



Strawbery Banke Museum, PO Box 300  
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## Artifact of the Month

by Strawbery Banke Assistant Curator Amanda Santoriello

Thanks to a major gift from the Paul and Sandra Montrone Family to create new exhibition space in the Thales-Yeaton House, and grants from the Roger A. and Theresa S. Thompson Foundation Fund and the Davis Family Foundation, Strawbery Banke will open a new permanent exhibit, "Port of Portsmouth: War, Trade & Travel" on July 1, 2016. The exhibit focuses on the maritime history of Portsmouth and the Seacoast, showcasing a collection of models and paintings of ships built in Portsmouth. Six beautifully-crafted half-models of Portsmouth-built sailing ships, originally collected by Joseph Sawtelle, form the core of the exhibit. Paintings and historical artifacts once owned by ships' masters or builders add to the experience.



## May is Historic Preservation Month

Strawbery Banke is celebrating Historic Preservation Month with these programs:

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 AT 5:00 P.M.**  
Behind the Scenes Tour of Penhallow House with Preservation Carpenter John Schnitzler

**TUESDAY, MAY 24 AT 5:00 P.M.**  
Evolution of the New England Clapboard, John Schnitzler

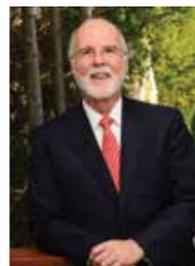
**SUNDAY, MAY 22ND AT 3 P.M.**  
Civil War Walking Tour with Strawbery Banke Interpreters & Re-enactors Don & Pat Trefethen

See page 3 for more information on how Strawbery Banke is celebrating Historic Preservation Month.

**ENJOY YOUR MEMBER BENEFITS!**   
For the current list, visit the website.

## President's Message

Lawrence J. Yerdon, President & CEO



Strawbery Banke and other outdoor history museums work constantly to introduce innovations designed to support attendance and attract audiences who are distracted by many other competing options for their leisure dollars.

We all innovate to be relevant. In spite of its success, some traditionalists say "Hamilton (the hit musical) is not history" yet the show has drawn thousands to Ron Chernow's award-winning biography and other solid historical research that inspired its creator, Lin-Manuel Miranda.

Although history is no longer a test-track subject in classrooms, school districts throughout New England send their students to Strawbery Banke for an immersion in the history of their nation. Kids on field trips, vacation camps and homeschool visits revel in their experience here. One teacher, visiting with her 3rd grade class commented, "You open their eyes and broaden their experiences with the wider world. Each year the kids return to school excited by all you offer! THANK YOU!!"

History museums have significant competition. Visitors to Strawbery Banke are used to multi-sensory experiences, hands-on participation and the rewards of being in the moment. They have many other choices when they seek out destinations, like Portsmouth, that retain an authentic sense of place amid amenities like great restaurants, theater, music and shopping. The latest iteration of that authentic experience here comes with Spring Barnyard Baby Animals at Strawbery Banke who bring the sounds and

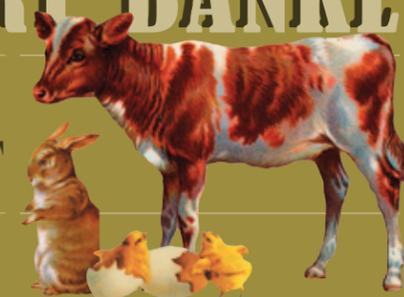
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## SPRING BARNYARD BABY ANIMALS

at **STRAWBERRY BANKE**

APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>  
through MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## Spring Barnyard Baby Animals

Strawbery Banke welcomes Spring by opening a week early this year to showcase more than a dozen heritage breeds of Barnyard Baby Animals (and their moms) that would have been familiar to earlier generations. The event, which takes place under a tent on museum grounds, is a family-friendly opportunity to learn more about domestic livestock typical on coastal northern New England farms from the 17th century to present day. Animals you will see include:

**GLOUCESTER OLD SPOT PIGS** that arrived in New England in the 1900s and are often referred to as "orchard pigs" for their delight in foraging in fall groves. And **BELTED GALLOWAY COWS** locally from well-established herds in northern New England by their distinctive markings. From Bittersweet Farm, Lyndeborough NH.

**LARGE BLACK PIGS**, once nearly extinct. From Double-H Pig Ranch in Brunswick ME.

**SOAY SHEEP**, one of the oldest domesticated animals and now quite rare. From New England Heritage Farm, Sandown, NH.

**CLUN FOREST SHEEP**, an old breed from Shropshire in Northern Wales, introduced to the US with migrants from Nova Scotia. From Riverbank Farm in Salisbury NH.

**JACOB SHEEP**, identified in the Book of Genesis and prized in New England for their soft dark fleeces that are ideal for many weaving projects. From Hogwash Farm, Norwich VT.

**DWARF NIGERIAN GOATS**, introduced to the US in the early 1900s and very popular in New England as they are easily-trained large milk producers, easy to keep in small areas. From Tiny Hill Farm, Milton Mills NH.

MEET THE SPRING'S  
NEW ARRIVALS





## Calling Volunteers for Garden Clean-Up Day!

Join the inspired community of volunteers and help bring new spring life to the Historic Gardens at Strawberry Banke on Garden Clean-Up Day, Saturday April 16 (raindate April 17). Volunteers gather in the TYCO Visitor Center at 8:30 am for refreshments and work assignments. Garden work begins at 9:00. Volunteers should wear all-weather work clothes, and bring along their favorite gardening tools, gloves and a potluck dish. A pot luck lunch and Slow Food Seacoast ([www.slowfoodseacoast.org](http://www.slowfoodseacoast.org)) heirloom seed giveaway will follow the garden work at 12:30. To RSVP, please contact Alena Shellenbean at 603-422-7504 or [ashellenbean@strawberrybanke.org](mailto:ashellenbean@strawberrybanke.org) or [volunteers@strawberrybanke.org](mailto:volunteers@strawberrybanke.org)



## Donor Recognition:

Thank you to all who helped Strawberry Banke reach the Annual Fund Goal, especially those who provided the incentive and the response for the March Match. Donations and membership revenues add up to a substantial portion of the operating funds that keep Strawberry Banke “the place to learn, the place to gather and a sustainable resource for the community.” Thank you for your continuing support!

### DONATIONS:

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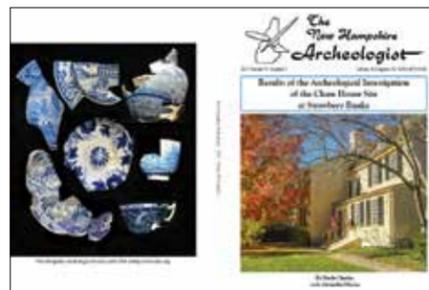
SAMUEL HUNT FOUNDATION, for Heritage House Program

## Summer Camp!



Registration is open and space is filling fast for this year’s Summer Camps at Strawberry Banke. Among the choices of fun-filled camps is a new one, “All Hands On Deck!” for ages 9 through 12, June 27 through July 1st, 9 am to 3 pm daily. Strawberry Banke and the Gundalow Company are partnering for an exciting maritime adventure camp. Participants will spend time on land and sea exploring and experiencing the lives of sailors for over 200 years. Setting sail on board the gundalow, Piscataqua, campers help man the sails, navigate, steer and much more! On land, kids are immersed in the historical seaport neighborhood of Puddle Dock where they will cook a ship’s meal, develop a cure for scurvy, join a maritime trade simulation, visit a sea captain’s house, and engage in a variety of antique arts and nautical games. The cost is \$275.00 for members (\$325.00 non-members). For full details on all 2016 Summer Camps, please visit [StrawberryBanke.org](http://StrawberryBanke.org)

## Celebrate New Hampshire Archaeology Month!



The newest volume of *The New Hampshire Archeologist* journal is dedicated to the findings of the archaeological excavations at the Chase House at Strawberry Banke Museum. Volume 55 contains the report authored

by Strawberry Banke archaeologists Alix Martin and Sheila Charles (emeritus). Copies are available in the TYCO Visitors Center.

## Strawbery Banke Museum Acquires Federalist Sheraton-Style Sideboard



Thanks to the generosity of Elisabeth Sturges, Strawberry Banke Museum has acquired a c. 1800–1810 Sheraton Inlaid Mahogany Sideboard once in the possession of The Stearns Family of Durham, New Hampshire. The sideboard was acquired by a private Portsmouth collector in 2011 when it was made available in the August 7th Northeast Auctions’ Americana Auction.

“This sideboard is an unusual and important example of Portsmouth-made furniture, not only for its diminutive construction but also because of its use as a practical household piece,” said Elizabeth Farish, Strawberry Banke Chief Curator. “The faux front top drawer is hinged to open, revealing a writing-height, green baize-covered surface and multiple cubbyholes. Called a ‘butler’s sideboard,’ it would have been used as a desk to keep for managing the daily affairs of household business.”

The piece will be on view at Strawberry Banke in the upcoming Portsmouth maritime exhibit in the Yeaton House. This rare sideboard complements Strawberry Banke’s already notable Portsmouth furniture collection. The addition of this piece enhances the public’s perception of the range of forms that early 1800s Portsmouth furniture-makers crafted. Other Portsmouth-made furniture items in the collection include lolling chairs, dining chairs, tea tables and other sideboards.

 **MAY 14 and 15**  
**CELESTIAL NAVIGATION WORKSHOP**  
[www.boatshopatstrawberrybanke.org](http://www.boatshopatstrawberrybanke.org) for details

## May is Historic Preservation Month

PRESERVE YOUR PUDDLE DOCK STORY!



In partnership with the City of Portsmouth and Seacoast Media Group, the Museum Collections Department is collecting oral histories from those who grew up in Puddle Dock and have a story of an occasion in the neighborhood or at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard where so many Puddle Dockers worked. Staff are happy to record stories in the Carter Collections Center or will come to you in your home. Photographs (which will be scanned and returned) are welcome, too! Documenting these community experiences provides context and a sense of place for future generations to gain an understanding of 20th century life in waterfront Portsmouth. Your story is important! For more information and to arrange for an appointment, please contact Elizabeth Farish, Curator. [efarish@StrawberryBanke.org](mailto:efarish@StrawberryBanke.org), 603-422-7526.

See the back page for more ways to celebrate Historic Preservation Month with Strawberry Banke.

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

smells of the barnyard animals that were once familiar in the backyards of Puddle Dock. They join historic houses, heirloom gardens, costumed role-players and traditional crafts to bring history to life.

I look forward to sharing that ever-richer experience with you.

