

# Friends of the Job Lane House, Inc.

## B R O A D S I D E

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carol NolinSmith and family are holding a Memorial Service in Celebration of Olive's life at the First Parish in Bedford Unitarian Universalist, at 75 The Great Road on Bedford Common June 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. A collation immediately following will be held at her old homestead, at our Job Lane (Dutton) house, at 295 North Road. Also, we thank all those who have sent donations in Olive Nolin's name.

All are welcome to join us. We are asking our Friends to bring sweets, ready to serve, and if you would like to help out, please call Jeannette Pothier, 781-275-8794.

Sharon McDonald, (781-275-5643 or s\_mcd\_bos@yahoo.com)

### 2009 Officers

President & Curator- Sharon McDonald

Secretary - Pat Pellegrini

Hostess, Membership Chair, Barn Director, and Tour Guide Director - Jeannette Pothier

June DeNadai, Co-Tour Guide Director

Directors: Pat Leiby, Bob Slechta, April McDaniel, Judy Barber, Julia Whiteneck, Don Corey

Lee Yates - *Historic Preservation Commission Representative*

Vice President - Carol Hand

Treasurer - Rick Manley

### THE PROPERTY IS "GROWING"!

If you happened to drive by our House recently, you might have seen:

- April McDaniel, Board member and gardener supreme, sowing flower seeds from her own garden in the meadow... (Last year the Town rototilled the land, forced the weeds out, and planted native grasses. We all expect great things of this meadow.)
- Don Corey, Board member, a great resource, wrapping our tender little apple trees in snow fencing (to keep away space aliens, dinosaurs, and mowing machines!)...
- Jeannette Pothier, aka Martha Lane, planting pumpkins... She is truly jack-of-all-trades.
- Every Tuesday morning, you will find the Garden Club tending the herb garden and plantings around the House. The plants are especially beautiful this year! The roses are just budding – a lovely sight...
- In July, you may expect to see the Rotary Club planting blueberry bushes to be bought for us by the Historic Preservation Commission.

### NEW OFFICERS

Our Board of Directors has elected a new Chairman and Secretary. Judy Barber assumes the Chair for the 2009 year. Judy is embarking on a new phase of her life as she retires and takes up life in Plymouth, MA. We suspect her heart is still in Bedford, however, and are grateful for her leadership.

April McDaniel assumes the Quill. She is a new Board member, but has long been volunteering at the House and knows it well. Her daughter, Natalie, has also worked at Craft Faires as a junior tour guide.

We see them both less now at Open Houses as Natalie is deep into an exciting dancing career. April, thank you for finding time to be Secretary this year.

### A WONDERFUL GIFT

Barbara Marshall has made an extraordinary gift to the House: a 10x12 Afgan carpet. It is utterly beautiful; a rich crimson colored Bokara antique rug. You must come and see it!! Barbara, your generosity and your friendship enrich us forever. Thank you. Sharon McDonald, Curator

## **A BLESSED EVENT**

We have a new baby living at our House! She looks to be about a month old, and spends a lot of her time in the Sage cradle in the Parlor Chamber, although during the Third Graders' visit she slept in the Borning Room. (Thank you, Third Graders, for being so quiet and not waking her!) She is so beautiful, you would almost think that she is a doll that Carol Hand found on e-bay and acquired for us. But surely not! Judy Cataldo, a friend, came to visit and hand sewed a bonnet and a gown for this baby.

## **GARDEN CLUB**

On May 12, The Bedford Garden Club held their Annual Meeting, Luncheon and Plant Auction at the Job Lane Farm Museum. Barbara Kupfrian, the Club's secretary wrote to thank us for all that we did to make their Garden Club luncheon a huge success. She says that we "even arranged for a beautiful day!" (A bit too much credit given to us there.) Barbara goes on to say, "Each time I come it seems the house is more vibrant".

Today (at church) the Garden Club, in the person of Bridget Clayton, the Club's Treasurer, gave the Friends a generous donation towards this day's event. We thank you for our beautiful gardens! May rain, sun, and the Garden Club continue to shower us with color.

We are pleased to have the Club's 2009 calendar and note cards on sale in the Memory Lane Gift Shop. Two pictures are of the Museum.

--Jeannette Pothier

## **BEDFORD FARMER'S MARKET**

Bedford has a thriving Farmer's Market that convenes every Monday from 2-6 pm during the summer months. Carol Hand and her daughter Lucy, repeating their successful appearance last year, will set forward a Job Lane table there on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pat Pellegrini has offered to help. This is a wonderful opportunity to put ourselves before the public and talk up our little Museum House. If you could join them for an hour or two, we would all be most grateful! Please call Carol at 781-280-0156 to offer your schmoozing skills!

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## **CLEANING & SPACE AVAILABILITY**

During May, the old farm house was awakened with a bang! First, there was Spring Cleaning, we cleaned the house then the Barn and completed the work in the House on May 2. Thanks to Sharon, Don, Rick, Julia and Jeannette. We opened on Mother's Day, May 10. One of the most pleasant visitors was a Bedford Resident, who at a very young age had been helping his Dad at the house long before it opened. Frank Puzzo loved his visit and told me stories, and even scrambled down and retrieved a lost flashlight from the "hidey-hole" within the chimney.

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, I hosted a baby shower for 20 young women, and the Mom to be flew in from Washington DC. The barn was beautifully decorated with colorful hand cut flags.

On May 24, our 2<sup>nd</sup> House Tours for the year, we had one visitor, who promised to become a member and be a tour guide. We welcome Linda Roth, also a guide at the Clara Sexton House in Billerica.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 am, I met Laura Longsworth, the Production Manager for WGBH, who was considering our house as a location to film a 6-part story on "God in America During the 1700's." Exciting! She loved Job and Martha's House! But alas, WGBH could not use our house for two reasons: 1) it is too close to the road and 2) they wanted much higher ceilings.

At 5:30 pm, Sharon and I met Deborah Child of Dover, NH, brought by our member and friend Diana Korzenik. Deb was interested in our Rufus Porter murals as she will be the Keynote Speaker for the Rufus Porter Museum in Bridgton, Maine on July 8 at 7:00 pm. Her lecture will retrace Porter's steps from 1815 to the 1840s, a time when the artist traveled New England executing portraits, silhouettes and landscape paintings (including, we believe, the one in the Job Lane House).

--Jeannette Pothier

## **NOTICES:**

House Tours: June 14 & 28, and July 12 & 26

CRAFT FAIRE SAT. SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

10 am to 3 pm

Dues: Yearly paying members' dues are due every January 1<sup>st</sup>.