

Letter from the Chairman

Zachary Slater,
Chair of the Board of Trustees



As spring brings Strawberry Banke to another seasonal shift, the grass is growing where the rink was just a month ago; the baby animals arrived, grew a bit and departed happily (the attendance was over

6,000 visitors for the second year in a row); and the parking lot keeps filling up with school buses.

It's a really good time for Strawberry Banke and it was terrific to hear so many compliments for the museum from City Manager John Bohenko during his recent "State of the City" report. The concept of being "a place to learn, a place to gather and a sustainable resource for the community" demonstrates itself in action every day.

That said, it's important to note that it takes many hands, inside and outside of the institution, to realize the vision and keep moving Strawberry Banke forward. As the chairman of the Trustees and a 'numbers guy' it gives me huge pleasure to announce that the museum finished the Fiscal Year, which ended March 31, in the black. Accomplishing that took years after the Great Recession and is directly attributable to the work of the museum's leadership and staff to keep dreaming while keeping an eye on the bottom line.

It also gives me great pleasure to announce that Strawberry Banke has received a Four Star rating from Charity Navigator. Charity Navigator is the national guidepost for charitable donations. The organization tracks the performance of non-profits, comparing their practices to others in their set, and

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15th Annual: July 1, 3 & 4

AN AMERICAN CELEBRATION



At Strawberry Banke, An American Celebration extends the festivities of Independence Day all weekend long. Offering something for everyone, from an extraordinary Timeline of Re-enactors to a 1940s-style swing dance, each day's events add something new to the Independence Day traditions. Nowhere else but Strawberry Banke offers such a tremendous range of historic interpretation, gathered on the campus for interactions all day long:

- Strange and Farre, portraying early North American settlers in the year 1602
- Salem Trayned Band, showing off 17th century pike and shot weaponry in the year 1637
- Bloody Historical, portraying sailor merchants and privateers in the year 1723
- 42nd Highlanders, portraying French and Indian War soldiers in the year 1754
- Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People, teaching Native American culture and arts in the year 1750
- His Majesty's Tenth Regiment of Foot, portraying British occupied tavern life in the year 1775
- The Old Patriot & The Colonial Lady, portraying Revolutionary War daily life in the year 1776
- Piscataqua Rangers Fife and Drum Corp, our local Fife and Drum Corp performing songs from 1778
- Dr. Jackson, Portsmouth's famous physician teaching 18th century medicine in the year 1776
- New England Vintage Arts Society, demonstrating Victorian dance from the years 1830 – 1860
- Oney Judge Staines, describing colonial slavery from the year 1845
- What Remains, civilian unit of Civil War reenactors portraying daily life in the year 1861
- 2nd Rhode Island Signal Corps, portraying Civil War telegraphy in the year 1861
- Maeve 1850, portraying Irish immigration in the year 1863

On July 4th admission is FREE to everyone thanks to support from

BAE SYSTEMS

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Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Shapiro House

The Shapiro House, interpreted as the 1919 home of the Shapiro family of Ukrainian Jewish immigrants, opened to the public at Strawberry Banke on July 4, 1997.

Thanks to an additional gift from the Shapiro Family to the endowment that maintains the house, this July 4th Strawberry Banke members, friends and neighbors are invited to join a 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Shapiro House, under the tent on Puddle Dock. Entertainment by the Raymond Street Klezmer Band starts at 3 pm and refreshments offering a taste of Jewish culture will accompany brief remarks.

After the anniversary party, visitors can enjoy a tour of the Shapiro House with family descendants including Burt Wolf and Elaine Krasker. Each month a special tour with a family member and a visit to the local Temple Israel helps connect the Shapiro House and its neighborhood even more.

On October 15th, Strawberry Banke presents a symposium on immigration, explaining the experience of those like the Shapiros who arrived in Portsmouth through Canada, as well as an insider's view of the Statue of Liberty presented by Dave Luchsinger, the last resident superintendent of Liberty Island. Experts who have studied various other aspects of immigration to the US will join the program.



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provides ratings to indicate whether donations to the organization are deserved, in terms of financial management. According to their website, Four Stars from Charity Navigator means Strawberry Banke is "Exceptional [and] exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in its Cause."

As the world of donations turns more and more transactional, looking for the return on investment for dollars given, it is important that Strawberry Banke rates so highly. The list of Annual Fund donors (see insert) is evidence of the support the museum enjoys in the community. This community's passion coupled with sound management means folks will be able to learn and gather in this sustainable resource for years to come.

Read on to learn what's happening at Strawberry Banke in the coming months. And thank you for your support.

2017 vintage & vine

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
5-7:30 pm (VIP OPENS 4 pm)

Largest Annual Fundraiser for Strawberry Banke Museum

A fine wine & gourmet food festival plus Silent Auction & Raffle to benefit Strawberry Banke Museum.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE ONLY TO MEMBERS!
Members receive a \$20 discount on each ticket (VIP and/or General Admission) purchased before July 1, 2017 when tickets go on sale to the general public.

GENERAL ADMISSION, 5 – 7:30 pm: \$65 (designated driver \$20)
VIP ADMISSION, 4 – 7:30 pm: \$120 (designated driver \$30)

Vintage & Vine helps ensure the continued success of Strawberry Banke for schoolchildren and daily visitors, the skaters who enjoy the outdoor rink, and all who benefit from the Heritage House Program. As the single main fund-raiser for the museum, Vintage & Vine helps bring life and energy back to the Puddle Dock neighborhood.



Volunteer Dinner

Last year, volunteers supplied 5,237* hours to ensure visitors to Strawberry Banke fully enjoyed the events, gardens and collections of the museum. In their honor, the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner recognized their service. Special awards went to:

RUTH DROESCHER and TRUDY FEDORA, Rookies of the Year
RACHEL GOWEN and SALLY STRAZDINS, Most Recorded Hours
SHARON FINLEY, Volunteer of the Year
SHARON CHURCHILL, Strawberry Banke Community Service Award

*Does not include interns, Trustees or National Council members who provided another 3,500 hours.



NH BIRTHDAY

Join Strawberry Banke on Fathers' Day, Sunday, June 18th for a celebration of New Hampshire's 229th birthday. Though the actual birthday is June 21st, New Hampshire residents are welcomed, FREE, all day to explore aspects of New Hampshire's history and people from 1695 to 1954.



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- Essex Baseball Association, demonstrating vintage baseball in the year 1864
- The Kearsarge Steam Engine No. 3, an antique fire engine built in 1870
- Yesterday's Gentlemen, portraying late 19th century lighthouse keeping in the year 1885
- Matthew Henson, Black American Arctic Explorer describing arctic exploration from the year 1910
- Phelps Mansion interpreters, displaying World War I home front skills in the year 1917
- NE Woman Suffrage Association: Puddle Dock Chapter, portraying women's suffrage in the year 1916
- Pine Tree Chapter Model A Club, bringing Model A Ford automobiles from the 1930s
- World War II rally, portraying a homefront scrap drive and recruitment rally in the year 1945
- Pecunies Victory Garden, shows home front food practices in the year 1945

On Monday, July 3rd, join the 1940s-style Swing Dance, 6–9 pm, made possible with a co-sponsorship by Cambridge Trust Company on NH and Marshall Rental from Cambridge Trust Company of NH. Then watch the Portsmouth fireworks over South Mill Pond.

On July 4th admission is FREE to everyone thanks to support from BAE Systems. The day starts with the moving Naturalization Ceremony at 11 am. Old-fashioned Family Field Day starting at 10 am concludes with the decorated bicycle parade. At 3 pm, a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the opening of Shapiro House kicks off under the tent with the Raymond Street Klezmer Band and refreshments.

Additional support thanks to CPManagement, R.M.Davis and Proulx Oil & Propane

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Object of the Month



This year's Vintage & Vine wine festival promotional materials entice attendees with a painting from the Strawbery Banke Collection. The oil painting on canvas, dated 1850 and titled "Still Life" is by Severin Roesen and hangs in the Goodwin Mansion dining room. Roesen was born in Prussia in 1816, trained as a porcelain painter, and came to New York around 1848, possibly as a result of political upheavals in his native Germany. Another Roesen painting with a very similar theme, "Still Life: Flowers and Fruit" is found in the collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The Met describes that work noting, "This

exceptionally large still life represents Roesen at his best. It is undated but was probably painted between 1850 and 1855, when the artist was living in New York. The elaborate and crowded composition is characteristic, as are the brilliant color, technical virtuosity, and meticulous attention to detail expected of someone who was trained as a porcelain painter. The picture is a fine example of the excess that underlies much of Victorian design ... His lavish, highly detailed still-lives celebrate nature's bounty while showcasing his technical virtuosity. Such depictions of abundance reflected the increasing availability and variety of fruit in this period, the result of improvements in cultivation and transportation." The National Gallery of Art in Washington DC owns another similar Roesen still life.

Tuesdays on the Terrace

EVERY TUESDAY
JULY 11 THRU AUGUST 29
5:00 TO 7:00 PM



Live music by local performers,
FREE to members. Enjoy wine, beer
and light meals from Figtree Kitchen
Café (10% member discount applies.)