

STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

Banke Notes

OCTOBER 2017

Letter from the Chairman

Zachary Slater,
Chair of the Board of Trustees



Strawbery Banke has received several media compliments lately—one from *Travel + Leisure* magazine that named Portsmouth, especially Strawbery Banke, as one of “America’s Best Towns for Fall Colors.”

A development newsletter out of Boston included the preservation of Strawbery Banke in its analysis of “the ingredients for a successful city.”

Then there were the comments from those who attended the 30th Vintage & Vine, who said this year’s event was “the best ever” and from PASSPORT, the fund-raiser we share with NH Public Television. Lots of great on-air promotion for the event and for Strawbery Banke!

Heading into the fall, there are so many great family events to enjoy. Then the Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond will be back on Puddle Dock and Vintage Christmas in Portsmouth, which Strawbery Banke has helped anchor from the start thirteen years ago, will bring shows, Stroll and seasonal excitement.

Being a sustainable resource for this community lies at the core of everything we do. When that attracts local and national attention—and invitations to opportunities like providing a “welcome to Portsmouth” photo mural on 77 State Street, greeting everyone who comes this way over Memorial Bridge—it is a great reflection on you, too.

We are extremely grateful for that goodwill and take the responsibility of sustaining it very seriously. I look forward to seeing you at a fall event!

Fall is for Families at Strawbery Banke!



3RD ANNUAL CHILDREN'S AUTHOR FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 4, 11 AM TO 3 PM. FREE.
Each child under 12 receives 1 seasonal skating pass at Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond.

The Children’s Author Festival welcomes local children’s book authors and illustrators to read from and sign their books, available for purchase at the event. Games, prizes and book-related activities are all part of the fun.



GHOSTS ON THE BANKE

OCT 27 & 28. 5:30–8 PM.
Trick or treat safely, house to historic house at this family-friendly Halloween event. Jack-O-Lanterns light the way to step over the threshold of time. Discover pirate treasure, visit with the wacky witch, and look into the future with guidance from the gypsy fortune teller. Ghosts on the Banke is designed primarily for young children. Costumes welcome! \$8 per person (under 1, free).

Keith Bernhardt, VP Retirement and College Products, Fidelity Investments, an event sponsor notes, “Fidelity Investments and the State of New Hampshire are proud to sponsor family events, such as Ghosts on the Banke, at Strawbery Banke Museum. We share the Museum’s commitment to learning, and together Fidelity and the State of NH offer the UNIQUE College Investing Plan, a tax-advantaged 529 college savings plan that helps NH families save for college.”



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A day in the life of Strawberry Banke

The dazzling morning of September 13 brought two groups to Strawberry Banke with very different objectives in mind.

The first to arrive were the United Way Day of Caring delegations from Heinemann, Goss Manufacturing and Teledyne/D.G. O'Brien. The volunteers loaded, trucked, unloaded and stacked two cords of wood used in the museum's hearth cooking programs. Then they helped Special Events Manager Alena Shellenbean move boxes out of Yeaton-Walsh and into the basement of Pitt Tavern (consider the staircases involved in that!). Next they cleaned up the garden (filling an entire dumpster with brush and weeds) with staff horticulturists Matt Kochka and Erik Wochholz before the final project of the day: expanding the Community Garden fronting Marcy Street. A seemingly indefatigable crew, they saw their efforts pay off in the hearth-cooking program below and in seeing the Community Garden collaboration with GATHER that puts fresh vegetables in the Seacoast family food pantry.



A little later that morning twelve members of Future In Sight (formerly known as the NH Association for the Blind) arrived for their fourth seasonal experience at Strawberry Banke. Having thoroughly enjoyed the previous programs: a hands-on Architecture: To Build a House workshop, a skating party at Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond and a garden tour and plant extracts lab, they were ready for hearth cooking. With Joe Mulqueen in the lead, they toured the kitchen of Pitt Tavern to get a sense of how the open hearth, kettle crane and brick oven functioned without the fire. They proceeded to Stoodley's Tavern where Sandy Phelps and Katie Raynes had lunch preparations underway in the fireplace of the Hearth Room. Helping with additional elements of the day's menu in the Cookstove Room, the group then sat down to enjoy the lunch they prepared, dining "family style" in the East Room. Both Strawberry Banke and Future In Sight are among the six local beneficiaries of the Roger R. and Theresa S. Thompson Endowment Fund, which encourages collaborations like this one.



Donor Recognition:

Thank you to **THE FABULOUS FIND** who divided its September profits among Strawberry Banke, York Public Library and the Seacoast Renewable Energy Initiative. And thank to everyone who donated items and shopped at the store in September.

SKATING LESSONS & RINK RENTALS



Learn to Skate at Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond.

Registration now open at StrawberryBanke.org/skate

\$80 per child (under 17);
\$99 per adult.

Session 1 lessons begin the week of December 4th.



RINK RENTALS

Reservations now being accepted for private party rink rentals. Contact Monique Deforge, mdeforge@strawberrybanke.org or 603.422.7552.



LABRIE FAMILY SKATE
AT PUDDLE DOCK POND
STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM



Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation Awards \$10,000 Targeted Grant

Strawbery Banke Museum has received an Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation grant for \$10,000 as part of the bank's Targeted Grant program, which is focused on supporting immigrants in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island for 2017.

The foundation is awarding \$1.5 million in grants to local nonprofits that address issues facing immigrants, which can include providing assistance for people seeking asylum and for separated families, basic adult education including English for speakers of other languages, workforce training, and support for immigrants serving in the U.S. military. The grant to Strawbery Banke helped provide free admission to the museum's historic houses, gardens and educational programs for the July 4th An American Celebration to new citizens and their families participating in the day's Naturalization Ceremony.

"America is a nation of immigrants and now—more than ever—today's immigrants need our support," said Laura Kurzrok, Executive Director of the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, when announcing the program. "We've supported immigrants in our communities even before we formed our foundation, more than 30 years ago, and we are looking forward to strengthening organizations that provide programs that address the social, legal and economic challenges facing immigrants and their families. We understand these issues because, here at Eastern, a large number of our colleagues are immigrants or sons, daughters or grandchildren of immigrants."

Lawrence J. Yerdon, President and CEO of Strawbery Banke Museum thanked Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation for the grant, noting that "Strawbery Banke is delighted to host the Naturalization Ceremony each year because America is a nation of newcomers and the museum tells the story of the Puddle Dock neighborhood and the diverse families who settled into this neighborhood of newcomers over the past 300+ years." Strawbery Banke is also celebrating the 20th anniversary this year of the Shapiro House, depicting the daily life of the Russian Jewish immigrant Shapiro Family in 1919.



Standing in front of Shapiro House, which depicts the immigrant experience in Portsmouth in 1919, (left to right), Strawbery Banke President & CEO Lawrence J. Yerdon, and Zachary Slater, Chair of the museum Board of Trustees thank Eastern Bank's Stephen H. Witt, Senior Vice President, NH Team Leader, for the targeted grant to Strawbery Banke.



Strawbery Banke photo mural installed at 77 State Street

This is now the scene greeting all who drive over the Memorial Bridge into Portsmouth. Thank you to Steve Kelm and the tenants of 77 State Street!

We welcome your comments about this issue of Banke Notes and encourage your ideas.
Please contact us at 603-433-1100 or info@strawberrybanke.org.



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Homeschool Classes at Strawberry Banke

Homeschool classes give homeschooling families the chance to mingle with other homeschoolers, participate in theme-based self-guided tours and join in hands-on workshops and programs at affordable prices without signing up as a large group.

VICTORIAN VENTURES (AGES 8+)

WEDNESDAYS 1:00 – 3:00 PM

October 18: The Civil War: Berry Ink and Writing

November 1: Inventions: Cookstove Cooking & Photography

November 8: Leisure Time: Stereopticons and Board Games

For more information <https://strawberrybankemuseum.wordpress.com/homeschool-classes>.

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