Bob Couch joined the Board of Trustees in 2010. Prior to joining the board, Bob volunteered his time to assist in the assembly of the auction’s Shaker Blanket Chest art piece. In assisting with that piece, it was evident that Bob was meticulous in his attention to detail and should have served as an omen for things to come. Once joining the board Bob continued to be a very active member until September if 2014. Although Bob’s tenure was relatively short lived, he made quite an impression. Bob was always a willing volunteer, especially when it came anything that needed some muscle or a truck, such as auction moving day, closing an office in Portsmouth etc.

He selflessly served as Auction Co-Chair. Bob personally designed and crafted two; NO IT WAS ACTUALLY THREE, unique auction pieces including the modification of the Adirondack chair, the storage bench and the “Trumeau” mirror and what I believe was the Friends Program’s ultimate auction piece and was Bob’s exquisite, hand crafted, cherry wood mirrors three years ago that complemented fine New Hampshire themed artwork. It is virtually impossible to try to calculate all of the time and effort Bob put into these projects and others.

Bob also lent his personal expertise to other types of projects to benefit the Friends Program such as much needed repairs to the Emergency Housing facility. He readily lent his knowledge regarding IT matters to us whenever requested. More recently, even after his time on the board concluded, Bob was willing to step forward to serve on our Social Media Committee.

Bob is highly invested in the community on so many levels. He is an active Rotarian with the Bow club devoting hours to local projects as well as efforts to assist the needy in Honduras where they have names a school in his honor.
would be remiss if I did not mention Bob’s wife Rosemary. She too has been a great ally of the Friends Program. We would like to thank her for supporting Bob during his hours of volunteer effort on behalf of the Friends Program.

Bob recently retired from his position at Cobb Hill Construction and opened his own business where he is putting his skills as a juried furniture craftsman to work.

Please join me as the Friends Program Board of Trustees presents its 2015 James S. Doremus Award to A. Robert Couch.