

# Friends of the Job Lane House, Inc.

## B R O A D S I D E

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*I had an idea for a bit of fun for us museum-house aficionados! Let's get together and pay a social call on a sister museum, the c. 1691 Old Garrison House in Chelmsford. It will be open to the public on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> between 2:00 and 4:00 pm, and they'll be expecting some visiting Job Lane folk. Carpool with me from the Job Lane parking lot at 2:00, or meet me over there at 2:30. Bring the family! For RSVP, directions and more info, contact me at 781-275-5643 or [s\\_mcd\\_bos@yahoo.com](mailto:s_mcd_bos@yahoo.com). -- Sharon McDonald*

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD and BOARD of DIRECTORS for 2008**

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### **10TH ANNUAL FAIRE, Saturday, Sept. 6**

The Faire is our biggest attraction of the year, and this year will be no different held from 10 to 3 pm. Instead of Vendors, Colonial demonstrators will take full stage. We have invited many old friends, including a basket maker, a blacksmith, a seamstress, a spinster, a lace maker, and a quilter. The American Textile History Museum from Lowell will attend, and, of course, our own young Job Lane toy experts.

We are still looking for more colonial demonstrators/musicians and hope that you will direct any you know to Faire Chairman Jeannette Pothier, 781-275-8794, or to our website, [www.joblane.org](http://www.joblane.org), for more info.

For those of you who live nearby, we also will be calling upon you, our membership, to host for an hour or two in a room in the house, or to ask visitors to sign our guest book. We promise it will add to your enjoyment of the day! Please contact Jeannette at 781-275-8794 or [j.pothier@verizon.net](mailto:j.pothier@verizon.net), to volunteer. - JP

### **A NEW CHAMBER STICK**



Recently, our dear Betty Slechta brought Job and Martha a very beautiful candlestick. What a lovely gift! It is properly called a "push-up chamber stick," and dates from the 1800s.

It is entirely made of brass, and stands about four inches tall on a round base. There is a carrying ring, should you be wanting to light your way to your chamber, and a place to rest your thumb for that extra strong grip.

The hollow cylinder that holds the candle has a little button at the bottom that lifts the candle end when the wax is almost gone. You must look for the chamber stick on the mantle in the parlor when next you visit! Thank you so much, Betty!! - SMcD

## SEWING WITH CARRIE

One evening not long ago, with rain softly falling, we gathered in the Parlor of our old house, and enjoyed the best program on period clothing, which we shared with many friends. It was a very helpful program to all of us who try to wear colonial clothing properly. One comment was: "I enjoyed Carrie Midura's presentation very much. I learned a great deal and found her to be clear and informative."

As a result of that meeting, Carrie (AKA Cherry Dawson, Milliner) has agreed to sew with us twice, focusing on petticoats on July 28<sup>th</sup> and bonnets/hats on August 20<sup>th</sup>. We'll plan to start at 6:45 both nights. Please call Jeannette 781-275-8794 to confirm attending. Bring your sewing, needle and thread; your colonial clothing will take on a new look. Bring a snack or drink to share.

The sewing bees will be held in the Job Lane House, and tables will be provided, along with good light. It is a great time to be social with the interest that we all share.

Check out Carrie's website: Her address is: [www.cherrydawson.com](http://www.cherrydawson.com) -JP

## OUR FARMER'S MARKET BOOTH

Carol & Lucy Hand, Maddy Hartai, Lauren Devlin, Ellen & Robert Michaud and Penny Leslie had a wonderful time representing the Friends at the Bedford Farmer's Market on June 30<sup>th</sup>. We set up at 1:30, and were all ready to go by 1:45 with Carol's clothing on a dressmaker form next to the butter churn, the cow table-cloth covered with fliers, play mobile farm animals, 3 American girl dolls (1 Felicity, 1 Lucy lookalike, and 1 Victoria lookalike) dressed in 18<sup>th</sup> century clothing, and books on needlework and Felicity. Even had a horse in front of the table. Ellen was the only one in colonial dress -- too hot for the rest of us! Some Job Lane members dropped by, Bedford Historical Society members, and lots of familiar faces from town, even a fellow 4H member. We demonstrated children's games and toys. Mary Mady helped us break it down.  
--Carol Hand

## PHOTOS FOR A NEW BROCHURE

We're producing a new brochure for the Job Lane Farm Museum. We need photos! Do you have any that we could borrow and return to you? We have plenty of the house itself, but we need some with JLH folks and visitors in action. Think back and see if you might have photos of things like this:

- The Craft Faire: booths, visitors, volunteers
  - Visitors enjoying tours
  - Cleanup days
- Colonial demonstrators
  - Building the barn
  - Renovating the house
- Folks in colonial clothing
- Garden Club ladies at work
  - Third grade tours

If you have any possibilities, please contact Lee Yates, [aletheayates@usa.net](mailto:aletheayates@usa.net), 781-275-3294. We will give you credit for any photos we use. Thanks! -AY

## WANTED:

A few intrepid people who *hate* cobwebs and would be willing to swipe at them from 1:00 - 2:00 before any (or all!) Open Houses. Call Jeannette at 781-275-8794 to offer your services!

## JOB LANE CALENDAR

### Job Lane Open House,

Sunday, July 27, 2-4 pm

### Sewing with Carrie,

Monday, July 28, 6:45-9:00 pm

### Job Lane Open House,

Sunday, August 10, 2-4 pm

### Board of Directors' Meeting,

Monday, August 11, 7:30 pm

### Visit to Old Garrison House,

Sunday, Aug 17, 2:00

### Executive Board Meeting,

Monday, August 18, 7:30

### Sewing with Carrie,

Wednesday, August 20, 6:45-9:00 pm

### Job Lane Open House,

Sunday, August 24, 2-4

### Colonial Demonstrators' Faire,

Saturday, September 6, 10-3 pm