



Strategic Planning Grant - June brought some excellent news to the Portsmouth Historical Society (PHS) in the form of a \$10,000 grant from the van Beuren Charitable Foundation, designated for strategic and long range planning development. Membership and interest in our organization has grown dramatically over the past few years. A formalized strategic plan puts us in a better position to obtain additional grant monies to provide the momentum to propel us into the future and to help finance needed building improvements of ADA accessibility and climate control. It is a very important and exciting time for us, and we look forward to sharing the results with you next spring! We are extremely grateful for the generosity of the van Beuren Charitable Foundation!

Navy Band NE Brass Quintet - On June 28th the PHS was fortunate to host a free concert by the Navy Band Northeast Brass Quintet in our upstairs church, the first of what we hope are many concerts and events to be held there. The music was wonderful, and appreciated by a nice size crowd. Many thanks to board members Rich Talipsky and Dave Duggan for setting up a permanent live remote feed screening so that attendees could enjoy the fantastic music on the first floor! Thank you also to VP Doug Smith, who somehow manages to arrange so many events for our members to enjoy!



Prescott Farm Event - on July 14th from 12 to 3 PM at we partnered with the Newport Restoration Foundation at an event at Prescott Farm. Gloria Schmidt discussed Portsmouth's farm heritage and Jim Garman shared highlights of the Battle of RI, in addition to NRF's information on Col Barton's Raid on July 9, 1777, an interesting moment in the Revolutionary War. There were a lot of very interesting things for the whole family!

Upcoming Events: We have a number of upcoming events.

We'll be Celebrating Women, Re-enacting the Col Barton Daring Revolutionary War Raid, and a sponsoring a lecture by Christian McBurney about Revolutionary War Spies

Please join us at one of our events and of course stop by the museum any Sunday from 2 to 5 PM - lots to see, and interesting visitors show up sharing their personal stories that makes for a wonderful afternoon!

Did you know? The Battle Hymn of the Republic was written in 1861 by Julia Ward Howe, who lived in Portsmouth for many years! Come to the museum to see her writing desk and many other Julia Ward Howe artifacts!

Did you miss the Annual Meeting? A video of the Meeting and Gloria Schmidt's presentation "If Walls Could Talk" at our Web Site Video Theater (www.portsmouthhistorical.org/new-videos)

Yours truly,

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