



## TATE HOUSE GAZETTE

### NEWS FROM TATE HOUSE MUSEUM

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### TATE HOUSE MUSEUM ANNUAL HERB SALE

**May 29th, 2010**

8:00 AM until noon

Support Tate House Museum as you plan and plant your garden.

Herbs come from Broadway Gardens but the proceeds benefit museum programs. We will gladly accept donations (to sell) of your own potted perennials with information about color, sun/shade, and height.

For more information  
contact [info@tatehouse.org](mailto:info@tatehouse.org) or  
call 207.774.6177

### *Upcoming Events*

#### **Herb Sale**

8 am Saturday, May 29th, 2010

#### **Opening Day**

10 am Saturday, June 5th, 2010

#### **Annual Membership Meeting**

9 am Thursday, June 10th, 2010

#### **Spring Ramble**

8 am, Saturday, June 26th, 2010

#### ***Would you like to volunteer on Opening Day?***

*We need greeters, docents, set up help, clean up help, baked goods, and so on. Contact the office ([info@tatehouse.org](mailto:info@tatehouse.org) or call 774.6177) to sign up!*

## *Spring Ramble*

**When:** June 26, 2010 8:00 am to 5:30 pm

**What:** Historic House Tour

**Where:** *Hamilton House*, South Berwick, Maine. An eighteenth century Georgian style house with beautiful formal gardens. This is an Historic New England property.

*Tare Shirt Farm*, circa 1750, Berwick, Maine. A working eighteenth century historic farm with historic breeds of domestic livestock. The farm is devoted to pre-industrial textile technology. Historic textiles and equipment will be on exhibit.

A catered box lunch will be served at the farm

The *Macpheadris-Warner House*, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Built in 1716, this is one of America's outstanding colonial homes with superb collections. Period furnishings, Blackburn portraits and major documentation will be shared.

The *Moffatt-Ladd House*, 1763. A major formal property owned by the National Society of Colonial Dames in America in the State of New Hampshire. Period Furnishings and Portraits.

**Transportation:** Custom coach transportation, starting and ending at the Tate House in Historic Stroudwater, Portland, Maine

**Cost:** \$75.00 / per person

#### **Reservations:**

Call 207.774.6177 or  
email [info@tatehouse.org](mailto:info@tatehouse.org)

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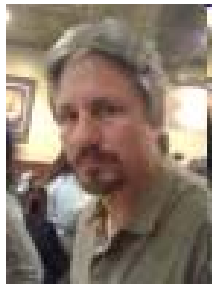
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## Volunteer Voices



*Mark is passionate about historic preservation.*  
Courtesy photo.

Stroudwater resident, Mark Sengelmann, has been chair of the Building Committee since 2007. Mark came to the Tate House Museum when he saw an opportunity to give back to the community expand his working knowledge of historic preservation with Portland's most historic property.

Why the Tate House? "I'm passionate about historic preservation and Tate House is right in my neighborhood," explained Mark [he is a resident of Stroudwater Village].

Mark grew up on Columbus, Ohio and attended Camp Kawanee for Boys (in Weld, Maine) every summer. After residing in Chapel Hill, NC for several years, Mark & Julie moved to Portland about twenty years ago to raise their two sons, now ages 20 and 22.

When asked what the greatest challenge is, working on the Building Committee, Mark explained, "Fiscal issues aside, the most difficult challenge is finding enough hours to fit in all the things that need to be done." He added that the greatest reward is being a small part of history.

Mark is the owner of ALPHAarchitects located in downtown Portland where his firm specializes in small scale commercial, historic preservation and residential design. Mark can be reached at 207-761-9500. In his spare time Mark enjoys snow skiing, fly fishing and hiking.

Mark commented, "We are fortunate to have such a well attended and spirited building committee that greatly facilitates division of responsibilities. I can accomplish very little without all their efforts."

Tate House Museum is fortunate to have such a talented, dedicated leadership on the building committee. Thank you, Mark!

## New Docents at THM!



*THM's 2010 Portland History Docent graduates from left to right: Gail Root, Karen Smith, Dick Kempton, Anna Barnett, June McKenzie, Ellen DeCotiis, Anne Dunbar, Nancy Keast, Pamela Laskey (missing is Joan Hatch).*  
Photo courtesy D. Perley.

### **Thank you**

A special "thank you" to the many volunteers who work here at the Tate House Museum. Your efforts and dedication are remarkable...and greatly appreciated!  
~ Heidi

# April Fun Day!

Saturday, April 10th a group of volunteers spruced up the Tate House grounds. Among the workers were Bill Hubbell, Bill MacLeod, Dick Gilbane, Barbara Luke, Chris and Pat Jackson, Sally and Reg Lombard, Laura Sprague, Mark Sengelmann, Charlotte Witt (Neighborhood apple tree pruning consultant), Dick Kempton, and the Keast Family.



*A room with a view. Mark snapped this photo of the tree pruners from the Tate House window! Photo courtesy M. Sengelmann.*

Among the tasks accomplished:

- Interior cleaning at the Means house
- Inspection of winter damage at the Tate house at the main chimney
- Flagstone path from Means to garage unearthed and re-set
- Miscellaneous garden clean up
- Pruning of apple tree and debris to dump
- Preparations for the May 1 Auction
- Cleaning of gutters at Tate House
- Shortening of ground gutters at Tate House
- Put away snow shovels
- And much, much more!

Thank you to our intrepid workers. Stay tuned for another opportunity to help out during a "Fun Work Day!"

May 6, 2010

**Dear Tate House Museum Member,**

This is to notify you that the **Annual Meeting of the Tate House Museum** membership, required by the bylaws, will be held on **Thursday, June 10th at 9 am** in the Means House.

The agenda will consist of:

- Approving new members of the Board of Directors for the fiscal year 2010 - 2011  
*William Hubbell*  
*Thomas "Tommy" Thomsen*  
*Anne S. Upton*
- Confirming the continuing appointments of  
*Peter Cook*  
*Dick Gilbane*  
*Cynthia Griswold*  
*Perry Hopf*  
*Christina Jackson*  
*Victoria Kurtz*  
*Theresa Libby*  
*Sally Lombard*  
*Mary Lou Sprague*  
*NSCDA-ME President or her designee*
- Receiving and approving the annual report of the Chair of the Board.

If you are unable to attend, please contact the office for a proxy vote form.

Cordially,  
Peter W. Cook, Chair of the Board

## YES! We want to join the Tate House Museum!

**Individual - \$35**

*One free admission. 10% discount in shop. 10% discount at Symposium. Access to our library. Invitations to special events. Subscription to Tate House Gazette (4 per year).*

**Family - \$50**

*Same as Individual but with 2 free admissions.*

**Patron - \$100**

*Unlimited visits to the museum. 10% discount at shop and symposium. Access to our library. Invitations to special events. Subscription to Tate House Gazette (4 per year).*

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*You're Invited!*

*Opening Day*

*Saturday, June 5th, 2010*

*10 am - 4 pm*

*Celebrating*

*'Year of the Kitchen'*

*With a Festival of Colonial Demonstrations*

*\$4 - Children under 12 free*

Wabanaki Indian Cultural and Historical exhibit

Wool spinning & carding

Touch museum of shards from a "dig" at Tate House

Period basket weaving

Drying fish & salting down cod for long term storage

Shellfish eaten in Colonial Times

Flag Raising Ceremony

Ft. Western: Samuel Goodwin Company

French & Indian War Re-enactors with tent

Planting of a new kitchen garden at Tate House

The Task of Dressing a Colonial Lady

A Lady and Gentleman in Period Dress

*Refreshments under the Tent!*

