

Friends of the Job Lane House, Inc.

B R O A D S I D E

JOB LANE ANNUAL MEETING!

We are planning our 2019 season and it's going to be great! We begin with our Annual Meeting March 3, (see article below) when we get a chance to relax together and chat and eat snacks with cider. For the program, we have invited a Native American storyteller to tell some of her favorite tales (word is, she is particularly fond of hummingbirds). Please bring finger food to share. See you there!

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Proposed 2019 Officers

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Director - Shirley Kring, 1 year to replace Pat Leiby

Director - Donald Corey, 2 years to replace John Linz

MEMBER NEWS:

Welcome Sue Swanson, Bedford

Dues are due at the Annual Meeting:

\$10 Single, \$15 Family

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM



We are planning a great program for this year's meeting.

We are thrilled to have Anne Jennison, as our speaker. She is a

Professional Storyteller of Native American Tales. She lives

in New Hampshire and comes from countless generations of folks who have lived in the *Northeastern Woodlands*. Anne Jennison's worldview - and "voice" as a storyteller of

traditional Native American lesson stories are first and foremost – entertaining.

Anne is a dyed-in-the-wool New Englander with both European and Abenaki heritage (Metis) whose storytelling skills have been polished by 30 years of experience as a performing storyteller. With Master's degrees in Storytelling and in History, Anne also brings a wealth of cultural and historical knowledge to enrich her retelling of timeless stories.

SPRING CLEANING Saturday, May 4 and May 11. 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Before the Job Lane Farm Museum opens on Mother's Day, we give it a good cleaning! We hope to have a Spring Serve team from 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.

We will have more on Cleaning Days in the next Broadside.

DORIS "MICKEY" WEBBER

Mickey was a Life Member. She died at 91 on January 1, 2019, her service will be April 6, 2 pm, First Church of Christ Congregational.

Mickey was very active in the community and with friends from other local parishes, started the Fawn Lake Easter Sunrise Service, an annual event that has withstood the test of time for over 60 years.

PATRICIA N. LEIBY

Pat was a long-time resident of Bedford, passed away on January 19, 2019. Currently, she was one of our Board Members. She served the Town in a variety of ways over many years. A memorial service will be held at First Parish Unitarian Universalist, March 30 at 2:00 pm.

Both ladies will be sorely missed. We send their families our prayers and best wishes.

RECALLING OUR PAST IN QUILTS

We held our 2nd Annual Quilt Exhibit on Sunday October 28, at the museum. Comments that Dorothy Africa, an exhibitor, heard from several people exclaim over the quilts, was that there was such a variety of patterns!

We had a great day, and the rain stopped, but the parking lot was wet, so cars parked along the driveway in the grass. About 55 people came. I had hoped more people would come. 45 signed our book, but we will count 55 with tour guides and those who did not sign our visitor's book.

Hot Cider and chocolate sweets was just what the day needed.

I think that I called that quilt a sampler of quilts that Carol Hand had for display. My cousin Donna calls it a Block a Month

Name tag story: The *Carl H. Exhibitor* name tag was not there. Carl Hanson came and was searching for his name tag.

Then we saw the name tag for *Carol H.* on the Greeter's table. Yes, Carol was wearing Carl's name tag!

So many were interested in quilts, and then we had people, (men and women) who came

unaware that we had the quilt exhibit. One man came with his father from one hour away.

Carol NolinSmith, Lillian Dutton's granddaughter, who used to visit her grandmother came to visit. She brought us two frame herb charts. Lillian had a mail order herb business. Our colonial herb garden is named for Lillian. We love the herb charts. Jane Dutton, from Lexington also came to see Aunt Lillian's house.

Our guides were great, Rick Manley was in the gift shop and we were all well dressed, in proper colonial clothing. Two people told Rick that our Memory Lane Gift Shop was nicer than the national Park in Lexington, and more interesting than the gift shop at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury.

Thanks for all your work putting this together, Jeannette. It was great! Much appreciation for all you do for the Job Lane House. Betsey Anderson

NEW LEAN-TO ROOF IN NOVEMBER



The shingles, up for 25 years, had rotted, and when they were removed it showed that there was nothing under the shingles. The roof leaked especially in the Gift Shop and at the side entry. We are so grateful for the Town's Facilities Department, who saw to it that it was past time to replace the roof. The work was done by New Roof Boston, owned by Walter Russell. The new roof has a water shield, and fire-resistant cedar shingles. We are good for more than 25 years, so in 2045...put it on the Museum calendar!

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 or Jeannette Pothier Jeannette@scotiaheath.com.

SPRING & SUMMER FLOWERS



With a 60+ degree day in early February, our thoughts turn to flowering herbs and flowers. We, at the Job Lane Herb Garden, work to clear the leaves out of our gardens, and make the gardens ready for spring. The lack of snow this winter may mean we will lose some of our plants. However, the sage plants grow and grow, and blossom into the most vivid display in early June. Along come the roses. These roses were Lillian Dutton's, and we believe our roses to be a form of *Rosa gallica*.

The Gallica Group roses share the vegetative characters of the species, forming low suckering shrubs. The fragrant flowers can be single, but most commonly are double or semi-double. The colors range from pink and deep purple. We would like less shade on those to allow them to bloom at their best.

The Macintosh apple tree overhangs these along the exit road. And, the tree needs pruning again. There are no members of the Friends at this time, that can undertake this task. We will be looking for help here.

The herb raised beds bloom in early spring, but later in the summer we have hardly any blooms. We started 2 years ago planting dahlia tubers – first along the stones on North Road, but last year moved them to the split rail fence along the driveway. They grew but were entangled in tall grasses so we need to cover the side along the meadow with mulch possibly salt marsh hay to

keep the weeds down. This will show the DPW where to mow, and where to stop mowing.

We are a smaller group this year, as some of our gardeners have left our group. Anyone can come and work there, whether a member or not of the Garden Club. Please contact us or stop by any Tuesday morning, when we are working from May throughout the summer. We are looking for help with the dahlia planting and more.

Jeannette Pothier and the Lillian Garden Ladies

WANTED - TOOLS

We do some work at the Museum, and we are always looking for a measuring tape, pliers, or screwdrivers. If you have a few tools you are not using, or will ever think of using, bring them by. We are open for cleaning, and Open as listed on our schedule that is attached.

GIVING AWAY:

In the barn, we have a dorm refrigerator, in good condition. It works and is very clean! Do you have a need for it, or know of someone who needs it? If so, please contact me to pick up anytime now. We need the space and thank Don Corey for giving us a larger refrigerator.

Jeannette Pothier, 781-275-8794

BARN UPDATE

In order to rent the barn for function, we have hired a contractor to install shelving and have acquired a larger refrigerator for the Kitchenette (Middle Room) in the barn

This makes it a better and more organized space for our use and for renters. The work will be completed before we open on May 12. Come take a peek. Learn more at the Annual Meeting.

*Please mark your calendars for the
Annual Meeting.
Come help Clean up!*

2019	Events
Sunday Open Hours 2 – 4 pm	
Sunday, March 3, 2019 2-4 pm	Annual Meeting & Coffee First Parish Church - Common
May 4	First Clean Up Day, House & Barn
May 11	Second Clean Up: House & Barn
May 12	House Tour/Children Event
May 26	House Tours
Friday, May 31	Home School Tour
Thursday, June 6 Rain Date, June 7	Job Lane School Tour
June 9	House Tour/Children Event
June 20	Tea and Tour, Bedford Rec. Dept. Enrollment - Fund Raiser
June 23	House Tours
June 24-28	Colonial Skills Program
July 14	House Tours/Children Event
July 27, 2 to 4 pm July 28, Rain Date	Mini Barn Raising with Tom Musco, Deb D'Amico Members invited
July 28	House Tours
August 11	House Tour/Children Event
August 25	House Tours
September 8	House Tours/Children Event
September 21	Bedford Day Parade & Fair
September 22	House Tours
September 28, 7:00 pm	Lamp Light House Tour for Members
October 13	House Tours – 3rd. Quilt Exhibit
October 27	Last yearly House Tours
November 2	Closing the House for Winter
March 2020	Annual Meeting

Please keep this page for the year.

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