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Sherburne House. Strawbery Banke archaeologist Alexandra Martin, a member of the Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) submitted this photo of the Sherburne House Archaeology Field School site to the annual Archaeological Photo & Video Competition. The image was displayed at the annual SHA conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology (ACUA) in Boston in January, and posted to the ACUA web and social media sites.

Photo — by David J. Murray/ClearEyePhoto.com

FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL SEACOAST SKATING WITH THE STARS, six local skaters paired with professional skaters to perform crowd-pleasing routines. This was the 6th year the professionals from Ice Dance International (IDI) dazzled the crowd at Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond. Even more exciting news is that this year, IDI and Labrie Family Skate artistic director Doug Webster has brought his IDI ensemble for a winter residency at Strawbery Banke. From here they will present ice shows up and down the East Coast and offer skating clinics for locals at Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond. Watch for schedules at StrawberyBanke.org/skate.cfm and on Facebook.
Chairman’s Letter

What does Strawbery Banke mean to you? Over the years, as I’ve watched how different people experience the museum and how different points of contact—or points of view—come obvious to me that “who are we?” is a question with a variety of answers. Strawbery Banke means many things to many people; and all of them passionate about why they love the place.

Ask a kid zooming around the rink, if he stops long enough to answer, and his eyes will shine as he says, “I love the skating!” Ask a kid—this is the place.

Ask an archaeology field school student and he may tell you how the clay pipe stems he recovered from the Sherburne family. To honor this history, in 2020 Portsmouth Public Library is hosting one of many communities connected by a common Algonquian language family. To honor this history, in 2020 Portsmouth Public Library is hosting a monthly series of Indigenous Stories, featuring speakers on indigenous culture, history and perspectives. This series is cosponsored by Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth 400 and the Indigenous NH Collaborative Collective.

MONDAY MARCH 2: Abenaki Horticulture & Garden Forestry
Dr. Fred Wieman, Chair, Vermont Indigenous Heritage Center Committee

APRIL 27: Indigenous New Hampshire Collaborative Collective

Indigenous Stories

The city of Portsmouth is located on the homelands of the Abenaki people, who have ongoing cultural and spiritual connections to this area. According to Tribal oral tradition, Abenaki people have lived in the place now called New Hampshire for more than 12,000 years — since before Tribal memory. The Abenaki are part of a larger group of indigenous people who called themselves Wabanaki or “People of the Dawn,” and form one of many communities connected by a common Algonquian language family. To honor this history, in 2020 Portsmouth Public Library is hosting a monthly series of Indigenous Stories, featuring speakers on indigenous culture, history and perspectives. This series is cosponsored by Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth 400 and the Indigenous NH Collaborative Collective.

A Place to GATHER

R.M. Davis, an annual sponsor for Strawbery Banke, teamed up with GATHER earlier this month to collect nonperishable donations for the food pantry in exchange for free skating. GATHER also welcomed those they serve to skate for free.

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