Strawbery Banke Museum Celebrates a $60,000 Community Grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

Portsmouth, New Hampshire (January 4, 2023) - Strawbery Banke is pleased to announce the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has awarded the Museum a $60,000 unrestricted grant through the Community Grants Program. Funding will provide three years of operating expenses in support of the Museum’s mission: “To promote 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.”

Strawbery Banke Museum, a living-history museum in the heart of historic Portsmouth, NH, interprets change throughout time in the historic Puddle Dock neighborhood. Two upcoming projects, the interpretation of the 20th-century Black experience in the Penhallow House and an expanded and enhanced People of the Dawnland exhibit, will allow the Museum to expand its inclusive interpretation of Black and Indigenous history.

Additionally, the Strawbery Banke provides educational programs for children and adults, historic house tours showcasing the diverse people who lived in Portsmouth over more than 300 years, community outreach programs, arts programming, a scholarship program for economically underserved K-12 schools, and the Sea Level Rise Initiative.

“Unrestricted funding from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation provides invaluable support,” said Lawrence J. Yerdon, President and CEO, Thomas W. Haas Endowed Chair. “Three years of operational support allows Strawbery Banke to move forward with exhibits, programming, and initiatives that engage visitors of all ages with local history.”

The Charitable Foundation awards more than $40 million in grants each year. The Foundation administers multiple grant programs — some focused on specific regions, populations and issue areas — and also makes grants through donor-advised funds. As the Charitable Foundation notes, the Community Grants program “fund(s) programs and operations of qualified nonprofits working in the areas of health and well-being, civic engagement, education, economic development, environmental protection and arts and culture.

For more information about Strawbery Banke Museum, visit StrawberyBanke.org.

About Strawbery Banke Museum:
Strawbery Banke Museum, in the heart of downtown Portsmouth, NH, is a 10-acre history museum interpreting over 300 years of history, from Indigenous history to the present day,
through historical houses on their original foundations, heirloom gardens, traditional crafts, and costumed role players who share the stories of the families who lived in the authentic waterfront neighborhood of Puddle Dock. The Museum welcomes visitors, members, school children, and volunteers for daily programs, exhibits, skating, and signature special events throughout the year. Strawbery Banke Museum is funded in part by grants from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts & National Endowment for the Arts, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy demands wisdom; and the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. For more information and a complete calendar of events, please visit StrawberyBanke.org

About the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation
The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is New Hampshire’s statewide community foundation, founded in 1962 by and for the people of New Hampshire. We are the place where generosity meets the dedication and ingenuity of nonprofits and the potential of New Hampshire students. For six decades, thousands of people have entrusted their charitable resources to the Foundation, creating a perpetual source of philanthropic capital and making it possible for the Foundation to award more than $60 million in grants and scholarships every year. For more information, please visit www.nhcf.org or call 603.225.6641.