

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

JOB LANE ANNUAL MEETING!

Greetings! It's time to for our Annual Meeting to be held Sunday, March 18, 2 - 4 p.m. at the First Parish Church on the Common in Bedford. In this issue of the Broadside you'll find information on the opening event of the year, our Annual Meeting. We hope that many of you can come and enjoy some fellowship over coffee and sweets and a video of a Tour of the Job Lane House, and one on the Children's Colonial Week.

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Proposed 2018 Officers

President – Sharon McDonald

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### MEMBER NEWS:

Our member Monica Rogers passed away in January. We send our best wishes to her family and we will celebrate Monica's life at the Job Lane house on June 17. The details will be in the next Broadside.

Welcome Brenda Secrist of St. Charles, Illinois, Priscilla Huff, from Taylorsville, Utah, who visited us in October.

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

### ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Margaret and her husband Richard Palmer visited Bedford in October 2017, and Jeannette Pothier, and Bill Hanna, a tour guide and a direct descendant of our Deacon Job Lane gave them a tour. Margaret is related to Job the first by his brother James. Both lived in Malden at one time, and she and Richard went to Malden and saw his tomb,

Ann Seaman's took the video of the tour, and with many edits, it will be shown at the Annual meeting. Also shown will be the video of the Children's Colonial Skills program held last year.

**SPRING CLEANING DAY** Saturday, April 28, and May 5. 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Before the Job Lane House opens on Mother's Day, we give it a good cleaning! We hope to have a service team from the Grace Chapel. We also need the help of our members! Can you dust sweep soot from the fireplaces move chairs and tables back into place vacuum? We have a job for you! Contact Sharon McDonald.

Our nice group of Scouts will again be helping us clean the property on Beautify Bedford Clean-Up Day. These young scouts and their families look forward to coming each year. There will be more information on our cleaning schedule in the next Broadside.

*Please mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting.*

## Monica C. Rogers

March 31, 1960 - January 28, 2018



Monica C. Rogers died after a brief illness. She was born in Melrose, March 31, 1960 a daughter of the late Gilbert A. Rogers Jr. and Dorothy E. (Chaput) Rogers and has been a Billerica resident for most of her life. She is

survived by two brothers, Blaise Rogers of Pelham, NH and Brian Rogers of Brookline, NH and nieces and nephews

We knew Monica for her love of all things Colonial. She and her Mom, Dorothy, had a sewing business, Sewing with Patience, and sold colonial clothing. They made my colonial wedding gown. Along with her mother, Monica played the fife, flute, and they loved coming to the Job Lane Barn on Sundays to entertain us. Monica made colonial period cakes and had a rather large collection of recipes that she translated into today's modern measures. She made five colonial cakes for our Colonial Wedding.

Children's Day was very special for Monica. She had the pewter chocolate pot, a chocolate pod, and all the items to serve hot chocolate as it would have been served during the colonial period. The children from the Lane school loved her, writing thank you letters to her, and saying how much they learned about breakfast during that period and loved the colonial cake she had and said they ate cake for breakfast, but no water instead – beer! We all enjoyed a piece of those cakes.

Ms. Monica also loved her cats, and her shortbread molds. Recently her oven had broken down and I investigated obtaining one for her. She should not have been without one, as she was a great baker and a knowledgeable one.

Cards for the family may be sent to Brian Rogers, 135 Milford Road, Brookline, NH 03033

By Jeannette Pothier

## 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](mailto:shar.mcd77@gmail.com) or Jeannette Pothier [Jeannette@scotiaheath.com](mailto:Jeannette@scotiaheath.com).

## BARN CELEBRATION

The Job Lane Barn was a very impressive undertaking. We saw that when the house was being worked on to open as a museum, a Long-Range plan was put together. When I became President, and was handed a cardboard box with a few files, I saw that it had a *wish* for a barn to be built.

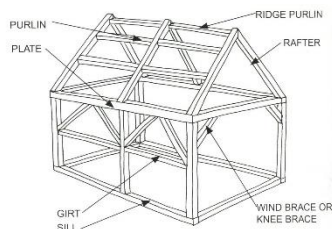
It seemed like it should be something we would want since this was a farm. Years of fund raising, and working with so many people, led us to the Bedford Rotary Club. As we said when we transferred ownership to the Town of Bedford, we said: *We made it beautiful and are giving it away*". It was only possible because Bill Waite Jr., Nat Brown, and Art Smith from the Rotary that the barn was realized.

On July 28, we will celebrate that 25 years ago we raised that barn. This will be by invitation only, first our members, barn workers, and anyone who contacts us to get a written invitation. Contact me at 781-275-8794 or email: [joblanefarm@gmail.com](mailto:joblanefarm@gmail.com). Thank you.

Jeannette Pothier

### *Friends of the Job Lane House*

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February- March 2018*



## 2018 EVENTS

| Date                                         | Event                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Open Hours: 2 – 4 pm</b>                  |                                                                                             |
| <b>March 18, 2018 Sun, 2-4 pm</b>            | <b>Annual Meeting &amp; Coffee<br/>First Parish Church - Common</b>                         |
| <b>April 28</b>                              | <b>First Clean Up Day, House &amp; Barn</b>                                                 |
| <b>May 5</b>                                 | <b>Second Clean Up: House &amp; Barn</b>                                                    |
| <b>May 13</b>                                | <b>House Tour/Children Event</b>                                                            |
| <b>May 27</b>                                | <b>House Tours</b>                                                                          |
| <b>Thursday, June 7, 9 am</b>                | <b>Children's Tours</b>                                                                     |
| <b>June 10</b>                               | <b>House Tour/Children Event</b>                                                            |
| <b>Sunday, June 17<br/>2 – 4 pm</b>          | <b>Celebration of Monica Rogers' Life<br/>For the family and friends</b>                    |
| <b>June 24</b>                               | <b>House Tours</b>                                                                          |
| <b>June 25-29</b>                            | <b>Colonial Skills Program</b>                                                              |
| <b>July 8</b>                                | <b>House Tours/Children Event</b>                                                           |
| <b>July 22</b>                               | <b>House Tours</b>                                                                          |
| <b>July 28, 2-4 pm<br/>July 29 Rain Date</b> | <b>Mini Barn Raising with<br/>Tom Musco, Deb D'Amico and<br/>25th Year Barn Celebration</b> |
| <b>August 12</b>                             | <b>House Tour/Children Event</b>                                                            |
| <b>August 26</b>                             | <b>House Tours</b>                                                                          |
| <b>September 9</b>                           | <b>House Tours/Children Event</b>                                                           |
| <b>September</b>                             | <b>Bedford Day Parade &amp; Fair</b>                                                        |
| <b>September 23</b>                          | <b>House Tours</b>                                                                          |
| <b>October 14</b>                            | <b>House Tour/Children Event</b>                                                            |
| <b>October 28</b>                            | <b>House Tours ~ Quilt Exhibit</b>                                                          |
| <b>March 2019</b>                            | <b>Annual Meeting</b>                                                                       |

**KEEP COPY FOR THE YEAR'S SCHEDULE**