Upcoming Events

HEARTH COOKING CLASSES
A two-hour hands-on experience teaching culinary history, traditional recipes and hearth techniques. Highlighted by Yankee Magazine! Each workshop is offered on a Saturday, 11 am to 1 pm. Members receive a $10 discount. Visit StrawberyBanke.org to register.

JANUARY 14
Beef stew in a ‘pastry coffin’ and pumpkin pie using both dried and fresh pumpkin.

JANUARY 28
Roast pork, applesauce, roasted root vegetables and lemon pie.

FEBRUARY 11
Chicken and wine, roasted root vegetables, chocolate tart or Queens pudding.

FEBRUARY 25
Pork and apple pie, 3 grain bread, and gingerbread.

SKATE WITH THE UNH WILDCATS AND THEIR MASCOT!
JANUARY 2, 2017, 10 AM – 12 PM

FIRST ANNUAL PUDDLE DOCK POND-A-THON SKATING FUNDRAISER!
JANUARY 28, 2017
Everyone is invited to gather sponsors for a 20-lap skate-a-thon around the Labrie Family Skate rink. All proceeds will go to keep the rink open. Watch the website for details.

GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Contact Membership and Annual Fund Manager Megan McNutt at 603.422.7508 or go to strawberybanke.org/memberships.html
President’s Message

Lawrence J. Yerdon, President & CEO

I’ve just finished reading a letter from Jonathan Holloway, Yale University’s Dean of Students, published in the Yale News. A transcript of his remarks to incoming freshmen, he cited Strawbery Banke and a visit he made that happened to coincide with the July 4th Naturalization Ceremony hosted here each year.

“These kinds of places usually give me pause as they tend toward oversimplified narratives of this nation’s rich and complex past,” he explained to the freshman class. “Thankfully, and to its credit, Strawbery Banke did not hide from the challenges of its particular past... But I was mainly moved by the over-arching narrative [of the Naturalization Ceremony]: so many strangers had come to this place—the United States, New Hampshire, Portsmouth, Strawbery Banke—believing in the possibilities … They made a collective leap of faith that they would find, through citizenship, a place to realize their ambitions.”

That is the story—more accurately, those are the stories—of leaps of faith from this neighborhood of newcomers and from “the challenges of this particular past” that Strawbery Banke exists to tell. Each day the stories are mirrored in the memories of museum guests; in the imaginations of visiting schoolchildren; and in the reminders of the people who lived in this neighborhood that emerge from floorboards and attics even now.

One TripAdvisor reviewer this fall

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New Thompson Fund grant and new collaboration benefit Strawbery Banke

Strawbery Banke is celebrating the honor of being one of six beneficiaries of the Roger R. & Theresa S. Thompson Foundation Fund on two levels. First, the Thompson Fund announced it is awarding a grant of $20,000 to Strawbery Banke for a new Botanical Sciences program to complement the Horticulture Center now in development for Cotton North.

In addition, Strawbery Banke is partnering with another of the Thompson Fund beneficiaries the NH Association for the Blind, on a multi-phase project to interpret the campus for the vision-impaired. Working together on seasonal initiatives the museum and Association held their first joint program in November, introducing a group of vision-impaired adults to the architecture program offered by the Education Department. The hands-on activity included a short tour of examples of especially tactile Strawbery Banke architecture: the rough exterior of Sherburne House, the carved balustrades on the staircase in Chase House and the contrast of Shapley-Drisco.

The Thompson Fund is encouraging partnerships among and between all six beneficiaries. The Strawbery Banke-NH Association for the Blind collaboration is the first.
Annual Fund

The Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Fund campaign has launched!

Though Strawbery Banke’s Fiscal Year ends on March 31, 2017, there’s still time to claim an IRS tax deduction for a donation to Strawbery Banke (501c3 non-profit) during calendar year 2016 by sending a donation before December 31!

This is a year marking significant accomplishments, not the least of which was the opening of “Port of Portsmouth: War, Trade & Travel”—Portsmouth’s first permanent maritime history exhibit in the newly-restored Thales Yeaton House. In addition to the Montrone Family Gallery exhibit space on the first floor, this Heritage House Program project includes an apartment on the 2nd floor. A portion of the rental income is set aside for future maintenance needs. It’s one of many forward-looking initiatives that helps keep Strawbery Banke Museum afloat.

Each donation to this Annual Fund Appeal helps Strawbery Banke embark on new and exciting opportunities like these. Although this ship is launched, the wind beneath her sails comes from you. Your donations support new interpretive programs, educational initiatives that serve 12,000 schoolchildren each year and the ongoing investment in ensuring Strawbery Banke is a place to learn, a place to gather and a sustainable resource for the community, long into the future.

Help Strawbery Banke continue to navigate the seas of change. Every donation is welcome. Reply with the enclosed envelope or on the secure website. StrawberyBanke.org/donate.cfm

Portsmouth Advocates Award Thales Yeaton Preservation

On November 17, Strawbery Banke was honored with the Portsmouth Advocates award for Adaptive Reuse of a Historic Resource for the transformation of the Thales Yeaton House.

Formed in 1980, Portsmouth Advocates was established to “promote the maintenance of the historical and architectural integrity of the structures and cityscape of the City of Portsmouth.” In 2012, Portsmouth Advocates became part of Portsmouth Historical Society.

Since 1989, Portsmouth Advocates has honored individuals and projects which enhance the city’s unique historic character and make Portsmouth a better place to live and work. Advocates has continued this tradition by presenting awards to exceptional individuals and projects completed over the last year.

Donor Recognition

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS, operating grant for arts activities
GRANITE STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, for the preservation of Yeaton-Walsh House as part of the Heritage House Program
THE ROGER R. AND THERESA S. THOMPSON ENDOWMENT FUND, for the Botanical Sciences Exhibition in the Horticulture Center
ROSAMOND THAXTER FOUNDATION, for the Botanical Sciences Exhibition in the Horticulture Center
THE GETZ CHARITABLE TRUST, CITIZEN’S BANK, N.A. TRUSTEE, for the preservation of Yeaton-Walsh House as part of the Heritage House Program

2nd Annual Children’s Author Festival

Twenty local children’s authors welcomed more than 200 people to the 2nd annual festival, part of the city-wide Portsmouth Literary Festival presented by Strawbery Banke and the Portsmouth Public Library.