

Friends of the Job Lane House, Inc.

B R O A D S I D E

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Recently, there have been a lot of activities for our nearby Friends to join –excursions, sewing bees, Open Houses, and soon, the Faire and Family and Friends Day. We also know we have many Friends out there that don't live near enough to drop by. (At last count, twenty-eight member families live outside of Massachusetts.) We hope you enjoy reading the Broadside and seeing what's doing at the Lane/Dutton Farm. Know we think of you, and appreciate your support. Keep in touch!
Warm regards – Sharon McD (781-275-5643, s_mcd_bos@yahoo.com)*

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The Demonstrator's Faire Nears!

Our biggest event of the year, our Demonstrator's Faire, takes place on our grounds on Saturday, September 6th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We've invited many skilled in colonial arts to come down and demonstrate them. (There's more about that in Jeannette's article on Page 3.) Please spread the word to all your neighbors!!

Many of you have volunteered to help by taking a turn at showing a room of the House, sitting at the admissions table with the guest book, serving lunch, setting up or taking down, and we thank you and know this will be an enjoyable time meeting new people and showing off Job and Martha Lane's farm. The schedule of volunteers is included on the back page of this newsletter. There are blank spaces! If you've been meaning to volunteer and haven't told Jeannette Pothier, Faire Chair, it's not too late! Call her at 781-275-8794.

Did You Hear the Wedding Bells?

Tom Musco, the timber frame expert who helped build our barn back in 1993, was married at the Museum last month. Congratulations Tom and much happiness to you and Deb!

Many thanks to Jeannette Pothier, Julia Whiteneck, Mike & Lucy Hand, and Sharon McDonald who spent several evenings cleaning the barn before the celebration.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Demonstrator's Faire

Saturday, September 6, 10 – 3 pm.

Job Lane Open House

Sunday, September 14, 2 – 4 pm.

Bedford Day and our Job Lane Booth

Saturday, September 20

Family and Friends Open House

Sunday, September 28, 1 - 4

Old Chelmsford Garrison House

Our excursion to the Old Garrison House was a treat! Nine Friends of Job Lane toured the c. 1691 house with a wonderful volunteer guide, peering through the dimness at the huge fireplace in the Great Hall, climbing the steep stairs into the mustiness of the room where soldiers had been garrisoned during Indian alarms, and strolling through the stalls and chambers of the barn puzzling at the huge collection of antique farm tools. As curator of the Job Lane House, I was eager to see the choices that this sister museum house had made. For instance, unlike us, they haven't installed electricity in the main part of the house, which adds to the atmosphere. We dress in colonial clothing, while they wear modern duds. While both talk about the history of our houses, we also try to bring the people who lived there to life. So much to see! So much to say! How does a guide decide what to include? It's fun to compare notes.

Most of all, it was exciting to investigate a house so like ours, and meet people who had furnished and loved their house as we have Job and Martha's. I am eager to visit more of the small museum houses nearby. Will you join me? Watch for plans! – *Sharon McD*

Job Lane at Bedford Day, September 20th

On Bedford Day, stop by our booth and spell us for a bit, bring us a soda, or just say hello! We also need help setting up and taking down (*hint, hint*). Call Sharon at 781-275-5643.

The Passing of Two Friends

We mourn two of our dear Friends, Dee Hill and Jephtha Wade, who have passed away. Dee had a great interest in the House, and gave us the Rufus Porter biography that we show in every tour. Her sketches of the House were made into note cards that were quite popular in our gift shop. She will be missed.

Jephtha gave us many generous donations when we built our timber frame barn. He last visited the House bearing 8 bags of ice for one of our faire! He and his wife, Paddy, have been true friends.

Family and Friends Open House, Sept. 28

The second Open House in September is always a special day for members of our Friends and for Job Lane and Dutton descendants. Revisit the House – we promise not to make you work! – sip some iced mint tea, walk through the herb garden, admire our hats, and renew old acquaintances. Come!

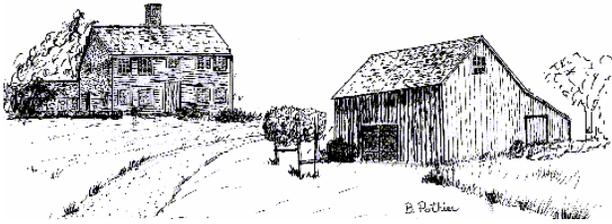
Petticoats, Anyone?

On July 28th, seamstress and colonial clothing expert Carrie Midura presented a petticoat sewing class at the Job Lane House. For approximately 3 hours more than 12 of us sewing bees were so engrossed in petticoats, you could feel the energy. We learned the secret of sewing 120 inches of cotton or wool to narrow linen tape instead of using a bulky drawstring. Brilliant! We had a truly enjoyable evening. I am now looking for an old wooden ironing board, so we can leave it at the house. – *J Pothier*

Bedecking Our Hats

After her successful petticoat workshop, Carrie returned to the House on August 20th to do a workshop on colonial caps and hats. Job Lane Guides and colonial re-enactors from as far away as New Hampshire crowded into our parlor with their sewing kits. First, the white caps that all colonial women wore. (Oh, those caps! Where is there one in the world that actually fits and looks attractive?) Carrie brought many styles for us to try on, and we exchanged sartorial opinions.

Then it was time for the flat straw bonnets that are *de rigueur* to wear on top of the cap --- but that we never wear because they always blow off in the wind! Carrie showed us how to place the ties so that the hat stays put at a jaunty angle. With a few stitches she fashioned shell pleats, then box pleats, gathers, and other fancy trimmings. "And you can put a wire around the brim – it should just take ten minutes to sew..." We were dubious about the "ten minutes" part, but went home eager to invest in ribbon and get to pleating. Thanks, Carrie! – *Sharon McD*



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

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10th ANNUAL FAIRE

COLONIAL DEMONSTRATOR FAIRE

JOB LANE FARM MUSEUM

295 North Road ~ Bedford, Massachusetts (Rt. 4)

Sept. 6, 2008 ~ 10 TO 3:00 PM

HOUSE TOURS

COLONIAL CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS

(Life during the 18th Century)

Free Admission to the Faire

House Tour \$2/pp donation

PROCEEDS GO TO THE MUSEUM

Information: 781-275-8794

www.joblane.org

10TH Annual Faire:

Our theme is: *Life during the 18th Century.*

Our Crafty bunch of demonstrators includes your favorites and we have new demonstrators.

Don Corey will be at the old apple press, and you can taste the best apple cider, freshly pressed. Leis Stolk makes beautiful bobbin lace, and is very well known. We have her lace bookmarks on sale in our Gift Shop.

The American Textile History Museum will spin flax as will Judy Cataldo. Carrie Midura, also known professionally as Cherry Dawson Milliner, will dress children and take their picture. The clothes are Colonial period clothes. Dean Rantz, our blacksmith will make anything for you, as will Fred Lawson, our Basket maker. The barn will have: Bobbi Ward showing ***Beyond Traditional Quilts***, Joan Waite is selling the Garden Club Quilt Raffle, with the Job Lane House in the center, and gardens in all four corners, filled in by quilt squares. It is beautiful. Art and Janet Veves will set up a small Antique Shop in the barn called: ***Sitting Pretty***, with antique furniture repair chair caning, rush, wicker, Shaker tape, reed and more.

Also appearing at our 10th Annual Anniversary Faire are new baby dolls dressed in swaddling clothes, thanks to Judy Cataldo and Carol Hand.

The Garden Club ladies will tell the story of herbs. So please come and see all of this.

Sandy Couvee will have the Bedford 4-H Petting Zoo with heritage breed animals. There certainly is something for everyone.

Cleaning: by Jeannette Pothier

I have been cleaning the house and barn for many years now, and will be doing it again on Thursday, September 4, from 7 pm until all corners are cleaned, and the barn is set up for our Quilter, Raffle table, and Antique chairs. Please call me at 781-275-8794 or work at 617-434-7489 to say you can come for an hour. It is just cobwebs and displays. It's easy work. On Friday night I will put flowers in the house.

Baking Committee:

We will be serving lunch to our volunteers and demonstrators. It has been our practice all these years to do that. We will not be selling lunch to the public. Julia Whiteneck and I spoke about having our members bake so that everyone can get a square or a cookie. Please bake for us, and put each piece in a separate bag or plastic wrap. Deliver these to the barn.

Volunteers:

The Volunteer list is included to show what times you have volunteered for. Please know that if you do not come someone else will have to fill in for you. Notify Jeannette Pothier by Friday if you are unable to come.

The Quilt: *Bedford Gardens Sampler, 2008*

The Garden Club Quilt Raffle



JOB LANE CRAFT FAIRE VOLUNTEERS: SEPTEMBER 6, 2008

<u>Time:</u>	<u>Guest Book</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Donations, Programs, Information</u>
10 – 11 am	Stacy & Veronica Hayes	10 – 11 am	Bob Slechta
11-12 noon	Bob Slechta	11 – 12 pm	Richard Manley
12 – 1 pm		12 – 1 pm	Stacy & Veronica Hayes
1 – 2 pm	June DeNadai	1 – 2 pm	
2 – 3 pm	Carol Hand	2 – 3 pm	Sharon McDonald

<u>Time</u>	<u>SET UP</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>GIFT SHOP</u>
8:00 AM	1. Julia Whiteneck	10 - 11 am	Richard Manley
	2. June DeNadai	11 – 12 pm	Jeannette Pothier
		12 – 1 pm	Linda Johnene ✓
		1 – 2 pm	Stacey Hayes
		2 – 3 pm	

3:00 PM	<u>TAKE DOWN</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Great Hall</u>
	1. Julia Whiteneck	10 – 11 am	Sharon McDonald
	2. Jeannette Pothier	11 – 12 pm	Sharon McDonald
		12 – 1 pm	
		1 – 2 pm	
		2 – 3 pm	Richard Manley

<u>Time:</u>	<u>Kitchen (Women's Comm Club)</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>"Lace" demo ~ Parlor (Historical Soc.)</u>
10 – 11 am	Betty Slechta	10 – 11 am	Pat Leiby
11– 12 pm	Julie Turner	11– 12 pm	Betty Slechta
12 – 1 pm	June DeNadai & Julie Braschler	12 – 1 pm	Ellen & Bob Michaud
1 – 2 pm	Jeannette Pothier	1 – 2 pm	Sharon McDonald
2 – 3 pm	Julia Whiteneck	2 – 3 pm	Stacy Hayes

<u>Time:</u>	<u>Hall Chamber (Brown)</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>"Dolls" Parlor Chamber (Rotary Club)</u>
10 – 11 am	June DeNadai	10 – 11 am	Julie Turner
11– 12 pm	Laura Larsson	11– 12 pm	Carol Hand
12 – 1 pm	Laura Larsson	12 – 1 pm	Jeannette Pothier
1 – 2 pm	Carol Hand	1 – 2 pm	Penny Leslie ✓
2 – 3 pm	Jeannette Pothier	2 – 3 pm	June DeNadai

Please sign up where you see an open spot, or come sit with someone!

You have a **"LUNCH ON US,"** anytime between 11 and 1:30. Drinks all day!

We have coolers if you bring your own lunch. Sharon and Jeannette are in charge of the Guides.

Julia Whiteneck is in charge of lunch. Entry into the Faire is free to the public. House tours are \$2/pp over age 16.