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Portsmouth400 Seeks Public Input with June Forums

PORTSMOUTH, NH -- The year 2023 is on the horizon. How do you think we should celebrate Portsmouth's 400th anniversary? What new programs will honor our historic past and benefit our shared future? Portsmouth needs your ideas.

Portsmouth400, a partnership between the city and Portsmouth Historical Society, will hold the first public input sessions on June 12 and 26. The goal for these sessions is to brainstorm ideas. Each session will begin with a quick look back at the ways our forebears observed previous anniversaries followed by a discussion about how to engage the community in the next celebration. Portsmouth400 is also looking for individuals, companies, and groups to become stewards and stakeholders in Portsmouth400.

"We're looking forward to a big turnout and lots of exciting ideas," says Susan Labrie, director of Portsmouth400. "For a small city, Portsmouth has an enormous respect for its own history. We're looking for ways to share that knowledge and pass it on to future generations through a variety of multi-year projects and programming - events that lead up to the anniversary as well as those that are celebrated in 2023 and beyond."

The first two sessions are scheduled for June 12 and June 26 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Portsmouth Public Library. Sign-up for the sessions is recommended and can be completed at PortsmouthHistory.org/Portsmouth400.

Those interested, but unable to attend either of these sessions, are encouraged (but not required) to sign-up to receive information about future sessions as well as provide input about the celebrations. More sessions will be scheduled in the fall.

About the Portsmouth Historical Society

Portsmouth Historical Society is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 nonprofit that operates Discover Portsmouth, a museum and cultural gateway, and the John Paul Jones House Museum + Garden, in downtown Portsmouth. Both locations are open seasonally. Discover Portsmouth is located at [10 Middle Street](#) and is open 9:30-5pm daily through December.

CAPTION: Susan Labrie, director of Portsmouth400, will host two public input forums at Portsmouth Public Library on June 12 and June 26, (Courtesy photo)