

THE YEAR IN REVIEW AT THE JOB LANE FARM MUSEUM

The 2023 operations at the Job Lane Farm Museum were very successful. The season started in February with the acquisition of a beautiful antique HighBoy cabinet thanks to member Steve Arsenault who follows the antique market in New Hampshire. The HighBoy was a wonderful addition to the Great Room.

We had our Annual meeting in March where the highlights were approval of the Bylaws revision followed by an informative talk about the use of wood in colonial times by Virginia Steel.

Novanta CARES volunteers helped with Spring cleanup. The Garden Club spent many hours maintaining the attractive herb and native plant gardens. House Tours began in May, using SignUpGenius to schedule volunteer tour guides. The Job Lane Museum Student Docent program sponsored by the Bedford Cultural Council brought three energetic Bedford High School students to House Tour Sundays. They received many compliments from our visitors. Informative dialogue prepared by Sharon McDonald was placed on stands in each room of the house for visitors to read. The annual Job Lane House tour for the Job Lane Elementary School third graders enlightened our many young visitors with an exposure to life in colonial times.

Approximately 400 visitors toured Job Lane Farm Museum during the 2023 season. Family Field Day, sponsored by the Bedford Cultural Council, was a popular event again for the second year. This year also saw a new cedar shingle roof for the house and construction of an Antique Farm Equipment shelter to protect donations of horse-drawn plows and rakes by Nathan Kimbel.

Many thanks to all who helped keep the Job Lane Farm Museum a wonderful place to visit.



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