

16TH ANNUAL
**AMERICAN
CELEBRATION**



AT STRAWBERY BANKE MUSEUM

**ENJOY THIS LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM
AT A TIME THAT AMERICAN HISTORY
TAKES A SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT.**

SUNDAY, JULY 1:

Timeline of American History, dozens of additional costumed re-enactors and living history performers, included in the regular admission. 10 am to 5 pm.

Presented with assistance from the Fuller Foundation.

TUESDAY, JULY 3:

1940s-style Swing Dance with Beantown Swing Orchestra. 6-9 pm. \$20

Presented with assistance from the Fuller Foundation.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4:

US Naturalization Ceremony 11 am.

Old-fashioned family field day, 10 am to 5 pm.

Presented with assistance from



JULY 4TH ADMISSION IS FREE TO EVERYONE THANKS TO SUPPORT FROM

BAE SYSTEMS



LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Zachary Slater, Chair of the Board of Trustees



Who could resist those Baby Animals? Such an amazing event!

It was a pleasure to greet so many members at the opening breakfast and the ribbon-cutting where Strawberry Banke was honored to welcome New Hampshire's Agriculture Commissioner Shawn Jasper and the incomparable Councilor Ruth Griffin, our neighbor.

And then I returned, with my daughter and her friends and with other guests to enjoy what has now become one of the museum's signature events. In just three years, Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds on the Banke has become a classic, a true expression of Strawberry Banke's unique blend of historical authenticity and educational fun.

Thank you to guest curator Peter Cook and his connections to farmers with rare animals from all over New England, thanks to his knowledgeable wife and woolcraft expert Nancy and thanks to the entire staff for the teamwork necessary to bring the Baby Animals to Portsmouth every spring. Seeing the strollers lined up outside the tent and the families with infants and toddlers sharing the day offered a great picture of what Strawberry Banke is all about.

Special thanks to the Baby Animals event sponsors: Little Sister Foundation, Historic Runnymede Farm, Fidelity, Berwick Academy, Exeter Hospital, Jo Lamprey, Piscataqua Savings Bank, New England Ovis, Kelton House Farm, and Hutchinson.

Now the historic houses are open for the season, we look forward to the thousands of schoolchildren and daily visitors who bring the entire campus to life. You'll find new programs, new costumed roleplayers added to the cast, and a new exhibit when you visit. So if you've haven't used your membership lately, I encourage you to make the trip and promise you will be delighted by the experience.

There are lots of special events coming up too, starting with the Fourth of July festivities, an iconic way to spend the holiday in our "neighborhood of newcomers." See you at Strawberry Banke!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zachary Slater', written in a cursive style.

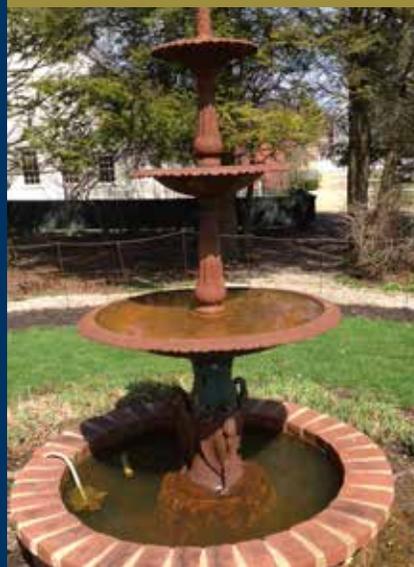
IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT LEITH VESTAL FRENCH

Hardwood executive and conservationist Robert French, 91, of Earlysville, VA and Hopkinton, NH, died at home on March 25, 2018, after a long illness. He was the father of Jameson French, also a Board member, and benefactor to Strawberry Banke Museum. In 1970, he started New Hampshire-based Northland Forest Products, Inc. and assembled and protected 35,000 acres of sustainably managed timberland in Northern New England and Virginia. He was active in a variety of environmental organizations including the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, where he was trustee and served on the lands committee for over 30 years.

STRAWBERRY BANKE VOLUNTEERS ARE MUSEUM TREASURES

In April, Strawberry Banke celebrated the priceless contributions made by museum volunteers at the Volunteers Dinner. One example of these Museum Treasures' work is the restoration of the Goodwin Garden fountain by Steve Wilson. He commented, "The reason I took the job on was the quote that was given to Strawberry Banke to refurbish the fountain. I felt I could do the job on site and that the money saved could be put to a better use. My plan was pretty straightforward: start with a power wash and see what would be required to stabilize the cast iron and finally put on a durable finish. After the power wash, I found that the fountain was in good shape with no rusted-through areas. The next step was to remove all loose material with wire brushes. New England Marine & Industrial was a tremendous source for recommendations of both 'how to' and what products to use. A product was applied to 'lock' the rust and also provide a primed surface. Finally a marine-grade poly paint was applied." In total, Steve put 20 hours into the job. As he said, "Time well spent."



IT'S A GRAND OLD FLAG!

Thursday, June 14 at 9 am, Marcy Street, Liberty Pole

Gather at the Liberty Pole for a community celebration of Flag Day organized by Puddle Docker Sherm Pridham and alumni of the former, neighborhood Haven School.

The Continental Congress adopted the first version of the familiar Stars and Stripes on June 14, 1777. Coincidentally, on that day Captain John Paul Jones assumed command of the *Ranger*, built here in Portsmouth. Jones, his seacoast crew and the *Ranger* were thus the first American ship to receive honors from a foreign nation (a French ship) when they carried the flag into international waters.

The Liberty Pole in Portsmouth, seen in the earliest photos of what is now Strawberry Banke, was one of the Liberty Poles raised in

all thirteen colonies by the Sons of Liberty. Liberty Poles were a rallying point for protests during the American Revolution. The Portsmouth one was raised on January 9, 1766 in opposition to the Stamp Act. The current pole is a descendant of the original, as is the eagle at its top. The current eagle was carved by Strawberry Banke's master cooper, Ron Raiselis.

THE FLAG DAY PROGRAM FOR JUNE 14TH INCLUDES:

- The National Anthem, performed by Angelynne Hinson.
- Remarks by Mayor Jack Blalock.
- Salute by a US Navy delegation from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

SUMMER CAMPS ARE THE BEST AT STRAWBERRY BANKE

"If school was like camp, history would be my favorite subject." Crafty Kids' Camper

There's still time—barely—to sign up for one of the re-imagined day camps at Strawberry Banke this summer. With different themes each week, the camps from July 30 through August 17 give kids a portal to the past, alongside kids of their own age.

Even better, members get a discount, as do families with multiple kids in different camps. Camp is held Monday through Friday, 9 am to 3 pm each day. Cost: \$250 for members/\$300 non-members. *Detailed camp information at StrawberryBanke.org/Education/Camps.cfm*

ALL PLAY AND NO WORK WEEK

July 30 – August 3, 2018

MAKE AND CREATE WEEK

August 6 – 10, 2018

SNEAK PEEK WEEK

August 13 – 17, 2018



EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS



"STAGING HISTORY: THE PRODUCTION DESIGN OF PONTINE THEATRE"

Through July 31

CELEBRATE NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 230TH BIRTHDAY!

Sunday, June 17

Free admission to all New Hampshire residents.

TUESDAYS ON THE TERRACE

July 10 – Aug 28

Supported in part by Kennebunk Savings Bank.



CHANGING NATURE: 400 YEARS IN THE PISCATAQUA REGION.

through June 27 and again September 1 through November 1, 2018.





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14 HANCOCK STREET, PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801

ARTIFACT OF THE MONTH

The 2018 special exhibit, VICE, invites visitors to explore the changing tastes and taboos of Portsmouth, from 1695 to 1955. Presented through artifacts and ephemera in the museum's collection, VICE asks the question, "What is vice?" and considers the changing mores of New England, the toleration and rejection of "habits" and some of the consequences of vice on the Seacoast.

2018 Special Exhibit was funded in part by a grant from the Roger R. & Theresa S. Thompson Endowment Fund and by the Davis Family Foundation.



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The past as "present"!

Strawbery Banke membership and its benefits makes a long-lasting gift for Father's Day, weddings, graduations, birthdays, anniversaries and other memorable occasions.

Contact Megan McNutt at
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ESPECIALLY FOR MEMBERS

Strawbery Sundae Social
Sunday, June 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Enjoy a complimentary strawberry
ice cream sundae, with thanks!
Bring a friend for free!