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Artifact of the Month

by Strawbery Banke Assistant Curator Amanda Santoriello

The museum recently received the generous gift from Louise and Basil Richardson of a pearlware cup and saucer, transfer-printed in blue by George Phillips c. 1834. Both are in the “Canova” pattern, depicting a large urn with a man and a woman in front of a columned building. The reason for this particular gift is that an identical set is known to have been used by Puddle Dock residents and shards with this pattern were found during the 2015 Archaeological Field School at the Yeaton Walsh House. Strawbery Banke’s collection and interpretation are greatly informed by these archaeological findings. For more information about donating to the Collection Acquisition Fund, contact Chief Curator, Elizabeth Farish at efarish@strawberybanke.org.



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Make this Valentine’s Day
February 14th
historic with a Fire & Ice
3-course candlelight dinner
at Strawbery Banke
and a romantic skate
on the outdoor ice rink.

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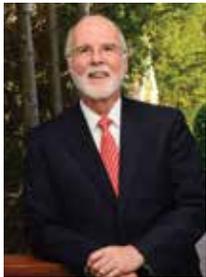
*Beer and wine available at additional cost.



UBS Portsmouth, NH employees and their spouses gather at the tree donated by UBS before enjoying the Holiday Dinner at Pitt Tavern.

President's Message

Lawrence J. Yerdon, President & CEO



What's Next? was the title of an article in the recent copy of Museum News published by the American Alliance of Museums. As I read it, I was reminded that the beginning of a new year is an appropriate

time to ask, what's next?

There is much to say in responding to this question for Strawberry Banke Museum. In addition to the many fine programs the museum offers annually, we are adding a number of new programs and exhibitions that we hope will enhance visitors' enjoyment and learning.

New this year will be an exhibition of agricultural animals — Baby Animals: Barnyard in the Spring. The exhibition will debut for nine days at the end of April. It will tell the story of the animals that were so important in the lives of New Hampshire residents across many hundreds of years. Make sure you have the children in your life scheduled for this educational and fun exhibition this spring.

With the completion of the new Montrone Family Exhibition Gallery in the recently restored Yeaton House, we will introduce a new maritime exhibition celebrating the history of building ships in Portsmouth and sailing them in times of war and in peace. The core of the exhibition is a collection of eight beautiful ship models recently given to the museum by a generous anonymous donor in honor of Jean E. and Joseph G. Sawtelle, long-time collectors of Portsmouth's maritime history. The exhibition opening coincides with the museum's 4th of July celebration.

In the previous issue of Banke Notes, we announced the \$108,000 federal grant from

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"Skating Stars on the Seacoast" Ice Shows Return to Labrie Family Skate February 26 & 27



Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond hosts two performances of "Skating Stars on the Seacoast" professional ice skating shows on the outdoor ice rink on Friday February 26 at 7 pm and Saturday, February 27 at 2 pm (rain date February 28). Produced by Founding Artistic Director, Douglas Webster of Ice Dance International, the shows feature international skating champions, including the dramatic Ryan Bradley who astonished crowds at last year's shows with his athletic flips and the graceful pairs duo of Kim Navarro and Brent Bommentre who appeared in the acclaimed 2015 shows at Labrie Family Skate; plus new guest stars Ashley Clark and Carly Donowick. (Appearance may be subject to scheduling.)

The ice shows are sponsored by Sentient Decision Science, Dos Amigos/Franklin Oyster House and RMC Research. Each show lasts 30 minutes. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for children (aged 5–17); \$40 for family (2 adults/2 children). Children under 5, free. Strawberry Banke members receive a 20% discount. Tickets include skating (skate rentals are an additional \$5 per person). VIP tickets that include the opportunity to meet the skating stars after the show for photos and autographs are \$22 for adults, \$18 for children. Tickets are available on the Museum website, www.strawberrybanke.org.

Enjoy more member benefits!



An ever-growing list of benefits arranged for Strawberry Banke members now includes half-price skating at Labrie Family Skate. In addition, those bringing a skating ticket to Dos Amigos, the Mexican cantina at 107 State Street, receive a 15% discount on food. And don't forget the generous donation being made by sister restaurant Franklin Oyster House: during February and March, 25 cents of each oyster purchased during happy hour goes to Labrie Family Skate. For the current list of Member offers and discounts, visit the Member page on the website.



Annual Fund gifts pay it forward

As the end of the fiscal year for Strawberry Banke approaches (March 31, 2016), the Annual Fund campaign shifts into high gear. The envelope enclosed with this issue of Banke Notes provides an easy mechanism for mailing a donation. The button on the Strawberry Banke website homepage is another way to make a secure donation. The Annual Fund is a significant income source for the museum — and a way to “pay forward” what Strawberry Banke means to you.

Strawberry Banke pays it forward by:

- Providing scholarships that pay for Museum admission and buses for schoolchildren to participate in educational programs.
- Providing the grounds and meeting space to community nonprofits, helping the Seacoast raise millions of dollars at Taste of the Nation, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and other events.
- Preserving and restoring the 38 historic buildings on site through the Heritage House Program and other initiatives
- Partnering, this winter, with the NH Food Bank on a season-long food drive serving 15 Seacoast nonprofits.

Help Strawberry Banke continue to “pay it forward.” A donation to the Strawberry Banke Annual Fund is an opportunity to pay forward all the great memories and to sustain the programs, preservation and properties that make Strawberry Banke such a magical place.



Heritage House Program and new maritime exhibit receive major funding

The Heritage House Program (HHP) at Strawberry Banke is the beneficiary of a \$50,000 grant from the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation and a \$10,000 grant from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, sustaining the momentum achieved towards the completion of the HHP goals including the restoration of the Yeaton Walsh House. Stephen H. Witt, Senior Vice President, NH Team Leader for Eastern Bank (at left, in picture) commented, “Strawberry Banke Museum is an important and valuable asset to the community Eastern Bank serves. We are proud to support the Heritage House Program that helps the museum be financially sustainable and through its tenants, brings light and life back to the neighborhood.” Strawberry Banke has also received two significant donations supporting the creation of the permanent maritime exhibit scheduled to open July 4th. The Roger R. and Theresa S. Thompson Endowment Fund announced a \$20,000 award to the exhibit to perpetuate the memories of Roger R. and Theresa S. Thompson who support six local organizations whose work they deemed to be in the best interest of the local community. The Davis Family Foundation has also provided a \$10,000 grant for the new exhibit.



Feed the hungry. Skate for free.

The NH Food Bank food drive Strawberry Banke Museum announced when the skating rink opened in November continues. And now that the holiday giving season is over, the need to help feed families in the Greater Seacoast community is bigger than ever.

Assistance is rewarded in several ways:

The donation of a bag of non-perishable food supports some of the 42,170 children under 18 in New Hampshire who are food insecure and are served by the 15 nonprofits on the Seacoast affiliated with the NH Food Bank.

- Donate a bag of healthy nonperishable food and receive a pass for **free admission to Strawberry Banke Museum** (\$20 value) during the May–October season.
- Skate on Friday and stay for lunch and enjoy a **10% discount at the rinkside Figtree Kitchen Cafe!** The cafe is open on Fridays, 11 am to 8 pm. Skate rentals are available, \$5 per pair.

Thank you to the Winter Harvest Project sponsors Direct Capital, Vital Design and The Rosa Restaurant.





Penhallow dig is the focus of 2016 Archaeology Field School



This summer marks the 20th annual archaeological field school at Strawberry Banke. This year's school will focus on recovering archaeological resources surrounding the historic Penhallow House in advance of the property's Heritage House Program rehabilitation. Led by museum archaeologist Alix Martin, field school students learn archaeological techniques and how to identify historic artifacts. Field trips to other museums and directed reading help expand the students' knowledge; and work in the Carter Collections Center laboratory provides practical experience in processing artifacts. Students also interact with museum visitors daily, offering interpretation of the site and the excavation activity.

Field School applicants are invited for one or both of the two sessions: Session 1: June 13 – June 24; Session 2: June 27 – July 8. Monday – Friday 8:30 – 4 pm. Tuition is \$400 per person (\$350 for Strawberry Banke members) per session and enrollment is limited to 12 participants per session. Strawberry Banke is pleased to offer the Thomas M. Lynch Archaeology Field School Scholarship, made possible through a donation from T. M. Lynch Pellet Stove Services. For more details on the field school visit the museum website.

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the Institute for Museum and Library Services. The grant supports the development of a new interpretive plan for the museum's extensive educational offerings to the public. The grant-funded project is underway, and as we move to completion over the next eighteen months, you will see a number of pilot projects introduced across the campus.

There is much to do, see and experience these days at Strawberry Banke Museum. I hope to meet you, your family and friends over the next year. Best wishes for 2016.

Alice Gordon

A place to learn – and have fun! – during school vacation

WINTER VACATION DAYS, FEBRUARY 22–25, 2016

Children in grades 1 through 5 relax and have fun at Strawberry Banke during winter vacation. The camps invite kids to become immersed in the past through hands-on crafts, historic cooking, old fashioned games, and dress up. Participants can enroll in one morning session or several to see how exciting history can be!

- MONDAY FEB 22 – COLONIAL FOOD AND FUN
- TUESDAY, FEB 23 – CRAFTS OF THE PAST
- WEDNESDAY, FEB 24 – VICTORIAN MERRIMENT
- THURSDAY, FEB 25 – TRADITIONAL SCHOOL DAYS

Each camp takes place in Stoodley's Tavern Educational Center, from 9 am to 12 noon. The cost is \$25 per day for members and \$30 per day for non-members. For a small additional cost, campers are invited to stay an extra 90 minutes each day for some outdoor winter fun skating at Labrie Family Skate.



Pre-registration is required for all programs. Please contact the Education department by e-mail: camps@strawberrybanke.org or phone 603-422-7541.

Summer Vacation Camps



Registration for Strawberry Banke Summer Camp opened on February 1. Members receive a \$50 discount on each registration. In addition, take advantage of the Early Bird Discount: Register for a summer camp and pay in full before March 1, 2016 to receive a 10% discount off the cost of camp. OR the Sibling/Multiple Camp Discount: Families registering one child for multiple summer camps or siblings for the same camp or different camps will receive a 10% discount per camp. For more details on the various camps for different ages and interests, planned for this June, July and August, visit StrawberryBanke.org.