From the President and CEO

THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF SUMMER have returned to Strawbery Banke. On my daily rounds, I’m delighted to once again witness the excitement of visitors touring the historic houses, the happy sounds of children playing historical games during onsite summer camps, and the smiles on the faces of guests listening to local musicians perform at Tuesdays on the Terrace concerts.

While the Museum continues to monitor the pandemic and state and local guidelines, Strawbery Banke remains optimistic. The hustle and bustle of daily activities have returned and plans are in place to welcome guests back to campus for signature events including Ghosts on the Banke and Candlelight Stroll.

Museum Staff’s attention has also returned to the opening of the “Water Has A Memory” exhibit opening later this month. The exhibit, created in collaboration with the City of Portsmouth, invites visitors to explore how Sea Level Rise is impacting the historic homes at Strawbery Banke as well as local, national, and international communities and become a part of the solution.

Earlier this summer, The Board of Trustees announced the return of the 33rd annual Vintage & Vine, the fine wine, food festival, and auction, which will occur on September 11, 2021. The event historically occurs on the second Saturday in September. In recognition of the somber date and in gratitude for the efforts made by First Responders, Strawbery Banke wishes to extend a small token of appreciation. First Responders who have purchased tickets to the event will receive a complimentary one-year membership to the Museum.

Additionally, the Museum just launched the summer campaign for the Strawbery Banke Fund. The theme, “Out of great challenges come great opportunities,” seemed especially appropriate given how the Strawbery Banke staff pivoted to bring the Museum to visitors in their homes through virtual program offerings. Contributions are needed to support programs, grow virtual offerings, and build upon opportunities.

Over these next months, I hope that you are able to enjoy the best that Strawbery Banke has to offer, and thank you for the continued support that makes it all possible.

Lawrence J. Yerdon
President & CEO
Tuesdays on the Terrace

Every Tuesday evening through September 14, 5:30–7 PM

Enjoy performances every Tuesday evening from 5:30–7 PM through September 14, 2021. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy open-air concerts of acoustic music by local artists, amid the summer splendor of Puddle Dock. Cost per concert: Members Free; Nonmembers $5.


The 2021 Virtual Archaeology Field School

The annual Strawbery Banke Archaeological Field School expanded its virtual offering in 2021, enabling students from all over the world to participate remotely. University students and members of the public joined Alexandra Martin, Archaeologist, from across North America, as well as the Philippines and the U.K. Thirty-five course participants received access to unique video tours, artifact photos, readings, moderated discussion boards, and guided activities. This year the virtual program included a special focus on Portsmouth’s Black history and the Penhallow House, including an architectural tour from John Schnitzler, Master Carpenter, and the opportunity to research artifacts recovered during the 2016-2018 field seasons. Participants also learned methods used by archaeologists to collaborate with community scientists and to do remote research, and completed the course with a multi-part exercise to crowdsourc数据 spatial data and create a Story Map using ArcGIS Online software.

Save the Date for the Vintage & Vine Online Silent Auction!
Friday, September 10 – Sunday, October 10, 2021

Many thanks to the following Vintage & Vine sponsors:

VOLUNTEER!

This year’s Vintage & Vine event may be sold out, but there are still opportunities to partake in the fun by volunteering! The support of numerous volunteers is critical to the success of the Museum’s largest annual fundraiser. Opportunities include assisting before and during the event with tasks such as preparing vendor packets, assisting with the silent auction and in-person raffles, and covering breaks during the event. For more information on volunteering, please contact the Vintage & Vine committee via vintageandvine@sbmuseum.org
An Update on The Captain Walsh House

The reinterpretation of the Captain Walsh House has begun. Through a generous grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, staff members are in a three-year process to create a hands-on exhibit designed to immerse visitors into the lives of the Walsh family. Along with conducting research to unearth new information, staff removed all collections pieces from the house and replaced them with reproductions so that items may be touched and used by visitors (yes, you can sit on the bed!) Programs and activities are designed to encourage discovery as we delve into the lives of the Walsh’s to search what we know, and what we still do not know, about their lives in Puddle Dock. Come and explore!

The Captain Walsh House exhibit has been made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

EXHIBIT OPENING

“Water Has a Memory: Preserving Strawbery Banke and Portsmouth from Sea Level Rise”

Opening August 2021 in the Rowland Exhibit Gallery

Strawbery Banke teaches about centuries of history to thousands of visitors every year. Now the Museum endeavors to teach how history is impacting the present and future. Strawbery Banke Museum and its historic houses — some of Portsmouth’s most valuable and irreplaceable heritage — are being damaged by the impact of Sea Level Rise. Right now.

The Museum and the City of Portsmouth partnered to create the “Water Has a Memory” exhibit, using it as a model to tell the story of Sea Level Rise and teach the public about the number of factors contributing to increased flooding events from surface water and groundwater. The City of Portsmouth is a key partner for both the exhibit and as Strawbery Banke continues to research and discuss solutions to protect the Museum’s historic houses.

“In 2007, the City of Portsmouth declared itself an Eco-Municipality committed to supporting and promoting sustainable practices. The Planning Department and Water Department have worked since then to assess the City’s vulnerabilities and to give residents practical guidance on ways to protect, conserve and sustain our natural and historical resources,” said City of Portsmouth Department of Public Works Deputy Director Brian F. Goetz. “The ‘Water Has a Memory’ exhibit is a collaborative, public-private outreach effort to raise awareness and broaden the audience for these issues in our past, present and future.”

The exhibit’s goal is to inform and engage visitors of all ages to understand the problems and learn proactive ways to adopt local, regional, national, and international initiatives to address Sea Level Rise. The “Water Has a Memory” exhibit opens to the public this summer in the Rowland Gallery at Strawbery Banke and will be modified over the next few years to illustrate how both the Museum and the City of Portsmouth have adapted to address the rising waters.

“The most exciting part about the exhibit is that the content is a wonderful blend of Strawbery Banke’s main mission to teach history and engage visitors about this important issue and ways to make a difference,” said Rodney Rowland, Director of Facilities and Environmental Sustainability. “The Museum’s partnership with the City of Portsmouth enables the Museum to be a voice for their ‘Think Blue!’ initiative as well as Strawbery Banke’s own Sea Level Rise mitigation efforts.”

Strawbery Banke is grateful to the following donors for their support of “Water Has a Memory: Preserving Strawbery Banke and Portsmouth from Sea Level Rise”

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The Roger R. and Theresa S. Thompson Endowment Fund
Allison Potter
The Barbara and B. Allen Rowland Fund at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation
University of New Hampshire Geospatial Science Center

Pronoun Pins

Visitors to the Museum this season may notice Museum staff wearing pins alongside their museum name tags, indicating whether they use she/her, he/him, or they/them pronouns. The effort toward ensuring that a person’s chosen name and personal pronouns are being used is a basic courtesy and aligns with the mission of the museum’s Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Task Force. To learn more about the importance of personal pronouns and how to help Strawbery Banke create an environment where everyone’s identities are valued, visit StrawberyBanke.org/about/IDEA/mission.cfm

Give A Little, Get a Latte!

Make a recurring monthly gift to the Strawbery Banke Fund and receive a free iced or hot latte courtesy of Cup of Joe Cafe & Bar in downtown Portsmouth! To make a gift to the Strawbery Banke Fund and get a latte, visit StrawberyBanke.org/GetALatte.cfm
Alexandra Martin, Archaeologist, receives 2021 UNH Sustainability Award

Alexandra Martin, Strawbery Banke Museum Archaeologist and Coordinator for the Native American and Indigenous Studies Minor at UNH, received a 2021 University of New Hampshire Sustainability Award in Bronze. The University of New Hampshire, a national leader in sustainability, recognizes and celebrates individuals and teams who are champions of and addressing sustainability issues through the UNH Sustainability Awards Program. In addition to her role at Strawbery Banke, Alix is actively engaged in teaching at UNH about Native American and Indigenous Heritage, works collaboratively with community partners including local Indigenous leaders and Portsmouth Public Library, and leads students’ research projects focusing on Indigenous Heritage.

Thank you and well-wishes!
Strawbery Banke Museum bids adieu to the following year-round staff members.

**Maddie Biehl, Roleplaying Coordinator** — With great joy and sadness Strawbery Banke announces that Maddie Beihl, Roleplaying Coordinator is leaving her role at the Museum to dedicate herself to her graduate program at the University of New Hampshire. Maddie has brought so much to the Museum throughout her work with the Junior and Adult Roleplayers, Summer Camps, and Education Programs. Maddie grew up visiting Strawbery Banke Museum as a child and attended Jr. Roleplayer Camp. Eventually, Maddie became an interpreter and adult roleplayer before assuming the role of Roleplaying Coordinator in 2015. Her dedication, hard work, and depth of knowledge will be greatly missed. However, Strawbery Banke supports and wishes Maddie all the best as she embarks on this new adventure.

**Amy Warnock, Special Events Manager** — Amy Warnock spent many years at Strawbery Banke as an Interpreter, Museum Teacher, and Assistant Horticulturist before taking on the extensive list of special events. Many thanks to Amy for helping the Museum pivot its events to online opportunities during the pandemic, including Virtual Baby Animals: Heritage Breeds at the Banke, a Virtual American Celebration, and Well-Behaved Women, A Virtual Program, as well as for her extensive efforts to re-imagine Candlelight Stroll to an all-outdoor event adding much joy and cheer during a challenging holiday season. The Museum thanks Amy for her time and talents and wishes her all the best in future adventures.

New Staff Members

Please join Strawbery Banke Museum in welcoming the newest staff members.

**Bethany Porter**, Event Rental Manager — Bethany joined Strawbery Banke in the spring of 2021. As Event Rental Manager, Bethany combines her previous experience in marketing and event management with her interest in American history. She manages inquiries from people all over the country looking to get married in the Museum’s beautiful gardens or host an event in one of our many on-site locations. When not at the Museum, she is putting her Communications and PR degree to good use by working with other local businesses...or simply cheering on the Red Sox and spoiling her nieces.

**Suzanne Cornelius**, Landscape Assistant (seasonal)
**Denise Bowditch**, Visitor Services Associate (seasonal)
**Lissa Geggis**, Historical Roleplayer (seasonal)

Promotions, Job and Title Changes

Please join Strawbery Banke Museum in congratulating the following staff members for the following promotions, and job and title changes.

**FACILITIES**
**Rodney Rowland**, Director of Facilities and Environmental Sustainability
**John Schnitzler**, Master Carpenter
**Ron Raiselis**, Master Cooper and Cabinetmaker
**Bryan Cuddihee**, Maintenance & Events Operations Manager
**Chris Higgins**, Custodial and Security Coordinator
**Matt Kochka**, Landscape Operations Manager

**DEVELOPMENT**
**Wendy McCoole**, Community and Corporate Engagement Manager
**Martha Carlson-Bradley**, Grant and Foundations Relationship Manager

Thank you, Interns!

Strawbery Banke welcomed six talented summer interns who joined the Museum from around the country and worked on a variety of projects, from the Summer Camp Program, Horticulture Research, Landscape Operations, and virtual marketing for the Development Department.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**
**Shaina Gormley**, Summer Camp Intern
**Adrienne Hunter**, Summer Camp Intern
**Margaret Parish**, Summer Camp Intern

**DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING DEPARTMENTS**
**Rachel Novack**, Development Department Virtual Marketing Intern

**HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT**
**Claire Pellegrini**, Horticulture Research Intern

**FACILITIES DEPARTMENT**
**Claire Pfister**, Landscape Operations Intern
The Strawbery Banke Fund

Out of great challenges come great opportunities. Never were those words more applicable than the last 16 months. As we continue to forge ahead and build a brighter, reimagined future, Strawbery Banke needs your help! Contributions are needed to support the Museum’s programs, grow virtual offerings, and build on the opportunities Strawbery Banke has embraced. The Museum anticipates a budget gap of $100,000 to meet programming needs. Please use the enclosed envelope or visit StrawberyBanke.org/Fund.cfm to make a gift to the Strawbery Banke Fund to help the Museum meet this goal by October 31, 2021.

Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (IDEA) Task Force

In 2020, Strawbery Banke Museum formed the Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Task Force to take action in inclusivity, diversity, equity, and accessibility for all visitors and staff, and the community at large. With staff and trustee participation and leadership, the museum is working to include a wide range of important initiatives that uphold the museum’s mission: “To promote the understanding of the lives of individuals and the value of community through encounters with the history and ongoing preservation of a New England waterfront neighborhood.”

The Task Force is organized into three working groups: Employee Experience, Visitor Experience, and Volunteer Leadership, which meet monthly and are each connected to a segment of the IDEA Task Force mission statement. To learn more about the IDEA Task Force, visit StrawberyBanke.org/about/IDEA/mission.cfm

Strawbery Banke invests in ongoing IDEA staff training and development opportunities, which are in part underwritten by the generosity of Bangor Savings Bank.
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Ghosts on the Banke**

**Friday, October 22 & Saturday, October 23, 2021, 5:30–8 PM**

Save the date for the return of Strawbery Banke’s family-friendly Halloween event! Visitors trick or treat safely while strolling the streets of Portsmouth’s oldest neighborhood lined with jack-o-lanterns. Encounter long-dead sea captains, 17th-century shopkeepers, and wayward pirates and catch a ghostly tale by local community members. More information coming soon to StrawberyBanke.org. **Ticket sales begin for Members on Wednesday, September 8 at 10 AM.** Public ticket sales begin on Wednesday, September 15 at 10 AM. This year’s event is expected to sell out. Advanced ticket purchase is strongly encouraged.

Many thanks to the following Strawbery Banke signature event sponsors: Amica Insurance, R.M. Davis, Kennebunk Savings, Newburyport Bank, Eversource Energy, Bottomline Technologies, Piscataqua Savings Bank, and Service Credit Union.

**Congratulations, Junior Roleplayers!**

Congratulations to the class of 2021! After years of volunteering for events and programs, contributing more than 500 hours of their time to the museum, many cherished members of the Junior Roleplayer program have moved on to their next big adventure. Strawbery Banke wishes them all the best as they look to the future!

**Volunteer with Strawbery Banke!**

Claire Pellegrini, Horticulture Research Intern, volunteers, and Horticulture staff are busy harvesting, drying, and preserving beautiful flowers and foliage from the Museum’s historical gardens and landscapes. Each season, thanks to the help of numerous dedicated volunteers, Strawbery Banke creates seasonal wreaths, flower arrangements, and other designs using plants and flowers from the Museum gardens for Candlelight Stroll, the Museum’s signature holiday event. The Horticulture Department is one of many departments at Strawbery Banke that is actively recruiting new volunteers. For more information about volunteering, visit StrawberyBanke.org/people/volunteers.cfm.