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## Artifact of the Month

### A rare Portsmouth, New Hampshire salt glaze, stoneware, cobalt blue-decorated, three-gallon jug



The featured object this month is a rare Portsmouth, New Hampshire salt glaze, stoneware, cobalt blue-decorated, three-gallon jug. Related to other jugs in the Strawberry Banke Collection, this one is marked with the name and location of the grocer: *"From A. Tucker Spring-Hill Portsmouth."*

Because of the painted floral decoration on the front of the jug, it is now a highlight of the museum collection, to be featured in future exhibitions.

The jug was donated by Elisabeth Bartlett Sturges in honor of the 70th birthday of Ronald P. Bourgeault of Northeast Auctions, a long-time supporter of the museum and generous with his time, knowledge and resources.

This generous gift is a wonderful addition to the museum collection

## Letter from the Chairman

Zachary Slater,  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees



As Chairman of the Board of Trustees, I've been invited to share some thoughts with you in this space every few issues. So I welcome the opportunity to talk with the Members of

Strawbery Banke, and invite you to share your thoughts with me.

As a businessman, I tend to think of Strawbery Banke membership on a transactional level. Annual membership provides daily access to the programs, historic houses and heirloom gardens of this wonderful place, as well as dozens of special benefits from community partners. Member discounts on special event tickets alone add up to the price of membership.

I also look at the entrepreneurial successes: an outdoor ice skating rink, a new café and meeting center, on-site partnerships with some of the best of the best: Figtree Kitchen, Pickwick's and now Pontine Theatre. The Heritage House Program has enabled long overdue stabilization and maintenance while bringing life back to the Puddle Dock neighborhood.

But I recently had the chance to hear what Strawbery Banke means to the people of New Hampshire. I had the privilege of accepting the NH Preservation Alliance Award for Strawbery Banke among other champions of preservation from around the state. Again and again I heard town selectmen, advocates, engaged citizens talk of their love for the history of New Hampshire and the places that mattered most to them and their communities.

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## Masques ON THE BANKE

### GHOSTS ON THE BANKE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 & 29, 5:30 – 8 PM.

### NEW EVENT! MASQUES ON THE BANKE AN EQUESTRIAN ENCHANTMENT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 5:30 – 7:45 PM

Portsmouth is fast becoming a Halloween destination for all ages, thanks to Strawbery Banke's family friendly and not-too-scary Ghosts on the Banke and the 22nd Annual Portsmouth Halloween Parade. Ghosts on the Banke offers safe trick or treating, house to historic house in the fenced Puddle Dock neighborhood.

Step "Behind the Mask" as the majestic black Friesian horses of Runnymede Farm perform their equestrian ballet to mysterious music in beautiful costumes. This is the US Premiere of a choreographed equestrian dressage seen only in Europe. Ticket holders will also be able to meet the horses, enjoy a mask-making craft for Halloween and additional special guests, Wick'd Fire will perform high-energy feats of beauty and daring with Fire Parasol, Fire Poi, Fan and Staff.

The evening program repeats, for the convenience of early family and later adult visitors.

Tickets are available online: [StrawberyBanke.org/Tickets.cfm](http://StrawberyBanke.org/Tickets.cfm)

Tickets for each event are \$8 per person. (under 1, free). Members half-price.

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Then I heard the Assistant City Manager say that the City of Portsmouth most values the museum's commitment to its mission to be a sustainable resource for the community, dedicated to the vibrancy of the neighborhood, 24/7/365.

As Members, you know that already and it's why you care about Strawbery Banke as a place that matters to you. But it was good for me to look beyond the balance sheet that keeps the lights on to remember what we keep the lights on to do.

Let me know what more we can do as your partners in support of this wonderful place. You'll see me at the next event — I'm the tall guy in the corner trying to stay out of the way of the fabulous staff as they work their magic. Come say 'hi,' so I have the chance to thank you in person for being a member of Strawbery Banke Museum.

## In memory of



**William Lee Fisher**, known to Strawbery Banke friends and visitors as Dr. Hall Jackson, his re-enactment of an 18th century Portsmouth physician. He was also the liaison between the museum and the Masons, providing tours of the Masons' museum in Pitt Tavern. Lee recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife Dorothy W. Fisher who is another staunch supporter of Strawbery Banke.

**Joyce Geary Volk**, Collections advocate for Strawbery Banke, former curator of the Warner House and lecturer for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Cooper-Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum and the Guggenheim Museum.

## Donor Recognition

THANK YOU FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE 2016 SEASON TO:

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— Matthew A. McFarland, CFA, Vice President, RMD | R.M. DAVIS



# Pontine Theatre Now In Residence at Strawberry Banke!

Pontine Theatre is now a resident company at Strawberry Banke and will present its 2016–17 Performance Series on campus and at other select locations in the Greater Seacoast community.

## **NEW CASTLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MAIN ST. NEW CASTLE.**

**NOVEMBER 4–6.**

Jay O’Callahan takes a bare stage and single-handedly transforms it into Emily Dickinson’s dynamic and sensitive world filled with compelling characters.

## **DURING CANDLELIGHT STOLL**

**DECEMBER 3–4, 17–18 and**

## **“A NEW ENGLAND CHRISTMAS: CAPTAIN ELI’S BEST EAR.”**

**DECEMBER 9–11**

Seacoast Science Center,  
570 Ocean Blvd., Rye.

## **“DUNNET LANDING STORIES.”**

**FEBRUARY 3–5**

## **DIANE EDGECOMB PRESENTS, “A THOUSAND DOORWAYS: JOURNEY AMONG THE KIDS OF TURKEY”**

**MARCH 3–5**

## **“THE STORY OF A BAD BOY.”**

**APRIL 21–30**

Pontine’s season is supported by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. Performances are offered on Fridays at 7pm, Saturdays at 4pm, and Sundays at 2pm. Advance tickets may be purchased online (\$24) at [www.pontine.org](http://www.pontine.org). Tickets may also be purchased at the door a half-hour prior to each performance, based on availability.

## **INFORMATION:**

[info@pontine.org](mailto:info@pontine.org) / 603-436-6660



NEW HAMPSHIRE

## *Fall Festival*



AT STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8. 10AM–5PM**



## **2ND ANNUAL CHILDREN’S AUTHOR FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 11AM–3PM.**

Free family event in the TYCO Visitors Center

## **HOMESCHOOL DAYS**

**EVERY TUESDAY THROUGH  
NOVEMBER 1. 10 AM–5 PM**

\$8.00 per student (5 and up). \$8.00 per adult. Children 4 and under are free. No pre-registration is required for those just attending the self-guided tour.



## **THREE CENTURIES OF THANKSGIVING: AN INTERACTIVE WALKING TOUR**

**SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS,  
NOVEMBER 5–6, 12–13, 19–20, 26–27  
PLUS FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25.  
10 AM–2 PM**

(90-minute guided tours)  
Adults \$15. Children 5-17, \$10. Under 5, free.



**LABRIE FAMILY SKATE  
AT PUDDLE DOCK POND  
STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM**

**OPENING (WEATHER PERMITTING)  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25.**

9 AM–9 PM DAILY.

STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM’S ANNUAL



## *Candlelight STROLL*

**SATURDAYS, DEC 3, 10, 17, 5–9 PM  
SUNDAYS, DEC 4, 11, 18, 4–8 PM  
NEW! FRIDAY, DEC 16, 5–9 PM**

Tickets now on sale! \$5 off each ticket purchased by November 30.