

Friends of the Job Lane House, Inc.

B R O A D S I D E

Hello Friends:

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Upon being elected the new President of the Friends – AHEM -- I ran out and purchased a little red spiral notebook. It's already half full of thoughts and reminders!! Job Lane is a lively place!! I'll admit it is mighty scary to step into Jeannette's shoes, but she continues to sit on the Executive Board as chair of five different committees, so she'll be nearby should I become confounded! The rest of the officers are a marvel; I know because I've already worked with all of them in previous years! So we're set for a great season. Stay tuned!! -Sharon McDonald (s_mcd_bos@yahoo.com, or 781-275-5643)

EXECUTIVE BOARD and BOARD of DIRECTORS for 2008

<u>President:</u>	Sharon McDonald 781-275-5643	<u>Director:</u>	Connie Matheson, 2008, Secretary
<u>Vice-President:</u>	Carol Hand	<u>Director:</u>	Robert Dorer, 2008
<u>Secretary:</u>	Julia Whiteneck	<u>Director:</u>	Pat Leiby, 2009 Board Chair
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Rick Manley	<u>Director:</u>	Robert Slechta, 2009
<u>Curator:</u>	Sharon McDonald	<u>Director:</u>	April McDaniel, 2010
		<u>Director:</u>	Judy Barber, 2010

NEW MEMBERS: M. Susan Wingfield and Carole D'Eugenio

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ATTENTION: Spring Cleaning this Sat April 26, and again May 3rd. See below!

IN MEMORY

Sadly, Marcelle Schnitger and Dorothy Rogers, two of our great Friends, have passed away this spring. Marcelle, who was so generous with her time that Bedford named her Citizen of the Year, served as our Tour Guide Director in the early 1990's. She began the tradition of demonstrating children's toys that we continue to this day. She also insisted on taking the Queen Charlotte quilt home with her at the end of every season to keep it safe from mouse gnawings!

Until her illness made it impossible, Dorothy came to every Open House with her daughter, Monica, and they would make colonial music on the hammered dulcimer and fife. On

Children's Day, Dot would take out her deer-bone flute and ox-horn pipe and play a tune or two on those, as well. At last fall's final Open House, with red sugar-frosting spots on her cheeks, she rested in the Borning Room bed all afternoon, telling visitors she "had the pox."

They both loved the House, and we loved them and will miss them both.

SPRING CLEANING DAYS: April 26 and May 3.

Never mind your lye soap and rug beater! Bring your dusting cloth, broom, and pledge to our Museum House & Barn Spring Cleaning days! Housecleaning, which can be

so onerous at home, is delightful when shared with Friends at Job and Martha's place. You can choose your own task: sweep out a fireplace, blow the spider webs from the front banisters, or - for you Rubic Cube masters - hang the bed canopy. Lots of people are signing up, but we need more!! Call Jeannette Pothier, 781-275-8794 (April 26th), or Sharon McDonald, 781-275-5643 (May 3rd) to assure them you are coming.

Annual Meeting Review

By Jeannette Pothier, past President

The Annual Meeting in March was a great time to get together after a long cold winter. For those who attended, we were treated to an hour of the view from the "Other Side" with David Dooks. He was very informative about the life of a soldier in general as well as the activities of April 19th (1775) that we didn't want him to stop talking. Colorful, in his British military clothes, he became "real" to all of us.

The Tea was nice and I especially want to thank Sharon McDonald for the brand new brown tea pot! All the teapots, (between 6 and 8) are mine, and I bring some from home as well. While growing up, the tea pot sat on the back of our wood burning stove, and I still have these pots. A big thank you goes to Karen (Dutton) Peterson, who donated towards our Annual Meeting costs. We took in barely enough money from dues last year for the postage for one mailing of the Broadside.

I especially want to thank my friends who so lovingly gave of their precious items to fill a gift basket for me and to Connie Matheson for making this basket possible.

Reports and printed Programs are available, so just contact me. If you want to hear my 20 years with the Lanes and Duttons, you may have to wait until the book gets published. We are now 30 years old, and I was there more than 20 years ago. Some of our friends were there on Day 1, and still come out and support us. I became involved by scraping paint off the Wainscoting in the Parlor.

The Friends have held wonderful programs and you, as members, may be missing some part of the benefits of being a member. The Program for 2008 is now on our web site - just click on www.joblane.org and then calendar. I have certainly enjoyed chairing all these Annual Meetings with all of you and I thank you for your support.

www.joblane.org

By Jeannette Pothier

For years, especially during events ~ we always wished we had our own website.

Carrie Midura, a friend from the colonial part of my life, offered to do the website for us, in exchange for use of the house for a day. How could we refuse?

Carrie is presently working with other Historical Societies in the area, and incredible creative abilities, was exactly the right person to do this for us.

So having said that, Richard and I drew up what we would like to see on a site. We wanted to include our history, membership, forms, photos, events, a calendar and much more. Some of our members are Lanes and Dutton family members. This will provide a forum for those living far away including all over the Untied States, Canada and England.

The website allows everyone to see our beautiful house, barn and gardens. We have added other links of interest to us and to our members, including the museum in Rickmansworth, England. We have Tom Musco, our timber frame barn builder and Ken Hume, who came from England to help build our barn. On their sites you can see our barn building. We will continue to add to the site. It went live for our Annual Meeting held on March 16, 2008. Someone has already used the site to download a form to rent the Museum for a personal event.

We are so grateful to Carrie . Thank you.

Board of Directors' Meeting

By Carol M. Carlson, Outgoing Chair

I'm pleased to report that the Board of Directors met for their first meeting of the year on Monday, April 14, 2008 at the Job Lane House. Attending were new members Sharon McDonald (President of the Friends), Judy Barber, April McDaniel and Lee Yates (HPC Rep). Continuing members in attendance were Pat Leiby, Bob Slechta, Connie Matheson, Bob Dorer and I. As the past Chair, I attended to help organize the new committee, which, in my opinion, is a great new group of folks with lots of enthusiasm and new ideas.

Pat Leiby graciously agreed to a nomination, and was elected the new Chairperson for the Board, and Connie Matheson was elected Secretary for another year. Thank you both for your continued interest and willingness to help where needed. We all look forward to working with you.

My hope is that all members will support the new Board's efforts in the coming year by attending clean up days (so important!), be part of the greeting and gift shop needs during Open House Sundays, help with the big Craft Faire event, and other activities proposed. Watch the Broadside newsletter for dates and times, and become an active member again.

We are always seeking new members, and hope to add many families to our list this year. If you take an hour or so to visit the property, a knowledgeable Tour Guide will explain the history of the house, grounds and the c.1720 barn built in 1993. I know you'll be impressed, and hope you'll join us and give this Bedford historic property a bit of your time.

Thank you to all who served on the Board with me the last few years. It's always an honor to be involved with the goings on at this special site, and to work and have fun with those who care deeply about the Job Lane Farm Museum.

Your E-mail Address

We would very much like to have your e-mail address and also, please tell us if you would like your Broadside sent via email rather

than receive a hard copy. Whether you want the Broadside on e-mail or not, would you please send an email so we have your address, to: Sharon McDonald, email at: S_mcd_bos@yahoo.com. Thanks

GREETERS, TOUR GUIDES, GIFT SHOP ATTENDANTS AND CLEANERS

By Jeannette Pothier

Last year we made up a Sign Up sheet for Greeters and Gift Shop Attendants. It worked very well. More than one person can sign up for the same day.

This year at the Annual Meeting we had the Sign Up sheet and one for Cleaning for Opening, before Open House and events, and for closing up in the Fall. In our by-laws for the Custodian Services Committee, it states:

- * maintain the cleanliness and neatness within the house, and barn
 - * refer needs for laundering of draperies, bedding, etc., cleaning of rugs and other articles, painting of rooms, etc. to the individual organizations which installed or donated them.
- * The chairman and one committee member of this committee shall have the knowledge of the access codes of the House/Barn.

The first cleaning of the year in April takes two days, not just 1 day. It takes a lot of time to clean and set up the Gift Shop, which Jeannette Pothier has had to do alone on Day 2 or 3. A schedule is attached



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JOB'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS, from our web site - www.joblane.org

GIFT SHOP AND GREETERS

MAY 11 Gift Shop: Marietta Ellis
Greeter: Bob Slechta

MAY 25 Gift Shop: _____
Greeter: _____

JUNE 8 Gift Shop: April McDaniel
Greeter: Bob Dorer

JUNE 22 Gift Shop: Marietta Ellis
Greeter: _____

JULY 13 Gift Shop: Pat Leiby
Greeter: _____

JULY 27 Gift Shop: April McDaniel
Greeter: _____

AUG. 10 Gift Shop: Judy Barber
Greeter: Julie Braschler

AUG. 24 Gift Shop: Marietta Ellis
Greeter: _____

SEP. 6 FAIRE
(Please volunteer to be a greeter
10 am – 3 pm)

SEP. 14 Gift Shop: _____
Greeter: _____

SEP. 28* Gift Shop: Carol Carlson, and
Barbara Moore
Greeter: _____

***Special Member's Open House 1 – 4 pm.**

OCT. 12 Gift Shop: Pat Leiby
Greeter: Bob Slechta

OCT. 26 Gift Shop: Judy Barber
Greeter: April McDaniel

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<p>Spring Cleaning: April 26, May 3, 9 am Open House: May 11, and May 25, 2-4 pm</p>
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