, the 32-gun frigate, the Raleigh, was built in Portsmouth as the first of thirteen ships sponsored by the Continental Congress to create an American Navy. The diorama depicts the fully constructed hull of the vessel as well as an historic interpretation of the way the ship was launched into the harbor. The diorama also includes the various buildings and shops that were critical in the construction of the vessel. Today the Raleigh is featured on the Seal of New Hampshire.



# STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

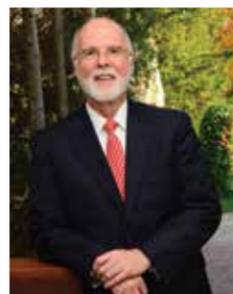
# Banke Notes

JULY 2015

## President's Message

Lawrence J. Yerdon, President & CEO

Surprisingly enough for a history museum, Strawbery Banke spends more time looking ahead than to the past. Yes, the museum welcomed nearly 100,000 visitors and concluded one of the most successful Annual Fund campaigns in recent memory. Still, Strawbery Banke works hard every day to



earn the sort of reviews that bring us TripAdvisor Excellence Awards. And each day brings its rewards along with opportunities to share the story with an ever-wider audience.

In recent weeks museum professionals and media from France, Japan and the UK have toured the campus, remarking on the preservation efforts, the beautiful gardens and—always!—the costumed role-players who so vividly animate the experience. Seeing the museum through their eyes and the eyes of online reviewers provides exactly the insight needed to keep it fresh and evolving, to serve visitors and members in ever better ways.

I welcome your comments and thank you for your continued support.



## Heritage Breed Chickens come home to roost

In May, Strawbery Banke re-introduced a dozen hens to Puddle Dock, next to the Victory Garden, close to where Leslie Clough kept chickens and ducks in the 1940s and 50s. The hens are comfortably housed in a reproduction 1940s chicken coop and fenced yard filled with sunshine and shade.

The flock is made up of two very popular heritage breeds of chickens, common to American farms, the Rhode Island Red and the Australorp. Introduced to America in the late 19th century, both are reported to be excellent egg layers and complement the Museum's story of the Victory Garden and how families "on the homefront" kept themselves fed and conserved resources for the war effort.

To welcome the chickens, the museum invited children under 12 to suggest names for them, that were appropriate to the Puddle Dock neighborhood and the families who lived there in the 1940s. Each of the winners received a family membership to Strawbery Banke. Thank you to Scamman's Home & Garden Showplace in Stratham NH for helping Strawbery Banke to maintain the flock.



MEMBERS RECEIVE \$30 OFF  
all tickets purchased before  
June 30, 2015. From July 1  
through September 12,  
the Member discount is \$20.

## JOIN TODAY!



JOIN OR RENEW TODAY AND ENJOY  
ALL OF THE MEMBER BENEFITS  
STRAWBERRY BANKE HAS IN STORE!



## Figtree Kitchen opens Café in the TYCO Visitors Center

Figtree Kitchen of Rollinsford, NH now operates the café in the TYCO Visitors Center, 9 am to 6 pm daily, and brings new taste treats for the 2015 season. Best known for its regular appearances at local Farmers Markets Figtree describes itself as “a small batch artisan baker located on the New Hampshire Seacoast providing great tasting food that’s prepared fresh and made from scratch with the highest quality ingredients.”

NH Chronicle’s “Granite State Treasure Hunters” featured Figtree and co-owners Mike Shea and Brian Murphy in a segment last April. Delighting in scratch-made items ‘designed to make your mouth water,’ Figtree offers sweet and savory tarts, breakfast wraps, the

gluten-free “Confession Cake” and Figtree’s signature kouign amman, a pastry from Brittany, made with flaky croissant-like pastry gilded with caramelized sugar. As Figtree Kitchen has continued to evolve over the past four years, the opportunity at Strawberry Banke capitalizes on the company’s reputation and following in Portsmouth and the Seacoast. “You have to keep recreating yourself or you become yesterday’s news,” said Mike.



**MEMBERS – SHOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AND RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT IN THE CAFÉ.**



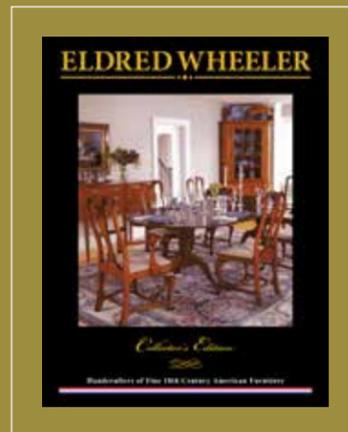
## NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!

# Eldred Wheeler Extends Special Discount

Strawbery Banke members now enjoy a new benefit thanks to a partnership created with Eldred Wheeler, makers of fine reproduction 18th century furniture. Members are invited to visit the Eldred Wheeler website ([www.eldredwheeler.com](http://www.eldredwheeler.com)) and receive a 15 percent discount on the cost of any items ordered. In addition to providing this benefit, Strawberry Banke receives a share of the proceeds to further educational programming.

When ordering through this program, members must enter a coupon code on the checkout page to receive the discount: SB15%. The price will be automatically recalculated to reflect the discount. Members are also invited to take advantage of the Eldred Wheeler interior design program when contemplating furnishings for a room, multiple rooms or a whole house. An additional discount available for these multi-piece room purchases will be included in the quote.

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## Patrick Healey presents Painting Strawberry Banke 1991–2015

Well-known Seacoast painter Patrick Healey presents a 6-week exhibition of his oil paintings on linen of Strawberry Banke through July 31 in The Muriel Gurdon Seabury Howells Lecture Hall in the TYCO Visitors Center. The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular museum hours, 7 days a week, 10 am to 5 pm. Many of the original paintings on display are available for purchase.



Patrick Healey is a colorist and landscape painter living and working in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. His art career began while studying at the Loyola Rome Center in Italy in 1978–79 and his first solo exhibit was at the University of Massachusetts O’Leary Library in 1987, followed by an exhibit in the Massachusetts Statehouse in Boston in 1988. After exploring the images and mills of Lowell in several exhibits he started painting Portsmouth with his “Sign Series” in 1990. This is Patrick’s second exhibit at Strawberry Banke Museum, a favorite subject. Nationally known, with solo or group exhibitions in the Time Life Building in Chicago, Whistler House Museum in Lowell, Elliot House Gallery at Harvard and the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, he hosted a retrospective at The Music Hall, “Patrick Healey Painting and Drawing Twenty-Five Years” in 2004. For more information and a gallery of painting images, visit [www.pathealey.com](http://www.pathealey.com).

## An American Celebration July 4th offers families an Old-Fashioned Field Day



### NEW! Swing Dance, Fri July 3rd, 6–9 pm



“An American Celebration” on July 4th is Strawberry Banke Museum’s annual salute to America, Independence Day and the joys of summer. Multiple generations make this their Fourth of July tradition, given the opportunity to enjoy the living history museum on a day that American history takes the spotlight. This year the main focus, 10 am to 2 pm, is an Old-Fashioned Field Day with children’s activities, including a parade of decorated bikes and wagons at 1:45 (decorating materials supplied), games on the lawn in several spots across the 10-acre grounds and live music.

The Museum is open its regular hours of 10 am to 5 pm. A US Naturalization Ceremony for new American citizens takes place at 11 am. All activities are included with regular museum admission and children under 17 are admitted FREE thanks to a grant from BAE Systems. Adult (17 and older) tickets are \$20. Members receive half-price admission (\$10). As a Blue Star Museum, Strawberry Banke admits active duty military and their families free.

### STRAWBERY BANKE MUSEUM GRANTS RECEIVED 2015

FUNDING SOURCE	PROJECT
NH Charitable Foundation	Operating Funds
The Fabulous Find	Puddle Dock Pond
TD Bank Charitable Foundation	History Within Reach
Granite State Development Corp.	HHP
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French Foundation	Jones House Exterior Preservation