I’d Like to Take This Opportunity to introduce myself to you. I’ve been involved with Strawbery Banke Museum for the past 12 years. First, as a member of the Museum’s National Council, then as a Trustee.

I am a believer in Strawbery Banke, and its critical role in making the Seacoast area vibrant. It’s one of the country’s longest running and most successful outdoor history museums. The Museum is central to our community, and it builds a powerful sense of community. It creates family traditions, attracts visitors from around the country, appeals to all generations with diverse events, celebrates 300+ years of our shared history, and provides substantial economic benefit to our region.

Last year presented many challenges for Strawbery Banke. However, with the leadership of Zach Slater, former Chair, and Larry Yerdon, President and CEO, and the ingenuity and creativity of the talented staff, Strawbery Banke pivoted successfully to create new events and transform existing programs into an online format. We have many exciting long-range plans. Strawbery Banke will continue to innovate and grow, become even more integral to our Seacoast while it makes history come alive and builds an even brighter future.

I’m delighted to share with you that when the Museum reopens for the 2021 season on June 19, many of the historic houses will be reopened for public touring. How wonderful it will be to once more see front doors open and hear the sounds of visitors and families enjoying the Museum. Almost equally as exciting, Tuesdays on the Terrace, the popular outdoor acoustic music concert series, returns with extended dates for the summer. Members are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy local musicians performing every Tuesday evening from 5:30 – 7:00 PM from June 22 through September 14.

While the many daily programs have nearly returned to “normal,” the status of many of the Museum’s renowned signature events are still being determined or re-imagined. Museum leadership will continue to closely monitor the guidance from the CDC, state and city health officials, and make decisions in the best interest of visitors and staff’s health and safety. As always, members are the first to hear about scheduled programs, workshops, events, so be sure to look for updates in weekly e-newsletters.

As members, you are invaluable to the success of Strawbery Banke. I especially want to thank our major donors and annual fund members who really stepped up to ensure that the museum we all love had the financial backing it needs in this most difficult year. It’s because of you that we can continue to build on years of success, and dream of an even better Strawbery Banke. I look forward to getting to know you better over the next few years and to seeing you back at the Museum soon.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Fenneman
Chair of the Board of Trustees
**Creating a Legacy through the Puddle Dock Society**

Making a planned gift is easy, impactful, and offers a flexible way to establish a personal legacy in support of Strawbery Banke. Here are five reasons to consider making a Planned Gift and joining the Museum’s distinguished Puddle Dock Society.

1. **Easy.** Making a bequest is as simple as inserting a will to a new or existing trust instrument stating “I give, devise, and bequeath to Strawbery Banke Museum, Portsmouth NH, [insert dollar amount] or [insert percentage] of my estate.”

2. **Revocable.** Wills and trusts can be changed at any time.

3. **Legacy Creation.** Direct a bequest to a particular purpose at Strawbery Banke that has special meaning.

4. **Family First.** By choosing either a specific bequest or residual bequest, the gift is limited to what is comfortably within anticipated ability.

5. **Tax-Smart.** Estates and trusts are entitled to unlimited charitable deductions in the form of bequests to qualified charitable organizations.

To learn more about the Puddle Dock Society and how to make a Planned Gift, contact Joe April at japril@sbmuseum.org or StrawberyBanke.org/PuddleDockSociety.

**INTRODUCING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Fiscal Year 2022 Slate of Officers**

Cynthia Fennerman, Chair
Matthew McFarland, Vice Chair
Kathy Williams Kane, Treasurer
Jeffrey Gilbert, Secretary

**Board of Trustees**

Christopher Erikson is the principal broker of The Island Realty Group and is one of the original founding members. He is a licensed broker in Maine, New Hampshire & Massachusetts. He has also been a licensed attorney in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Washington D.C. & Florida since 2008. He has extensive legal expertise with a flair for real estate related issues. He is involved in and supportive of various Seacoast causes and organizations, including Strawbery Banke, and is proud to be raising his family in the New England seacoast area.

Joanna Kelley was born and raised in New Hampshire, grew up skating on the seacoast, and later moved to Connecticut where she joined the board of the Seacoast African American Cultural Center with the goal to help expand the conversations about the BIPOC community and work on acknowledging systemic racism problems in New Hampshire. Scott Pauchel, partner and Fommy at Pierce Atwood, has more than 30 years of legal experience assisting clients in dealing with a wide variety of challenges. Pauchel was named “Lawyer of the Year for the Manchester, NH area by The Best Lawyers in America® for Mergers and Acquisitions Law in 2020 and for Corporate Law in 2019. Additionally, he is listed in The Best Lawyers in America® in the areas of Corporate, Litigation, and Securities Law. He has also been named a New Hampshire Super Lawyer (2010-2019) and a New Hampshire Rising Star Attorney (2010).

Paul Barkworth, Alison Jwett, Bill Kath, Patricia Meyers, John Pratt, Peter Reid

**Tuesdays on the Terrace are back!**

Tuesdays on the Terrace, the popular open-air music concert series, returns to Strawbery Banke Museum for the 2021 season! Enjoy performances every Tuesday evening from 5:30 – 7 PM from June 22 through September. Features include the Portsmouth Youth Chorus, The Granite State Quartet, and local artists, amid the summer splendor of Puddle Dock. Cost per concert. Members receive two free admissions. For tickets and additional information, visit StrawberyBanke.org/ConcertSeries.

**Pocket Garden Tour of Portsmouth**

Friday, June 25 from 5 – 8 PM & Saturday, June 26, 10 AM - 4 PM

The Pocket Garden Tour of Portsmouth returns for its 32nd year presented by South Church with support from Strawbery Banke Museum. The self-guided walking tour provides exclusive access to 15 private gardens in Portsmouth’s South End, including the Victorian Goodwin Garden. For ticket information and COVID-19 precautions, visit southchurch-uu.org.

**Behind the Curtain: Strawbery Banke Revealed**

Thanks to you, the first-ever Match March Virtual Event, “Behind the Curtain: Strawbery Banke Revealed,” was an incredible success. In less than 60 minutes, Strawbery Banke Museum shared the accomplishments of the 2020-2022 seasons, the museum’s triumphs, and plans for 2022 and beyond. Additionally, the contributions from the Match March challenge for the Strawbery Bankе Fund raised $100,000. Funds support the needs of the museum, which saw a significant decrease in visitation 2020.

**Thank you for your service on the Board of Trustees!**

**Thank you, Zachary Slater!** Strawbery Banke Museum wishes to extend sincere thanks to Zachary Slater for five years of service as the Chair of the Board of Trustees. At the end of the Museum’s fiscal year at the end of March, Slater completed his term as Chairman of the Board. From chairing the Museum’s $25 million Capital Campaign, “Building Community: the Campaign for Strawbery Banke,” hosting the Seacoast Skating with the Stars after-party, and engaging with visitors during Candlelight Stroll, his innovative ideas, energy, passion, and commitment to Strawbery Banke has been an undeni able asset. The Strawbery Banke community is thankful to Slater for his five years of service and looks forward to his continued support as a Trustee.

**Strawbery Banke would like to thank and recognize the contributions of the following former members of the Board of Trustees.** Their time, talent, and expertise have guided the Museum through uncertain times and positioned Strawbery Banke for success in the future.

Paul Barkworth, Alison Jwett, Bill Kath, Patricia Meyers, John Pratt, Peter Reid

**IN MEMORIAM**

With deep sadness, Strawbery Banke announces the death of longtime supporter and friend of the museum, Elizabeth ‘Libby’ Bartlett Strong. Libby became involved with Strawbery Banke Museum shortly after moving to Portsmouth, NH. Pursuing her interests in fashion, she supported special events at the 2004 special exhibit, Thread Stories: Fashion at Strawbery Banke as well as the Passion For Fashion Gala. Libby served on the Strawbery Bankе Museum Board of Trustees from 2012 to 2013 and on the Museum’s National Council from 2002 to 2013, and is a member of the Puddle Dock Society. Libby was well known for her engaging personality and comfort in any situation, and her love for Strawbery Banke and the Portsmouth community is thankful to Slater for his five years of service and looks forward to his continued support as a Trustee.

**Zachary Slater**