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STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

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Letter from the Chair

I **T IS WITH GREAT EXCITEMENT** that I introduce you to Strawberry Banke's new president, Linnea Grim!

After an extensive nationwide search, the Board of Trustees has appointed Linnea as President and CEO, Thomas W. Haas Endowed Chair, and she assumes her new role at the Museum early this month. She comes to Strawberry Banke with deep experience in museum leadership and management, most recently serving as Vice President of Guest Experiences for the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, a private nonprofit that owns and operates Monticello, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Additionally, her proven success in organizational leadership, change management, innovative and diverse revenue streams, and lasting partnerships are the qualities the leader of Strawberry Banke must embody to help achieve the mission that values both individual stories and the power of community. Linnea is fully dedicated to maintaining the excellent community relationships that Larry Yerdon, the staff, and the Board of Trustees have formed.

I want to thank the Search Committee members who served with me to navigate this process for the Museum. My deepest gratitude to Board Vice Chair Matt McFarland, Treasurer Kathy Kane, Secretary Jeff Gilbert, Trustee Martha Fuller Clark, Trustee Joanna Kelley, and former Executive Director of Historic New England and Strawberry Banke Museum Jane Nylander for sharing their wisdom and guidance. Additional thanks to Scott Stevens, of Museum Search & Reference (MS&R), who led the nationwide search.

As Larry's tenure comes to a close, we greatly thank him for 18 years of progressive and innovative ideas, and for transforming Strawberry Banke into the year-round Portsmouth destination and the renowned educational institution it is today. Thanks to his dedication, the Museum serves over 100,000 visitors annually, with robust programs, immersive exhibits, and exciting events all bringing to life the history of Puddle Dock neighborhood.

Of course, this would not be possible without you. In addition to supporting Strawberry Banke through your membership, please consider joining me in making a gift to the March Match Strawberry Banke Fund Challenge. Liberty Fare Dining, located in the Museum's Lawrence J. Yerdon Visitors Center, is matching donations, doubling each gift, up to \$25,000 to help realize the vision of Strawberry Banke.

I look forward to seeing you on campus soon, whether it's visiting our Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke April 22-30, or visiting our historic houses when they open for the season on May 1!



Cynthia Fenneman *Chair of the Board of Trustees*



Linnea Grim Announced as the next President and CEO, Thomas W. Haas Endowed Chair

Strawbery Banke announced on Wednesday, January 11, that the Board of Trustees has appointed Linnea Grim as President and CEO, Thomas W. Haas Endowed Chair. Grim most recently served as Vice President of Guest Experiences for the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, a private nonprofit that owns and operates Monticello, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Grim has 23 years of experience working in leadership positions at nationally important historic sites, history organizations, and in the Office of the Curator at the Supreme Court of the United States. She spent the last 16 years at Monticello

serving as Hunter J. Smith Director of Education & Visitor Programs and Manager of Interpretive Programs prior to joining Monticello's executive team in 2021. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, from The College of William and Mary, and a Master's degree in history museum studies from The Cooperstown Graduate Program.

She takes over on March 6, succeeding Lawrence J. Yerdon, who is retiring after 18 years in the position.



Saturday, April 22 – Sunday, April 30, 2023, 10 am – 4 pm
Rain or shine under a heated tent

Member ticket sales begin on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 10 am
 Public ticket sales begin on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 10 am

Learn about domestic livestock typical on coastal northern New England farms from the 17th century to the present at this family-friendly and educational event. Peter Cook, Guest Curator, and expert breeders from NH, ME, MA, and NY farms answer visitors' questions about the rare heritage breeds, their care, developmental needs, and more. Additionally, watch demonstrations of traditional arts such as weaving and spinning. On Sundays, April 23 & 30, Dan Smith, Restoration Assistant and Museum Beekeeper, performs a honey extraction demonstration in the Lawrence J. Yerdon Visitors Center Lecture Hall from 11 am to 2 pm. **Note: Petting is not allowed for the animals' and visitors' health and safety.**

TICKETS: Members (ages 1+): \$5 or free depending on membership level;
 Nonmembers (ages 1+): \$10; Children under 1: free, ticket required

SPONSORS:



Children's Program with Baby Animals

Sunday, April 23 – Sunday, April 30, 2023
 Morning session: 9-10 am
NEW! Afternoon session: 4-5 pm

Presented for an hour before and after the event is open to the public, the Children's Program is led by a heritage breeder and educator and is designed to give children ages 4-8 an opportunity to meet the baby lambs, kids, chicks, and other animals up close. Tickets for the Children's Program include a breakfast/afternoon snack, admission for up to two accompanying parents or guardians, and all-day admission to the main event. Members \$20. Nonmembers \$25.



Liberty Fare Dining Leads the March Match Challenge

Strawbery Banke's new extraordinary dining experience has pledged to match every gift to the Strawberry Banke Fund during the month of March, dollar-for-dollar up to \$25,000.

With the end of the fiscal year quickly approaching on March 31, and recognizing the Museum still needs to raise funds to meet its fundraising goal, Liberty Fare Dining is challenging friends of Strawberry Banke to make a gift and support all operational areas of the Museum.

Making a donation is easy:



- Send a check or credit card information using the enclosed envelope.
- Scan the QR code or visit StrawberyBanke.org/donate.cfm to donate online.
- Call Sarah Regan, Donor and Visitor Services Associate, at 603.241.1644 for assistance.

NOW OPEN!

Liberty Fare Dining

Liberty Fare Dining's extraordinary dining experience is a whimsical nautical treat for all. Inspired by local maritime history, the café invites visitors to step aboard in the Lawrence J. Yerdon Visitors Center. Enjoy a menu varies with the season — and, of course, delightful ice cream treats and bakery goods. To learn more, visit StrawberyBanke.org/visit/cafe.cfm.



Thank you, Grantors!

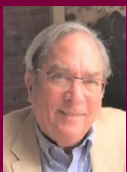
Strawbery Banke is deeply grateful to the generous grantors who have supported its mission. (From 12/16/21 through 12/15/22).

- Anonymous
- Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation
- Fuller Foundation
- Georgia-Pacific Foundation
- Grimshaw-Gudewicz Foundation
- Institute for Museum and Library Services
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- New England Foundation for the Arts
- New Hampshire Charitable Foundation
- New Hampshire Humanities
- New Hampshire State Council on the Arts & the National Endowment for the Arts
- New Hampshire Charitable Foundation
- New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program

IN MEMORIAM



Dr. Geoffrey E. Clark, a longtime friend and supporter of Strawberry Banke, died on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at his family's retreat on Argo Point in York, ME, with his family by his side. In addition to his life's work as a physician and medical entrepreneur, he and his wife, Martha Fuller Clark, Strawberry Banke Trustee, actively supported historic preservation and a bustling creative community. He invested both his time and treasure in a variety of non-profit organizations, including Strawberry Banke Museum, The Music Hall, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, Families First, New Hampshire Public Radio, and Sustainable Harvest International.



Gibson B. "Mike" Kennedy, Jr., Strawberry Banke Museum Trustee, friend, and supporter, died peacefully on January 5, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. In addition to Strawberry Banke, Mike was active in numerous Portsmouth organizations, was a former Commissioner of the Portsmouth Housing Authority, and was a former Board member for Portsmouth Historical Society / Discover Portsmouth.



Joanne Lamprey, friend and supporter of Strawberry Banke, died peacefully on January 2, 2023, at Webster at Rye surrounded by loved ones. Joanne devoted her life to helping others and the greater good of her community. She supported numerous organizations, including The Music Hall, the New Hampshire SPCA, Families First, and Friends Forever International.

Douglas Wheeler, Strawberry Banke National Council member and supporter, died on December 22, 2022. He had a deep love of history and was professor emeritus of history at UNH, serving from 1965 until his retirement in 2002.



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Visit strawberybanke.org
for updated schedules
and event details



Portsmouth NH 400

Strawbery Banke is honored to be a Portsmouth NH 400 (PNH400) partner. In celebration of Portsmouth's 400th anniversary, several signature and non-profit partner events are occurring on Strawbery Banke grounds throughout 2023. For an up-to-date list of PNH400 events and programs, please visit PortsmouthNH400.org/calendar.

Not receiving weekly member e-newsletters?

Make sure Strawbery Banke has your current contact information to receive first access to purchase tickets to events, educational programs and workshops, and more. Contact the Membership Office at membership@sbmuseum.org or 603.770.0257.

SAVE THE DATES!



2023 Historic House Season

Opening Day: Monday, May 1, 2023

Strawbery Banke's historic houses reopen for the season on Monday, May 1. In addition to touring the historic homes, talking to engaging costumed roleplayers, and discovering historical landscapes, visitors can explore a special exhibition in celebration of the 400th anniversary of Portsmouth's settlement, titled "Portsmouth Possessions: Objects That Shaped the City." Remember, general museum admission tickets are always free for Strawbery Banke members!

Pat Brackett wore this pink synthetic lace creation to the 1954 Portsmouth High School Junior prom. 1988.130

Keeping History Above Water National Symposium

May 7-9, 2023

Hosted by Strawbery Banke, the City of Portsmouth, the UNH Geospatial Lab, and Portsmouth NH 400, the Keeping History Above Water conference takes place May 7-9, 2023, at the AC Hotel in downtown Portsmouth. More information and registration are available via Historyabovewater.org/2023-portsmouth.

Flag Day Commemoration

Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 9 am

Join Strawbery Banke and alumni from Haven School, Farragut Elementary School, and North End School for a Flag Day commemoration. Free and open to the public.

Tuesdays on the Terrace

Tuesday nights from June through August

Enjoy acoustic music amid the summer splendor of Puddle Dock at Strawbery Banke's popular annual outdoor concert series. Members: free, Nonmembers: \$5, Children (under 3): free.