

# Friends of the Job Lane House, Inc.

## B R O A D S I D E

### President's Message

Our season has begun already! Are you are planning to visit us this summer? Your password is TWO-FOUR – we are open the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, 2-4 o'clock. (or by appointment – call me!) Bring a friend who's new to the house for a leisurely tour and then lemonade in the barn. Hope to see you soon!  
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**MEMBER NEWS** Members Carol Amick and Bill Moonan became Life Members.  
Renewal: Rob and Natasha Wood

### IN MEMORY OF JUDITH R. "JUDY" BROWN 1924-2019



Judy was the wife of Nathaniel K. Brown for 61 years; mother of Pamela J. Brown Nathaniel K. Brown, Jr. and Kenneth E. Brown and a loving grandmother.

She met her husband Nat at church while he was a U.S. Air Force pilot stationed at James Connolly AFB in Texas and they settled in Bedford. She came to love her home in Bedford, and its history. She often visited the Bedford schools to carry on the historic teachings of her

late mother-in-law Louise K. Brown, Bedford's former town historian. Louise had personally bought the Job Lane house to preserve it.

Judy was at her office often at Bedford's New England Nurseries where she served as President and knowledgeable horticulturalist, spending time there even after her diagnosis with pancreatic cancer.

At our house, when we had the Chamber of Commerce tours on Sunday, December 4, 2005, Judy decorated the Brown Room a/k/a The Great Hall Chamber. She put a huge pot with massive branches to make a Christmas tree. Then, she had the Nursery help with placing whole cloves on oranges, which she put in a wooden bowl, and on an antique table in front of the Fireplace. And, there was the red roses on the dresser. She then took pictures of each room and gave me the pictures. That was a special day, part of a two-day event, when 450 people came to visit us. Judy was a great friend to us

all, and she loved the Job Lane House; she will be sorely missed.

The family asked that donations be made in addition to others, to Friends of the Job Lane House, P.O. Box 720, 295 North Rd. Bedford, MA 01730.

We thank the Brown family for all that they have done for us, and I have reached out to Pam, saying that we would be happy to open the house for them.

*Jeannette Pothier*

### **SPRING CLEANING** May 4 and 11.

We, at the Job Lane Farm Museum give our museum a good cleaning every year! Some volunteers came from Grace Chapel and some from the Boy Scouts, Troop 194. The fact still remains that we have not finished cleaning up, especially some of the grounds and the barn also needs to be cleaned.

Three members from the Scouts was not enough, but they were busy, as some of the older scouts had Eagle Scout projects to complete.

We really must look at our members to help us clean so that when we are open, we can all be proud of our house and barn. With this need, please contact Sharon McDonald to volunteer to clean. We have an urgent need before June 22.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

As we open for the 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).

### **BARN UPDATE**

We have a kitchen, updated for renters, and with Derrick Brown, of DPHP Services, the space is done. The old support for the counters were able to be reused, with additional support. The Microwave has been replaced, thanks to Sharon McDonald, and the shelf for the size of the microwave, has been lowered. The counter and floor have been given a protective polyurethane by John Linz. The items have been returned making the most use of the space we have. We will be looking for more card tables, should you have one in good condition to donate.

### **HOMESCHOOLERS VISIT**

For the first time, the Job Lane House invited a group of homeschoolers to visit. On May 30<sup>th</sup>, seven students and their moms toured our House and heard about the Lane and Dutton families. They were quite knowledgeable about much of the history as they had been studying colonial America all year, and Pat and Sharon enjoyed a lively tour. The high point for the kids, however, was our hawk, who entertained by sitting atop the barn roof and eating a squirrel. The Job Lane Farm Museum ever surprises!

### **THIRD GRADE VISIT**

Is it possible to tour 203 excited third graders, 9 teachers, and 18 chaperones through our museum all in two hours and 9 classes? We accomplished this annual undertaking on June 7<sup>th</sup>! In addition to seasoned guides Jeannette Pothier, Pat Pellegrini, and Sharon McDonald, we had the aid of two new friends, Bedford Minuteman Marla Flynn and her brother Eric Andexler, from Oklahoma, here on vacation.



The schoolkids participated with enthusiasm and enjoyed their morning immensely. We are pleased that Marla and Eric want to be asked back next year!



Jeannette made cornmeal hoecakes as would have been from the time of the Pilgrims.

The children were very knowledgeable and retained information from the previous guides. Great fun!

*Sharon McDonald, Jeannette Pothier*

## THE DEANE WINTHROP HOUSE

Continued from May Broadside.

The allotment of land in Winthrop consisted of about 100 acres. The Captain was killed by the Spaniards in the West Indies in 1641, and his widow, Bridget and son, William conveyed the farm and buildings to Deane Winthrop in 1647. Deane Winthrop was born in

Groton Manor, England, in 1623, the sixth and youngest son of our first Governor, the illustrious John Winthrop by his third wife, Margaret Tyndall. The young Deane was named for his mother's half-brother, Sir John Deane. It would seem that Governor Winthrop did not bring his family over with him on the first trip, his wife and oldest son John (afterward Governor of Connecticut), coming in November, 1631, with Captain Peirce, and Deane, who had remained at school, coming on the "Abigail" in 1635, with his brother John, on his second voyage. In 1647, then twenty-four years of age, Deane became the owner of Great Head, Point Shirley and the beaches, which had been allotted to his father ten years before, making his holdings more than two miles in length. (Note~ the sign on Shirley Street at Great Head erected by the Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary Commission in 1930 saying - "Governor Winthrop House: "Site of 'house erected by Governor Winthrop about 1634 and occupied for a time previous to 1647 by his son Deane, who established on the near-by hill a ship signaling station by hoisting a bush on the top of a pole.") He was married, probably during the year of the transfer of the two farms, to Sarah, daughter of Rev. Jose Glover, stepdaughter of President Dunster of Harvard College. Nine children were born to them, four of whom died in infancy.

*Jeannette Pothier*

## NEMA CONVENTION

As President, I joined the New England Museum Association last fall. Due in part to the Friends paying my registration fee, I was able to attend the four-day annual convention in Stamford, CT. What an experience! Nine hundred registrants and one hundred workshops! I went to as many as I could fit into my day, including one on planning the museum to include other cultures, which led me to

propose we have a Native American storyteller at our Annual Meeting. I returned home re-energized and with lots of ideas. Thank you very much! Sharon McDonald

## GARDEN NOTES



One sprig of our Gas Plant survived, and with the Baptisia, the pipe can hardly be seen looking from this direction.

We lost a great many plants, mostly, sage, lavender and so much thyme. We cut out a lot of dead thyme along the raised beds, but it is slowly growing back. We spread buckwheat over the raised beds, to keep the moisture in. This way we may not have to water as much during the hot days. Our group of Garden Club volunteers has been drastically reduced this year, but we are doing what we can to make our herb beds beautiful. Stop by and look at the blooming sages, cat mint, and soon the roses. Please come visit us, and the gardens are always a joy to visit at any time.

*Jeannette Pothier, Garden Club*

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**P O Box 720, 295 North Rd,**

**Bedford, MA 01730**

**June-July 2019**

**Open: June 9 and 23, July 14 and 28**

## CURATOR'S CORNER



In this corner, I'll post a different artifact in every Broadside issue, and you tell us what you think it is. Here's the first item. Take your best guess and email it to [info@joblanehouse.org](mailto:info@joblanehouse.org) I'll let you know who's spot on next month!

*Sharon McDonald, Curator*

## RENT THE BARN!

With our wonderful new kitchenette all done and the barn clear and clean, we are offering people the opportunity to rent the barn for small events. It is perfect for small parties – capacity is about 30 without squeezing. Rental price for members is \$20 an hour for 4 hour minimum; event with food at \$22.50. Email us at [info@joblanehouse.org](mailto:info@joblanehouse.org)

## ACTIVITIES AT THE MUSEUM

**June 24-28** Kids Colonial Skills Program

**July 27 from 2 – 4 pm**, Mini Barn Raising with Tom Musco and Deb D'Amico

**Rain date is July 28**

Members invited to view barn raising

**September 28, 7 pm**, Lamp Light Tour for  
Members only

A Poem of **Thanks** to all who helped with Spring Cleaning, especially Lee, Betsey, Jeannette, John, Don, Our Friends from Grace Chapel and the Boy Scouts, Troop 194, and Bridget Clayton from The Bedford Garden Club.

**They vacuumed the hallways,  
They dusted the chairs,  
Dealt with dead flies and spiderwebs  
Up and downstairs.**

**They emptied the fireplaces,  
Brushed out the soot,  
Then swept under ALL the beds  
Headboard to foot.**

**Wet dusted the windowsills,  
Dusted the pots  
(Dust them again 'cause  
You missed a few spots!)**

**The job isn't done till they've  
Tackled the barn.**

**(Someone bring a band aid  
For the thumb of our Don!)**

**And outside, the leaves  
Were raked out of the flowers  
A job they did faithfully  
Hours and hours.**

**And then when they'd finished up  
All of the chores,  
"Let's let in the sun!  
Open up all the doors!"**

**How thankful we are for  
Our spring-cleaning friends  
The season begins  
Right where this poem ends.**

*Sharon McDonald*

Thanks to Karen (Dutton) Peterson for donation at Annual Meeting, and to Elizabeth Skipper for the large spinning wheel.

## PHOTOS FROM CLEANING DAYS



Mr. John Mitchell, and his son scout John Mitchell, and James Giaquinto.



Grace Chapel Volunteers, gathering garlic mustard.

**THANK YOU for your  
donations in memory of Judy Brown:  
Kristin and Paul Marcus  
Maurice and Patricia McWalter  
Mary Hafer  
The Mead Family  
Guy and Marie McGarry  
Diane and Edward Cohen  
Doris Wachsler  
Massachusetts Chapter Model Club  
Steven and Robyn Maislin  
David and Susan Packer  
Jennifer and Truett Boles  
James and Donna Harrill  
Donations ranged from \$10 to \$500.**

# IS HISTORY YOUR THING?

Be a tour guide at Bedford's

## Job Lane Farm Museum



Volunteer on Sundays 2-4pm,  
bi-monthly from May-Oct.

We'll train you and  
provide colonial clothing.

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