

# Friends of the Job Lane House, Inc.

## B R O A D S I D E

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is mustering afar, and the Annual Meeting arrives about the time of the first robin. Please join us on March 15<sup>th</sup> to elect next year's officers and hear a fascinating program on quilts. I can't wait to see you! -- Sharon McDonald, (781-275-5643 or s\_mcd\_bos@yahoo.com)

### **Proposed Slate of EXECUTIVE BOARD and BOARD of DIRECTORS for 2009**

President - Sharon McDonald

Secretary - Pat Pellegrini

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

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

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Linda Greene of Westford and Pat and Paul Pellegrini of Bedford, who joined the Friends over the winter with such enthusiasm that Linda is already making cookies and we've nominated Pat as our secretary for 2009! David Sears of Brimfield also joined. Come to the Annual Meeting and meet them!

### PAMELA TOMIC, BRINGING HISTORICAL QUILTS TO OUR MARCH 15<sup>th</sup> MEETING

Pamela says: "Textiles were among the most highly valued items in 18thC colonial household inventories. We will look at what textiles would have been available to Martha and Job and their sons and grandsons. I will share antique items from my collection and reproduction pieces. We will go 'early to bed' in the time before the New England mills profoundly changed textile printing and production (and quilt-making)." Ms Tomic is an avid student of quilt history, a member of the American Quilt Study Group, the North Andover Historical Society quilt history study group, and the Watertown Quilter's Connection Guild.

### LEXINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY TEA

The Lexington Tour Guides have a yearly outing and this year, after talking to Lee Yates, they

selected our house. They came on November 8th, after both our museum houses were closed. Twenty people sat in the kitchen with two card tables and two larger ones. Our new member Linda Greene helped me figure that out. I must ask Mrs. Olive (Dutton) Nolin sometime, how many had sat in the kitchen before!

It wasn't sunny, but it wasn't raining! It was a perfect day. We all dressed appropriately. My invited guest was Judith McConnell, a past Town Historian, who loves her tea. We set a small table in the Parlor for ourselves and Richard was in the Gift Shop. The ladies ~ Linda Greene made sugar print cookies, Carol Hand made sweetmeats (nuts) Pat Pellegrini and Julia Whiteneck sandwiches, June DeNadai's Shrewsbury cake recipe was by Elizabeth Wainright in 1711, and they were delicious. Lee Yates brought pound cake and raspberries, and I thank you all so much for the food donations. I bought Fall roses to give to the ladies.

Connie Matheson helped me and yes, we served many of my homemade scones and jam along with sandwiches, sweets and sweetmeats. We served many many teapots full of tea as well.

We made friends forever! The thank you note I received was special. Apparently they will never go anywhere else for tea ever! They had a grand time!

Jeannette Pothier

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# **Annual Meeting and Coffeehouse**

Sunday, March 15, 2009, 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
at the First Parish in Bedford, Unitarian Universalist  
75 The Great Road (enter at the Elm Street door)

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**

**Now that the tea has been thrown into Boston Harbor,  
COFFEE is the patriotic drink!!!**

**Join the Friends of Job Lane in a mug of the bean, discuss the events  
of the past year and elect officers for the coming year!**

**Don't miss our speaker, PAMELA TOMIC, who studies, collects,  
restores and makes quilts. She'll be bringing examples from  
her own collection to show us the kind of quilts  
Job and Martha would have slept under.**

It takes a village to raise a child, but it takes a quorum to run our House!!!  
All of you, our Friends, share in your own ways – supporting the House with  
dues and donations, bringing folks to visit the House, hosting the  
Welcome Table or leading tours at Open House, doing behind-the-scenes  
cleaning and cooking, demonstrating colonial crafts  
or toys, contributing knowledge of antiques and Bedford History,  
spreading the good word of Bedford's own Job Lane House and Barn.

Won't you bring a small plate of cookies or bars and join us  
at this informal get-together and Annual Meeting on March 15th?

It's your heartbeat that keeps our historic house alive!

Thank you! *Sharon McDonald, President*