

“Meet Your Neighbor” Cards Enhance Forgotten Frontier Experience

The Old Berwick Historical Society has developed a set of character cards, one for each of the eight people featured in their exhibit *Forgotten Frontier: Untold Stories of the Piscataqua*, now in its second year. The cards were introduced at the public opening of the Counting House Museum earlier in June.

Each “Meet Your Neighbor” card features images related to a specific character from the exhibit. The cards are family-friendly, intended to guide adults and children as they search for the answers to two questions; one question is about the character, the other about an object related to the character.

“The neighbor cards are a fun addition to the many interactive elements of this exhibit,” said society executive director, Cari Quater. “This exhibit features a touch-screen map which examines our eight characters and their places in the Piscataqua region, as well as an audio recording of a Wabanaki creation story, and a hands-on display of fur samples of animals that would have lived here at the time of European settlement.”

Forgotten Frontier hosts an eclectic cast of characters including ambitious merchants, tenacious farmers, disenfranchised Quakers, freed African slaves, Scottish prisoners of war, and fierce loyalists to the King of England who struggled to coexist in the Piscataqua region of Maine and New Hampshire, set against a backdrop of raids and skirmishes with the native Wabanaki people and their French allies. The exhibit brings to light long-buried clues about a regional identity rooted in diversity, adversity and resilience.

The Counting House Museum, located at 2 Liberty Street, is open to the public from June through October on Saturdays and Sundays from 1pm-4pm. Admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted. More information is available at www.oldberwick.org.