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John Paul Jones Jubilee & Silent Auction

Thursday, September 6, 2018, 5:30 - 8:30pm at Discover Portsmouth
Suggested donation - \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members. Early-bird discount of \$5.00 off per ticket if purchased before August 31.

The party features live jazz by Dry Martini, hors d'oeuvres, fine wine and a specialty brew. Silent auction includes fine art, jewelry, dine around town packages, getaways and experiences such as week rental at Sunday River, an hour treasure hunt for twenty kids, spa packages and more!

Tickets: call 603-436-8433 or visit:

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5th Annual
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Portsmouth, New Hampshire... Save the date for the 5th annual John Paul Jones Jubilee & Silent Auction. This entertaining evening filled with delicious food and drink, fine art, and a tantalizing array of silent auction items, held on Thursday, September 6, 2018, from 5:30 to 8:30 at Discover Portsmouth, benefits Portsmouth Historical Society and the John Paul Jones House Museum and Garden. Guests will enjoy hearing local jazz trio Dry Martini and savor delectable hors d'oeuvres by favorite Seacoast restaurants. At the same time they will browse and bid on a range of stellar auction items including fine art, jewelry, dine around town packages, getaways and experiences. In addition this year the auction includes a live "fund a need" component to raise money for the organization's museum education programs.

Sponsored by Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank; Ashton & Company, PA; Extended Family; The Market Square Group at Morgan Stanley; Louis F. Clarizio, DDS PA.

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Raising funds for 1758 John Paul Jones House Museum and Garden

Portsmouth Historical Society is continuously hard at work on the renovation and repair of the 1758 John Paul Jones House Museum and Garden, a National Historic Landmark, funded in part by this Jubilee event and by grants from LCHIP – Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. During the last year, the organization has been working on the repair and repointing of the stone foundations (requiring archaeological work around the perimeter of the house). Looking ahead to 2019, we plan to repair and repaint the distinctive historic fence around the property. Additionally, Portsmouth Painting Company has generously donated its time to repaint the rest of the house. An all-volunteer committee continues to oversee upkeep of both the house and the gardens. Our garden manager, Katherine Sullivan, provided another season of beauty and bloom in the grounds. Port City Bike Tours continues to be gracious stewards of the Carriage House while bringing new visitors to the site every day. According to Reagan Ruedig, chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, “We are so happy to have these big maintenance issues tackled with the help of LCHIP grant money and matching donors so that the building and grounds around the John Paul Jones House Museum and Garden will be in stable condition for many years to come.”

About Portsmouth Historical Society Museum Education Programs

Portsmouth Historical Society runs a variety of educational programs for people of all ages. For adults, the Society offers lecture series, historical walking tours, symposia, and guided lunchtime exhibition tours. Our children's educational initiatives can be found in local public schools, as well as on site at both Discover Portsmouth and the John Paul Jones House Museum and Garden. Our popular Portsmouth Third Grade History Program runs in partnership with the local public school system, and brings advanced knowledge about local and regional history directly into the classroom on a consistent schedule throughout the school year. Other offerings are designed to highlight changing exhibitions and include the Art to Craft children's craft program, storytimes, and our Sketching in the Gallery programs. An ornament decorating event, run in conjunction with the popular Gingerbread House Contest in December, caps off the year.

About the John Paul Jones House Museum and Garden

The house was built about 1758 by sea captain Gregory Purcell for his bride Sarah Wentworth. After the captain's death, his widow began taking in gentlemen

boarders to support her large family. Her most famous guest was John Paul Jones who boarded here while overseeing the preparation of the ship *Ranger* in 1777. Jones again would stay at the house in 1781 while waiting for preparation of another ship, the *America*. Later in 1783, "Widow Purcell" sold the house to Woodbury Langdon, older brother of the prominent John Langdon, New Hampshire's first governor. The Purcell house went through nine different owners until 1919 when it was saved from destruction by the Portsmouth Historical Society and Langdon's great grandson - also named Woodbury Langdon. In its mission to increase public understanding and enthusiasm for local history, the Portsmouth Historical Society has operated the John Paul Jones House Museum and Garden since 1920.

About John Paul Jones

Scottish-born naval captain John Paul Jones was colonial America's first sea warrior. In 1777 he took the Portsmouth-built *Ranger* with a Piscataqua-based crew to France. There he worried the British in a series of guerilla raids before his famous battle on the *Bon Homme Richard*. Later, as a hero decorated by the king of France, he returned to Portsmouth to fit out the *America*, the largest ship of war ever built in the nation to that day. When in Portsmouth, Jones stayed at the Purcell house, today the John Paul Jones House Museum and Garden.

About National Historic Landmarks

A National Historic Landmark is a building, site, structure, or object that is officially recognized by the United States government for its outstanding degree of historical significance. Out of over 85,000 places that have been listed on the country's National Register of Historic Places only about 2,500 are recognized as National Historic Landmarks. There are eight sites in Portsmouth: the USS *Albacore*, Richard Jackson House, John Paul Jones House, Governor John Langdon House, Warner House, Moffatt-Ladd House and Garden, Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion, and Wentworth-Gardner House.

About Portsmouth Historical Society

Portsmouth Historical Society is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 nonprofit that operates Discover Portsmouth, a facility housing exhibition galleries, a welcome center and museum shop, and the John Paul Jones House Museum and Garden, both in downtown Portsmouth. Both locations are open seasonally, seven days a week. Discover Portsmouth is located at 10 Middle Street; the John Paul Jones House Museum and Garden is located across the street at 43 Middle Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. For more information, call 603-436-8433 or visit www.portsmouthhistory.org