The Gables is more than you think. For over a century we have provided programs for local, underserved children and immigrant families.

Interim Executive Director Announced

The Board of Trustees has chosen Kara McLaughlin as the Interim Executive Director of The Gables. Board Pres. Andy Meyers expressed his enthusiasm when asked about the appointment, “The Board was very pleased that Kara was available to join The Gables as our Interim Executive Director. Her strong ties to both The Gables and the Salem community coupled with her understanding of our dual mission to run the museum to benefit underserved children of immigrant families, will help ensure a smooth transition. We all welcome her and her family to The Gables’ family.”

Kara McLaughlin comes to The Gables with experience from the for-profit business world as well as public education. She spent almost twenty years in the field of human resources, serving several years as the President and CEO of The Survey Group, a regional compensation consulting firm. She spent the last four years teaching math in the Salem and Danvers public schools.

Born and raised in Salem, Kara received her B.A. from Wellesley College, MBA from Northeastern University, and Master’s in Education from Lesley University. She currently lives in Salem with her husband and two children. “I am thrilled to have the chance to become a part of the team at the Gables. I am inspired by Caroline Emmerton’s legacy and excited to help The Gables carry out its mission to create valued educational opportunities for our communities.”

The Board of Trustees will now commence a search for the permanent position of Executive Director.

Oversight Dec. 2012 Issue...We didn’t mention the important role Salem State University students from Dr. Duclos-Orsello’s American Studies class played in The Caribbean Connection’s programs and ultimately its success.

Postcards (continued from Pg. 2) before Hooper Hathaway House was moved to our site. Another card that was taken c 1905. The donor was quite sure that it was not The Gables, basically because it didn’t have all of the gables. We investigated and found that it was indeed The Gables. The donor was delighted to learn that his postcard was pre-renovation when the style was to have a flatter façade. Luckily, Ms. Emmerton had the wisdom to restore the house as it had been in back in Hawthorne’s day. We welcome donations of any kind that pertain to The House of the Seven Gables. Notice the yellow house to the back in the right minus its third floor addition as seen in the previous postcard. Many thanks to our donors for their thoughtfulness.

SAVE the DATE
3-20 Michel McPhee
4-23 Strong Women’s Tea
4-17 Jim McAllister
4-18—4-25 En Plein Air
4-26 Artists’ Reception
5-19 Garden Party EXYO

“The Seven Lectures at Seven Gables”

The Gables is excited to announce a star-studded cast of authors and experts for this year’s speaker series. Beginning on March 20th at 7:00 P.M. in our Visitor’s Center, we are pleased to present Michele McPhee. This best selling author, Emmy-nominated investigative journalist, award-winning columnist, television producer and veteran crime reporter will discuss her novel “When Evil Rules”. This is the true story of a Cape Cod trash collector who murdered a local woman and almost escaped detection. Michele will present a comparative look at the political forces that affected the investigation, arrest and conviction of the Cape Cod murderer. She will also make a comparison on how the political climate of today affected this case and her thoughts on similarities to Hawthorne’s writings and how the politics of the day may have affected his works. (See Pg. 5 for complete schedule and current sponsors)
Postcard Nostalgia…

We received a call this winter from a new friend in Connecticut who promptly found a couple of old postcards of The House of Seven Gables. A couple weeks later, a similar call came in from Rhode Island. Each call came from a caring individual who was donating a “find” as they took care of cleaning out attics and old records. We were delighted to find a few versions of the house we hadn’t seen before. This view of the house dated 1910-15 is from Turner St. before the cent shop was added. Notice the insert of Nathaniel Hawthorne sporting a rather large mustache. On the right there appears a three story yellow house in what is now our parking lot. Also notice that this was (Cont’d. Pg. 8)

Hold Your Next Event at The Gables

Our waterfront lawn affords the perfect opportunity to gather with your family or your company. Hold your next event here at The Gables. We welcome corporate gatherings, convention meetings, birthdays, life celebrations, anniversaries, and weddings. We have the perfect venue to make your special party really memorable. Parking is free and ample.

We also have inside venues available. Our state-of-the-art Visitor’s Center has a beautiful AV room which can accommodate your gathering or work as a conference meeting space. In the dining room of the Hooper-Hathaway House, c. 1682, we can provide the charm and ambience for a special dinner in an antique treasure.

Please visit our website for more details. www.7gables.org/events

Strong Women and The Gables  A special tour and tea will be held on April 23, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., for young women from Express Yourself and LifeBridge who will explore the roles women at The Gables. Prepared by a Salem State U student from the American studies program, the strong women theme will discuss the women who lived here, both rich and poor, and how they contributed to life during their time. The tour, researched and written by Jennifer Reilly, will also include the Naumkeag women. To celebrate the theme of strong women, the girls from EXYO will make their own “fascinators”, aka hats, and proclaim their own strength and individuality. Tea will be served after the tour. Private tours are available upon request and are a great way to explore history, celebrate an event or special occasion. (Photo of Kate Middleton, Duchess of Cambridge, donning a fascinator)

In Memory of….Mrs. Deborah J. Smith

We were sad to hear that The Gables lost a long time friend on Feb. 5. Deborah J. Smith lived in Marblehead and Naples, Florida with her beloved husband of 56 years, Dr. E. Hartley Smith. Debbie worked at The Gables raising funds for the nursery school with her book cart when Edith Harmon was the Director. Her husband and son, David, shared that working here was one of her life’s joys. We were so sorry to hear of her passing and wish to thank her family for honoring Debbie’s memory by encouraging friends to send donations to The Gables in her name. Friends are asked to be sure to say that the donation is in her honor. We wish to send her family sincere condolences and many thanks.

Extras at the Gables …The Salem light shines its auruleon tone from the western sunset in hopes of warmer days of Spring, if only they might hasten. Piers are barren and the moorings are all that float in the icy blue waters that skate quickly as if they know it’s too cold to linger. There’s an occasional cormorant diving for fish, herring we think. The current is swift, perfect for herring runs. The snow has tucked us in and gives a nuptial glow to every nook in the garden.

Dusty, our resident Maine Coon cat, continues to lounge on the tissue paper in the Museum Store and has an occasional spat with Pete, the marmalade feline of lesser rank. Pete is always ready to vocalize his opinions and accept a pat.

The twinkle lights crown the dormant wisteria arbor and snow laces the brick walk ways. The moss on the wooden shakes outside the office continue to enchant me. They greet me on the walk after wind or rain and they send up little sprouts even in the bone chilling spells. They are as magical as this place, The House of the Seven Gables. Take a ride and make a winter visit.
Our March Lecturer

Michele McPhee

Michele McPhee is a best selling author; Emmy-nominated investigative journalist, award winning columnist, television producer and veteran crime reporter. A veteran crime journalist, she is the author of five true crime titles: “A Professor’s Rage,” “A Date With Death,” “Heartless – The True Story of Neil Entwistle and the Brutal Murder of His Wife and Baby,” “When Evil Rules,” and “A Mob Story.”


Michele was the Police Bureau Chief for the New York Daily News, the paper where she covered murder, mayhem and the Mafia for nearly ten years. She was at Ground Zero on September 11, 2001 – the day that marked the murders of nearly 3,000 people including when 23 NYPD officers, 37 Port Authority police officers, and 343 FDNY members were slain. She was the recipient of the 2002 New York Society of the Silurian’s Feature News Award for a body of work entitled: “The Days After.”

A longtime columnist and crime reporter for the Boston Herald; she has covered high-profile crime cases across the country and has been a commentator on breaking news for national programs on CNN, MSNBC, and the Fox News Network. She is also a commentator for Boston TV affiliates. McPhee has co-produced and hosted two Tru TV “Mugshot” specials – one chronicling Chris Pacella, the South Beach, Miami nightclub king turned mob rat who was the subject of her book, “A Mob Story.”

The second Tru-TV documentary centered on the life of Sammy “The Bull” Gravano, the Gambino crime family turncoat whose testimony sent the late John Gotti to prison for life. She is also the creator of the A&E TV special, “Crime Ink,” which featured her reporting alongside other crime scribes in New York City. She returned to her native Boston in 2004, where McPhee was awarded first place for “Serious Column” by the New England Press Association in 2007. In 2012 her investigative reporting for ABC News affiliate WCVB in Boston earned her an Emmy nomination for outstanding investigative journalism. She lives in Boston.

Settlement Partnerships Announced

Each year, The Gables awards grants to other organizations who share our core mission of providing programs and services for underserved youth of immigrant families. The 2013 recipients are Express Yourself (EXYO), a creative arts initiative, and Salem Public High School. EXYO will offer workshops to 40 under-served local youth in the spring and fall. They will perform at two events held here: “Strong Women of the Gables”, a Tour & Tea on April 23, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and “Gables Garden Party” with a dance group and musicians on the lawn on May 19 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. There will also be a Boston event entitled Viva! at the Wang Center on May 15.

Our second partnership is with Salem Public High School’s after-school enrichment programs at The Gables. This program will be held in two sessions, spring and fall at The Gables. Twenty students will participate in each session bringing the total of children served to 80 over two years. The spring program, called “Salem Through Hawthorne’s Eyes” is to be held Monday afternoons from 3:00-6:00 p.m. from January 28—April 8. A Fall program will be announced later.

We have also launched community partnerships which involve Salem State University students from Professor Elizabeth Duclos-Orsello’s American Studies program. Student Jennifer Reilly will write and present specialized tours to LifeBridge and EXYO students which focus on the role of women at The Gables. Tracey Baker, Library Science Major, will finish cataloging books in our collection and create an electronic card catalog for inventory that will help develop a lending system for our collection. Dr. Duclos-Orsello is also a Trustee on The Gables’ Board of Directors.

Preservation

Buildings & Maintenance

Restorations are under weigh at Hooper Hathaway’s dining room. The floors are being scraped, all the paneling and woodwork is being sanded and primed in preparation for a fresh coat of paint as we start our new contract with The Hawthorne Hotel. The hotel’s catering department will be taking care of our major events now and they will be utilizing this room for dinners. They will also be booking weddings on the lawn. This will allow them to offer an outside waterfront venue for events. Their experienced staff has been catering fine events for decades and will bring their professional expertise to our site. Please see our web for more details or come tour the site and receive a complimentary brochure. Hold your next event at The Gables. We do weddings, anniversaries, parties and corporate affairs, too.
"Love, whether newly born or aroused from a deathlike slumber, must always create sunshine, filling the heart so full of radiance, that it overflows upon the outward world." Nathaniel Hawthorne

Museum Store
Come shop in our Museum Store and enjoy a unique collection of gift items presented to you with warm friendly service.
Free parking
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The Development Department has mailed out our 2013 membership brochures to local supporters, donors and interested parties. We hope you will start your year right and join us. If you have not received one, please visit our website at www.7gables.org to apply or call our office at 978-744-0991 x 126 and we will be happy to send you the information.

A membership allows unlimited free admission, 10% discounts at our museum store, special member sales, special member rates on lectures and performances, and The Gables Newsletter. Memberships also make a great gift for those people on your list who have everything.

The Salem Arts Association will be painting at The Gables’ campus during the week of April 18-25 in the style made popular by the Impressionists called En Plein Aire, or outside in fresh air. The week will be an exciting time to visit The Gables as painters, sketchers and photographers catch the captivating sights of our historic houses and manicured grounds. An Artist’s Reception will be held on April 26th, from 5:00-8:00 pm to show and offer all the works of art for sale to the public. The Reception will offer a rare opportunity to meet the artists and view their works. The proceeds of any works sold will be split between the artist and The Gables to benefit underserved children. Tours will continue as usual during this entire week.

Seven Lectures at Seven Gables (continued from Pg. 1)


March 20th Michele McPhee Emmy-nominated journalist, television producer, best selling author discusses “When Evil Rules”, a true story of a Cape Cod murder with Hawthorne comparisons in political climate.

April 17th Jim McAllister will takes us back 100 years discovering Salem’s rich history of Architecture and Preservation c1900-2000.

May 15th features Paranormal Salem with Kimberly Biz-tak exploring local haunted buildings and how the “ghost busters’ work to measure and record the activity from beyond.

June 19 Giles LaRoche Salem children’s author/illustrator will present “If You Lived Here-Houses of the World”. Giles will also demo his art form.

August 21st Hank Phillippi Ryan, Winner of 28 Emmys, investigative reporter, now best selling author of fast paced murder mysteries, will talk about her works, career changes and how mentoring helped create her dream job as an author.

September 21st, Sat. at 2:00PM (PLEASE NOTE: only Saturday lecture) Robyn Kanter will delight and inform the audience with her vast knowledge of gardening and horticulture. Be sure to reserve your seats early.

November 20th, Brunonia Barry returns to The Gables with her third and latest novel to be released in early 2013. We are delighted to have Salem’s own renowned NY Times’ Best selling author back to thrill our audience. Reserve your seats at sweber@7gables.org www.7gables.org

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