

# Friends of the Job Lane House, Inc.

## B R O A D S I D E

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2018 season at the Job Lane Farm Museum is just about to begin! We've dusted all of the corners of the house and cleaned the barn, and now the yard. A special new acquisition is a 19th century stereopticon, donated by Ralph Hammond. What better way to spend Mother's Day than to drop by your favorite historic house. We look forward to your visit. The Town has nearly finished the work for the fire suppression system. This year we will have two Sundays where we will feature small paintings. If you attended the Annual Meeting but left without your program, please contact me for a copy.

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### 2018 Officers

President – Sharon McDonald

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Directors – John Linz, Bill Hanna, Judy Barber, John Linz, Ralph Hammond, Pat Leiby

Liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission - Don Corey

### MEMBER NEWS

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

### SPRING CLEANING DAYS 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 the assistance 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 and vacuum? We have a job for you! Contact Sharon McDonald.

Our 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. This year that will take place on May 5.

### TOUR GUIDE MEETING JUNE 3

The meeting will be from 2 to 4 at the Job Lane House. We hope to welcome new guides and have a short walk through **and we have new information on Oliver Abbott**. If you know of anyone who would be interested in being a guide, please contact either Sharon or Jeannette.

### 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 at [Jeannette@scotiaheath.com](mailto:Jeannette@scotiaheath.com).

## ANNUAL MEETING

As required, we wanted to share with those of you who did not attend the annual meeting our financial report for 2017.

Income for 2017 was \$4,629 including donations and grants of \$2,231, Colonial Kids week of \$1,080, admissions of \$495, dues of \$375, barn-raising of \$160.

Expenses totaled: \$3,948.62 and included outlays for barn access of \$1,600, sign improvements of \$879 with the balance for operating expenses including the Broadside.

The bank balance at year end was \$20,976 including \$6,817 in the furniture fund and \$1,373 in the Olive Nolin fund.

Betsey Anderson, Treasurer

## NOTES FROM THE BOARD -

### Judy Barber

Judy presented the following ideas in her report titled: Vision – 2018 and Beyond

#### Increased Membership and Membership Participation

We need to bring in new members to allow our community to grow. By engaging people in activities, we increase participation in Job Lane events.

Outreach focus to Attract More Groups – Part of our outreach should include extending invitations to other groups, i.e. historic groups, civic groups, etc. to encourage them to visit us. Inviting other grades and/or other schools or schools from different towns for the children's school day would be another possibility.

Promote Barn Rentals for More Events at Job Lane Museum - After many years, we finally have brought the barn into compliance with building regulations and we have made all the necessary improvements. We have also upgraded our barn rental policy. We are now ready to promote the use of the barn for activities by outside groups.

### ROTARY CLUB - Mini Barn Level Spot

On November 4, 2017, beginning early morning, and done before noon, the Rotarians leveled the space for the raising of the Small Barn, measuring 8 x 12 ft., and the space is 12 x 14. Nat

Brown and I measured and marked off the space during the week.

They removed sod, placed it by the lilac where we found indents at an area that I cleared. They then had soil brought in from New England Nurseries, and rolled it, trampled it to death with a very heavy machine.

A straight line was then marked to remove grass on both sides of the drive into the barn. A paver was installed to the right side of the ramp that was not being used.

Workers were: Nat Brown, Victor Tom, Tom and Christine Pinney, Ralph Hammond, Kevin Sullivan, Nicole Lang and me. Don Corey and I moved in the hoses, signs, and we will close the cellar windows in the house mid-month, when the water gets shut off, and turn on the heat.

Christine and I moved the furniture away from the heat and took down the canopy.

Thank you. Jeannette Pothier

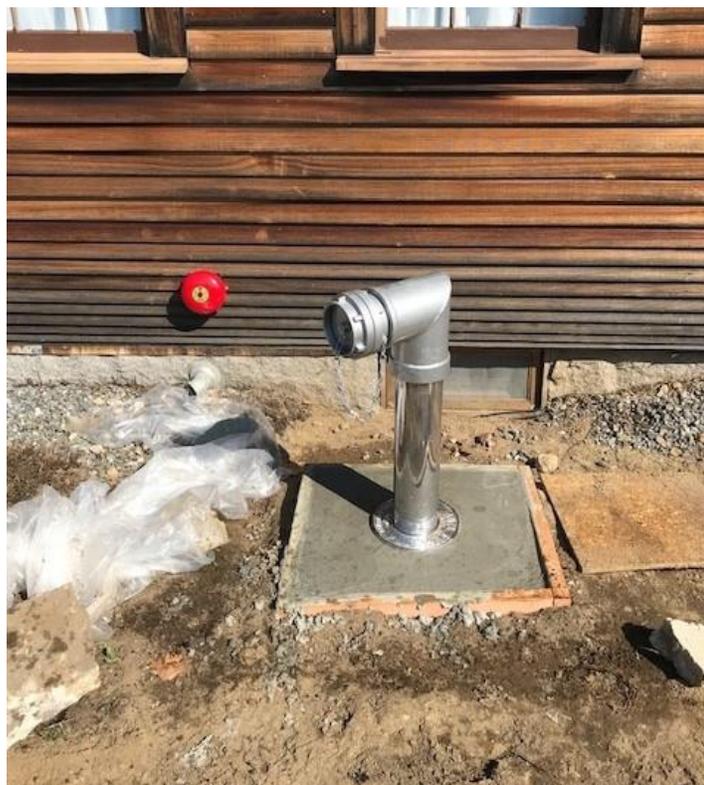
## ROTARY CLUB, A BRICK WALK

Nat Brown, from the Rotary, contacted us looking for work. They will be working on a new project this year. The Garden Club ladies work long hours in the summer and with watering the place by the walk through between the house and the barn stone wall, gets very wet. Dorothy Africa, one of our worker bees thought it would be nice to have the brick walk extended from the house to the stone wall. This will also improve access to the house for those in wheel chairs. The Rotarians are taking on this project. Just ask – and you shall receive.

## GARDEN CLUB NOTES

Under the direction of Jo Champney who turns 97 this year, and still works at the Herb Garden, the group is made up of Dorothy Africa, Bridget Clayton, Priscilla Grunes, Claire Higson, Christine McGovern, Kathryn Rifkin, and Jeannette Pothier. They work from late April through early November. Last year a deep trench was dug to accommodate the 4-inch water pipe. The front lawn was dug up, and they moved two very large old plants, and when the work was done by the DPW, they moved the plants and

replanted the front garden. Hoping to save the Gas Plant and the Baptisia, they carefully cared for these two plants all year. This year we discovered that they had been disturbed by installing this pipe in cement.



We hope to again have these two plants:



A meeting with the town was held to discuss this. We hope to have this resolved soon.

## BARN CELEBRATION

The Barn celebration is planned for July 28, Rain date July 29. This will follow the small model barn raising by the children. We put the notice in the Recreation Department Summer Program brochure. Tom Musco, the timber framer, and his

wife Deb show a short film on old English barns, and then the children, with large mallets, begin the work of raising the small barn. They love it, and it is fun, so you may want to see that which is at 2 pm. Following that, we will have our celebration and show a film of the barn raising on June 26, 1993. We transferred ownership to the Town of Bedford, on November 4, 1994.

It was only possible because Bill Waite Jr., Nat Brown, and Art Smith from the Rotary that the barn was realized and by donations from our many friends.

This event is by invitation only, first our members, barn workers and especially the Bedford Rotary Club. The Board of Health is fine with the Rotary serving the same as they did on that day 25 years ago – hamburgers, because this is a private affair. We are attempting to locate all those workers, so please help us spread the word. Contact me at 781-275-8794 or at [joblanefarm@gmail.com](mailto:joblanefarm@gmail.com). Thank you.  
Jeannette Pothier

## TEA - BILLERICA HISTORICAL SOC.

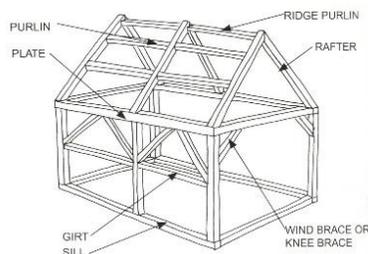
You are invited to Tea. Grab your hat and gloves and join us for the Billerica Historical Society's annual Vintage Tea Fundraiser on Saturday, May 19 at 3:00 PM at the Bennett Library in Billerica Center. \$10 child, and \$15 for Adult. To purchase tickets email: [BHS2register@gmail.com](mailto:BHS2register@gmail.com) or call (978) 667-7020. To car pool, call Jeannette 781-275-8794.

Also, you may want to jump on the bus tour arranged by the Billerica Historical Society, for June 10, 1 pm, touring three places including our Farm Museum. Please come and greet them.

### *Friends of the Job Lane House*

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*May 2018*



# Historic Bus Tour of Billerica

Sunday, June 10 at 1:00 PM

The cost is \$25 per person.

Email [BHS2register@gmail.com](mailto:BHS2register@gmail.com) to sign up.

The tour begins at the Manning Manse (56 Chelmsford Road) at 1:00 PM. The second stop of the tour is the Job Lane House in what is now Bedford. The tour will conclude at the Lone Birch Farm (Richard Mackay's farm) with the Billerica Minutemen. Richard has built a 1700's tavern upstairs in his barn.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about your town's history.



Thanks to our Rotary workers, left to right: Victor Tom, Nicole Lang and her daughter, Kevin Sullivan, Nat Brown, Christine and Tom Pinney, Ralph Hammond missed being in the picture.