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Friends of the Job Lane House, Inc. B R O A D S I D E

COME TO THE JOB LANE ANNUAL MEETING!

Greetings! It's time to wake from winter hibernation! In this issue of the Broadside you'll find information on the opening event of the year, our Annual Meeting. I hope that those of you who live close enough can come and enjoy some fellowship over coffee and sweets and a program on genealogy. It'll be fun to get together again! Mark the date on your calendar: Sunday, March 26, 2 - 4 p.m. at the First Parish Church on the Common in Bedford.

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Proposed 2017 Officers

President – Sharon McDonald

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Vice President – Carol Hand

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MEMBER NEWS:

Our member Nancy Campbell passed away, and we send our best wishes to her family. Welcome Josephine and James Gow.

Dues are due: \$10 Single, \$15 Family at the Annual meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM:

“Genealogy! You Can Do It!”

Whether you are experienced, a dabbler, or just beginning to look for your ancestors, you'll find our speaker, Erin McCormack, to be lively, fun and informative. Erin lives with her husband and two sons in Bedford, where she enjoys theater, genealogy, yoga, nature, and singing with the drum. She has taught English and writing for college level and adult students for many years in the Boston area. As an amateur genealogist, she has been pursuing family roots for about fifteen years,

starting with a family bible and her aunt's notes “from the field” on ancestors from Ireland and French Canada. Using legwork and online tools like Ancestry.com, she's made fair progress and many discoveries about family members who came before, including their immigration stories. She has explored DNA genealogy, comparing results from various labs to find ethnic roots and to connect with cousins near and far, some previously unknown. Erin believes that personal history is an important part of official “history”, and that it is a worthwhile endeavor for everyone to find out more about where they came from, and why.

SPRING CLEANING DAY: Saturday,

May 6, 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Before the Job Lane House opens on Mother's Day, we have to give it a good cleaning! On the morning of May 6th, we'll heave to! A service team from the Grace Chapel will be there for the

third year to help out. We also need the help of our members! Can you dust ladybugs out of windowsills? sweep soot from the fireplaces? move chairs and tables back into place? vacuum? or clean bathrooms? We have a job for you! Contact Sharon McDonald.

HIDDEN TREASURES DAY, MAY 14, 2 – 4 P.M HOUSE TOURS

This year for the first time, the Job Lane House is joining “Freedom’s Way,” a partner of the National Park Service, to celebrate the “Hidden Treasures” of 45 historic towns in Eastern Massachusetts during the month of May. Our opening day House Tour, May 14th, will be promoted in their publicity along with tours of the 200 year-old First Parish in Bedford by the church’s docents on the same afternoon. On the day before, there will be tours of the Bedford Flag. We hope the trio of events will draw lots of folks to Bedford. To learn more about Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area, look at www.discoverhiddentreasures.org

BOY SCOUTS -TROOP #194

Our great group of Scouts will again be helping us clean the property and the barn on Saturday May 13, which is Bedford Clean-Up Day. These young scouts and their families look forward to coming each year.

Hopefully we will also be the recipients of another Eagle Scout project. Ryan Lobo has offered to rebuild our Concord Grape Arbor which is failing and in need of replacement.

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HOUSE NOTES:

The Great Hall is the responsibility of the Bedford Minuteman Company, as stipulated in the original agreement when the house was being worked on to become a museum.

As the men are ready in a “minute”, the work of our member Roy Kring did just that, and it seems in a minute (or half a day), he scraped and painted the ceiling of the Great Hall.

Along with that work, he and Don Corey took off the wallpaper as it was about to fall off. The next phase is the cleaning up of the walls, and painting, also to be done by a number of the Minutemen.

The east window will be replaced, and other east windows will be fixed. The work is to be completed before the clean-up day, and be ready for the first Sunday we are open, Mothers’ Day!

VOLUNTEERS:

As we open for another season, we will be looking for volunteers. Our immediate need is for tour guides. We will provide training and help you with colonial clothing. Greeters and Gift Shop attendants also play an important role during the Sundays we are open. For further information, please contact Sharon McDonald at email: shar.mcd77@gmail.com or Jeannette Pothier Jeannette@scotiaheath.com.

ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 26, 2017

Sharon will have her book just published titled: *A Meeting House & its People: the Story of the First Parish in Bedford*

Our Job Lane was a deacon of the early church, and his 300 year old Bible is pictured on page 17 in the book. Thanks to Bob Bass for taking just the right photograph of it! You can see Job's Bible the next time you visit. It is kept in the east bedchamber.

2017 EVENTS

Date	Event
	Open Hours: 2 – 4 pm
March 26, 2017, Sun, 2-4 pm	Annual Meeting & Coffee First Parish Church - Common
May 6	Clean Up: House & Barn
May 14	House Tours/ HIDDEN TREASURES DAY “Freedom’s Way,” a partner of the National Park Service
May 28	House Tours
May 30	Lane School 3rd Grade Tour
June 11	House Tour/Children Event
June 25	House Tours
June 26-30, 2017	Colonial Skills Program
July 9	House Tours/Children Event
July 23	House Tours
July 29, 2-4 pm	Mini Barn Raising with Tom Musco, Deb D’Amico
August 13	House Tours
August 27	House Tours
September 10	House Tours/Children Event
September 23	Bedford Day Parade & Fair
September 24	House Tours
October 8	House Tour/Children Event
October 22	Last Season House Tours
March 2018	Annual Meeting