

Friends of the Job Lane House, Inc.

Co-Presidents Message

The Board welcomes our newly elected Co-Presidents Julia Whiteneck and Carol Hand. We also welcome new Board of Directors member Sharon McDonald. We recognize Past President Judy Barber for her years of dedication and service to the Friends of Job Lane House. Carol and I look forward to a fun year with the help of our volunteers for 2025!

2025 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Officers

Carol Hand and Julia Whiteneck, Co-Presidents

Betsey Anderson, Treasurer

Dorothy Africa, Secretary

Roy Kring, Operations Director

John Linz, HPC Representative

Directors

Dorothy Africa 2026

Carol Hand 2026

Kate Reynolds 2026

Ralph Hammond 2027

Kimberly Sweet 2027

Julia Whiteneck 2028

Sharon McDonald 2028



Job Lane Farm Museum

OPERATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Thanks to our member volunteers who came out for the April Yard Clean-up. Lots of fallen branches and leaves were swept up and hauled away. The grape arbors were trimmed, and apple trees were pruned. Tree branches overhanging the driveway and parking lot were cut back. The yard always looks great throughout the summer as a result of the professional grass cutting and trimming by Bedford DPW Grounds Crew.

A number of volunteers came back for House and Barn Clean-up. Furniture was dusted, floors and carpets were vacuumed, windows cleaned, and Job Lane House was ready for house tours. Dust and cobwebs were cleaned from the barn and the Memory Lane Gift Shop will get special attention this year to present items and make it more appealing.

Thanks to the Garden Club for waking up the herb garden and flower beds. They always do magic with their green thumbs. Thanks to Jeannette and Dorothy for lots of scrubbing and oiling of the Jo Champney bench. It looks awesome!!

House tours started in May and we welcomed several visitors to each open house. Our Student Museum Docents are talented tour guides and receive positive comments from our visitors. The Student Docent program is back for a third year, sponsored by the Bedford Cultural Council. Also thanks to hard work by our Treasurer Betsey Anderson, we are now able to take credit card payments for house tours and gift shop sales.

House tours will be given on the second and fourth Sundays, May through October, 2 PM to 4 PM. Cancellations may occur for heat emergencies and thunderstorms. Special Activities will occur such as Children's Games presented by Kate Reynolds.

All events will be published on the Bedford Citizen Website Event Calendar and on the Job Lane Farm Museum website <https://joblanefarmmuseum.org> . Thanks to our talented webmaster John Giaquinto for making our website look great and very informative.

LT JOB LANE SCHOOL 3RD GRADE HOUSE TOURS

On Thursday June 12, 155 third grade students from Lt. Job Lane Elementary School walked from their school to the Job Lane Farm Museum for an exciting and educational tour of the Job Lane House. Job Lane House Tour Guide volunteers told the students about the 312-year-old house and its history as the visitors explored the house and saw spinning wheels, furniture, and games from long ago.



JOB LANE FARM MUSEUM 2025 ACTIVITIES

| Sunday Open Hours 2 – 4 pm | 2025 Events |
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| Sunday, March 23, 2 – 4 pm | Annual Meeting, Old Town Hall |
| Saturday, April 26, 9 am | Yard Clean-up Day |
| Saturday, May 3, 9 am | House/Barn Clean-up Day |
| May 11 | House Tours |
| May 25 | House Tours |
| Thursday, June 12 | Job Lane School 3 rd Grade Tours |
| June 8 | House Tours |
| June 22 | House Tours |
| July 13 | House Tours |
| July 27 | House Tours / Children’s Activities |
| August 10 | House Tours |
| August 24 | House Tours |
| September 14 | House Tours |
| September 20 | Bedford Day – Town Hall Area |
| September 28 | House Tours |
| October 12 | House Tours |
| October 26 | Last House Tour of the Season |
| October 31 | Closing the House for Winter |
| March 2026 | Annual Meeting |

VISIT THE JOB LANE FARM MUSEUM THIS SEASON!! BRING YOUR FAMILY FOR A HOUSE TOUR, NEW DISPLAYS, ACTIVITIES, AND HISTORY OF JOB LANE AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. BRING A PICNIC LUNCH!

HAVE FUN BEING A JOB LANE VOLUNTEER!!

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be a Family Field Day event this summer.