A NEW HOME FOR GREENWICH HISTORY

The reimagined Greenwich Historical Society is the result of the Greenwich Historical Society’s Board of Directors, Capital Campaign and Construction Committees. It has been made possible through the generous support of more than 125 private citizens, local businesses and public funding agencies. More than 90% of the Historical Society’s $6.75 million fundraising goal, of which every dollar has been matched, has been achieved to date. If you would like to invest in this great endeavor that will build community value for generations to come, we invite you to call Development Director Katrina Dorsey at (203) 869-6899 and find out what the excitement is about.
I have been honored to serve during a period of remarkable expansion for the Greenwich Historical Society. I cannot say enough about the dedication and generosity of the people who are making this possible, or about the many hours of planning and study by the board, staff and volunteers that have gone into thinking through the complex issues that we face to significantly increase our services to the community in our new facilities.

To remain relevant and responsive to the evolution of the town, preserving and sharing Greenwich’s history is a continuing challenge. It’s important, and it’s our mission.

Thank you for your involvement this past year in the work and activities highlighted in the following pages. I look forward to your continued enthusiasm and support as we complete the restoration of Toby’s Tavern to the art colony era, expand our parking and continue construction of the new building that will provide universal accessibility for returning and new audiences to enjoy our expanded collections, exhibitions and visitor amenities.

Debra L. Mecky
Executive Director and CEO

Letter from the Executive Director

Since its founding in 1931, the Greenwich Historical Society has been collecting, preserving and disseminating the history of the town for the benefit of both current and future generations. During this period, the Historical Society has significantly expanded its activities to address the challenges of documenting and preserving the cultural, demographic and architectural heritage of the Town of Greenwich, which was founded in 1640.

The accomplishments and statistics chronicled in this annual report reflect a watershed year in fulfilling our mission. We broke ground to launch a newly reimagined National Historic Landmark campus, which will enable the Historical Society to provide innovative exhibitions, creative preservation initiatives and rewarding educational programs to the Greenwich community, which we are dedicated to serve.

This expansion of our services required long hours, hard work, sustained commitment and widespread community support. We have been blessed with dedicated members, extraordinarily generous donors, a visionary Board of Trustees, a highly devoted professional staff and exceptional volunteers. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your invaluable efforts and support.

Without you, the fulfillment of our mission to preserve and share our town’s history would not be possible.

Debida E. Strackbein
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Letter from the Chairman

GREENWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY BY THE NUMBERS

- 2,156 visitors walked back in time through the digital collections portal, digitalgreenwichhistory.org
- 4,169 children and families discovered that history and art can be fun and inspiring during family, school and camp programs
- 35,881 visitors explored the many facets of Greenwich history at our website, greenwichhistory.org
- 163,062 enjoyed our posts on Facebook, and 28,211 shared our highlights and happenings via Twitter
What a (literally) groundbreaking year it was as we explored the people and events that shaped Greenwich’s rich and colorful past. Our calendar was chock-full of history and art programs featuring fascinating events and notable personalities. We presented two major exhibitions in the Storehouse Gallery and also hosted an artist’s exhibit in the museum shop. For the seventh year in a row, we hosted the Hamilton Avenue Museum-School Partnership, where each student visits and learns about town history through hands-on experiences and subsequent classroom activities.

In addition to Antiquarius, three major fundraising events afforded guests the opportunity to meet authors, historians and design luminaries and to hear about their latest work—all happily in support of the Historical Society.

We welcomed children and families for Fall Festival and Candlelight and hosted over 3,300 children for tours and after-school programs at Bush-Holley Historic Site. “Sarah Bush” visited every public school third-grade class in town. Area teachers explored our site, taking advantage of a new program focused on the use of primary source materials as a means to illustrate the impact of historical events at the local level. We went “high tech” when our curators connected with Julian Curtiss School and the International School at Dundee through Skype session interviews to share information about their jobs.

Here are a few of the highlights of a very busy year!

A Home for Greenwich History

EXHIBITIONS

An Eye to the East: The Inspiration of Japan (Oct. 12, 2016 – Feb. 26, 2017), curated by Karen Frederick

Creative Work, Creative Play: Jane and Jim Henson (April 5 – Oct. 8, 2017), curated by Karen Falk and Karen Frederick

1. Linda Huston, Lauren Miller
2. Eric Sciotto and son pose like Kermit the Frog
3. Cynthia Barrett, Karen Falk, Craig Shemin, Leslee Asch, Cheryl Henson
4. Catherine Ladnier performs at our popular Story Barn
5. Carol and John Dixon and Barbara Bishop

1. Young performers from the Greenwich Japanese School at Fall Festival
2. Duo Yumeno performance

“In Their Footsteps: Deborah Pierce Bonnell Paints Weir Farm” (Feb. 1 – 28, 2017), curated by Karen Falk and Karen Frederick

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2. Duo Yumeno performance
ART AND HISTORY PROGRAMS

1. Annual Meeting speaker Estella Chung
2. The Comes Family consults with Santa at Candlelight
3. Lucinda MacKethan lectures on Anya Seton
4. Art, Architecture and Landscape series lecture on Tiffany Windows by Alice Frelinghuysen
5. Captain’s Harbor History Cruise: Isabel Malkin, Natalie Pray, Peter Malkin
6. Plein Air Painting at 2017 Summer Camp

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

1. Hamilton Avenue Magnet School junior docent gives a tour of Bush-Holley House
2. Sarah Bush, a.k.a. Lucy Van Atta, talks about her life during Colonial times during a third-grade class visit
3. Primary Source Workshop for teachers from Greenwich and Darien public schools
4. Hamilton Avenue Magnet School junior docents gather on the front porch of Bush-Holley House

“My son… came to the after-school art class when he was in second grade…. How much he enjoyed it let us realize what talent he had…. He is in high school now and looks to a career in the arts.” —Barbara Calabria
History Lives Here
Preservation and Outreach

Promoting preservation continues to be a crucial aspect of our mission as the town continues to lose more historic homes to the wrecking ball. Our Landmark Recognition Program has now documented 305 properties and continues to provide valuable information for architects, researchers, real estate professionals and homeowners alike. We celebrated its 30th anniversary by citing four properties, including, for the first time, a mid-century modern home. In honor of the occasion, First Selectman Peter Tesei declared May to be Preservation Month. Utilizing our ever-expanding social network, we held a "This Place Matters" photo contest, where folks of all ages posted images of sites that represented the beauty and unique nature of Greenwich.

In a further effort to make citizens more aware of the history that surrounds them, the Greenwich Preservation Network erected historic district markers in the Fourth Ward, Glenville (next to the firehouse) and Putnam Hill Historic Districts. We are extremely grateful to those who donated their time, talent and materials to the design and construction of these markers and to the Town of Greenwich for its support.

We got out and about, partnering with the Greenwich Point Conservancy on a lecture about Bertha Potter Boeing (Innis Arden Cottage's first resident) and with the Greenwich Council Boy Scouts of America on a lecture by Julie Seton on her famous grandfather Ernest Thompson Seton. We also participated in Greenwich’s annual Celebrate the Sound event with a well-attended History on Wheels bike tour around the Point.

"I want to know about the place where I’m raising my children." — Leigh Ann Ryan

Fundraising Events

1. Guest speaker, celebrated reporter and 60 Minutes co-host Lesley Stahl
2. Guest speaker: author and historian Walter Isaacson
3. Designer Mark D. Sikes flanked by "A Night of Beauty" event co-chairs Catherine Tompkins and Lee Ann Thornton
4. Summer Soiree at French Farm

2,740 people showed us they care by supporting our fundraising events
Antiquarius 2016

Antiquarius is our most important annual fundraiser and represents the efforts of over 200 dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to produce Opening Night, the Holiday Boutique and the House Tour. We are grateful for the style, creativity and enthusiasm that our volunteers bring to Antiquarius, and we are deeply grateful to our generous patrons and to the six homeowners who so generously opened the doors to their festively decorated homes.

Antiquarius Leadership

Alessandra Branca
Honorary Design Chair

Barbara H. MacDonald
Anne Ogilvy
Alease Fisher Tallman
Board Liaisons

Melissa Hawks
Designer Forum

Holly Cassin
Elizabeth Merck Lake
Leigh Ann Ryan
Co-Chairs, Events

Samantha Noelle Mollett
Amanda Todd-Lynch
Holiday Boutique Co-Chairs

Casey Carey
Victoria Frank
Holiday House Tour Hospitality Co-Chairs

Courtney Bieger
Catherine Tompkins
Holiday House Tour Co-Chairs

Suzanne Eason Hopson
Rachel Suzanne Kelley
Holiday House Tour Logistics Co-Chairs

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Journal Chair

Alicia Laing
Media Chair

Caroline Emery
Zoe Khayatt
Patrons Co-Chairs

Ashley Allan
Alessandra Branca
Camilla Love McGraw
Deborah Schmidt Robinson
Patron & Preview Party Design Co-Chairs

Jacki Brew
Kathryn Stewart
Raffle Co-Chairs

Frank Gaglio
Producer, Greenwich Winter Antiques Show

Davidde E. Strackbein
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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1. (left to right) Debra Mecky, Ashley Allan, Alessandra Branca, Deborah Schmidt Robinson, Ashley Bruynes, Camilla Love McGraw at the 2016 Greenwich Winter Antiques Show Opening Night
2. Donna Moffly and Susan Stetfield shop at the Holiday Boutique
3. Honorary Design Chair Alessandra Branca displays her latest book before her inspirational lecture

At the 2016 Opening Night...
1. Susan Hinrichs and Susan Lynch
2. Roxanne and Hugh Vanderbilt
3. Ellen and John Reid and Thom Healy
Antiquarius Patrons

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

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Brett bridges
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GREENWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
At the 2016 Opening Night...
1. Colleen Devez, Alexandra Codrara, Carrie and Chip Emerly, Holly Causin, Jacki Brew and Judy Collins
2. Samantha and Ryan Mollett, Ashley Reid
3. David Scott Parker, Bea Crumbine, Terry Bettbridge

Gifts to the Archives and the Museum Collection

Here, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all who have contributed to these collections.

GIFTS TO THE ARCHIVES

Gerrit Argento
Deposit of folders containing papers read at the Mystery Club meetings, 2015-2016.

Matt Bernard

Anne Bradner
Booklet: “Celebrating Our First 100 years, 1910-2010, Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich.”

Martha Deegan

Ruth Wescott Duncan

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Program titled “Graduation Exercises Grammar Schools, Greenwich, Connecticut, High School Field, Thursday, June 19th, Class of 1917.”

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To preserve our past for future generations, the Greenwich Historical Society Archives depends on the assistance of people interested in preserving the unique culture of Greenwich. We acquire, preserve and make available to the public publications and original documents about important aspects of the history of the Town of Greenwich from its founding to the present. These can include original letters, diaries, scrapbooks, minutes, reports and publications such as books, magazines, menus, brochures, flyers and campaign literature.

The Museum Collection is comprised of objects that document the material culture of present and former inhabitants of Greenwich and its region. Particular emphasis is given to items connected to the history of Bush-Holley Historic Site or those useful to its interpretation. Objects include, but are not limited to, items associated with Greenwich people, places or events; fine and decorative arts; and maritime, agricultural, industrial and domestic artifacts that reflect the activities of the Bush family during the New Nation and of members of the Cos Cob art colony.

On behalf of current and future students, researchers and scholars, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all who have contributed to these collections.

GIFT TO THE MUSEUM COLLECTION

At the 2016 Opening Night...
Estate of Gertrude Murrell duPont Howland

Framed photograph (12 x 19") framed, photograph alone approx. 11 x 14") of Mr. John T. Howland, MFF Fairfield-Westchester Hunt and Hi-Jinx hunting with the Warrenton Hunt in Virginia. Photograph by Marshall Hawkins, Warrenton, Virginia, 1951.

Coline Jenkins

Correspondence of Mr. John H. Hunt of Park Avenue, Greenwich, particularly during World War II.

Frances Mead Keeler

Correspondence, documents, invitations from/related to Mead family (also Peck and Smith).

Paul Lindemeyer


Isabel Malkin


Pamela Matturro

1940 Greenwich High School graduation program, 1940 Greenwich High School yearbook, Ely Court, Joseph B. Young collection

Andrew Rocco Melillo


"January, May, August, October March, July 1966; May 1967; February 1966 to March 1969"


Robert Weltz

Receipt to O. Mead for P.O. Box rent for year 1876, Box No. 70, 21 00. dated December 28, 1875, signed by J. E. Brush, postmaster; Sundry Check from Indian Harbor Yacht Club for member J. R. Shumway, dated September 13, 1938; Receipt for Mr. Ritter Shumway from Indian Harbor Yacht Club dues, semi-annual installment to June 15, 1939; Receipt for Mr. Ritter Shumway for house charges to Indian Harbor Yacht Club dated October 1, 1938. 1514

Kayoko Tanaka

Three ikabana flower arrangements for Bush-Holley House.

Dr. Christine I. Oaklander in honor of Susan Richardson Carolyn Campbell Mase (1880-1949) Untitled [Woodland Scene, Utica, NY], n.d. Oil on canvas GIFT TO THE EDUCATION COLLECTION

"[If] we throw away the past… we lose a sense of community and with it a sense of belonging and kinship…. We should not waste it. We should cherish it and preserve it…" —Davidde Strackbein, Chairman

"Sunday Toy" donated by Ruth Wescott Duncan

829 researchers found exactly what they were looking for with help from our Archives Sleuths

GIFTS TO THE ARCHIVES AND THE MUSEUM COLLECTION

GIFTS TO THE ARCHIVES AND THE MUSEUM COLLECTION
2017 Trust Event

Thanks to our generous donors, the Greenwich Historical Society can continue to shape future citizens, give families a sense of place in our community, archive and preserve important materials, present informative programs, offer fascinating exhibitions and advocate for preservation. On May 24 the Historical Society honored donors to the Greenwich Historic Trust at a private reception at the home of board member Lynne Wheat.

Guests were treated to an al fresco presentation on porcelain by Antiques Roadshow experts David Rago and Suzanne Perrault. The event was chaired by board members Anne Ogilvy and Robert Getz and generously underwritten by Northern Trust. A special thanks goes out to Lynne Wheat for her gracious hospitality.

Operating Revenues

Year Ended June 30, 2017

$1,510,757

Operating Expenses

Year Ended June 30, 2017

$1,669,092

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The fiscal year that ended June 30 has been an extremely busy one—conducting a capital campaign and beginning a major construction project in addition to all of the usual programmatic activities. Remarkable progress has been made in the capital campaign. Thanks to the outstanding leadership of Peter Malkin and the campaign committee, we are within $400 thousand of reaching the goal of $6.75 million that is being matched dollar-for-dollar.

Operations for the fiscal year that ended June 30 saw an operating deficit of about $158 thousand on a budget of $1.7 million. Expenses were slightly below budget. While the financial resources of the Historical Society are more than sufficient to absorb this shortfall, our objective is to operate at least at a breakeven budget. And that is what has been budgeted for fiscal 2018. The Endowment Fund at June 30 had a market value of $4.5 million, up about 8% over the year. The finance committee, chaired by Gray Hampton, periodically evaluates the endowment fund manager, which is the Investment Fund for Foundations (TIFF), and is satisfied with their performance.

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And finally, thank you all for your continued support. — Bruce Dixon, Treasurer

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Mr. Elizabeth Lammon Malkin in honor of Isabel Malkin
Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Miller in honor of Jessica and Drew Goff
Mr. and Mrs. Lester S. Morse Jr. in honor of Isabel Malkin
Mr. Pi–Pi Sherwood and Mr. Paul Barbosa in honor of Bea Crumbine
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm H. Wiener in honor of Isabel Malkin

Thank you to all of our generous donors: The Greenwich Historical Society thanks the following contributors to our Major Gifts program, including the Greenwich Historic Trust, who advance our strategic plans and initiatives. The following generous donors and corporate sponsors support the Historical Society’s public programs, preservation and tours of the National Landmark Bush-Holley House, education programs for students and families, biannual exhibitions, research and preservation services, the digital collections portal and the many print and online publications.

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Betteridge
Branca Inc.
C. Mike Architectures & Planning
Charles Hilton Architects
Connors Contracting
DBT Floral
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Kudos to our fabulous volunteers, who are deeply involved in every aspect of our mission. Their contributions of time, energy, creativity, and wise counsel enable us to stay relevant as we evolve to meet the needs of the community.

Thanks to you all for recognizing the value of our town’s past stories, for understanding their impact on contemporary life and for having the foresight to appreciate the enormous importance they hold for future generations.

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“I reluctantly came to a meeting to discuss transportation and security for [Antiquarius]. Little did I know that I would become the chair of the committee the same year.… Not only was I able to see beautifully decorated homes and the varying architecture of our amazing town, but as a newcomer, I met ladies who have since become close friends.” — Suzanee Hope Rosen Lee

Executive Director Debra Mecky and First Selectman Peter Tesei present the 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award to Museum Volunteer Antiquarius Docent Bea Crumbine.
Reimagine the Campus
Drawing Closer to Our Reimagined Campus

As we enter the final stretch of our $18.5 million Reimagine the Campus Campaign, the Historical Society could not be more grateful for the tremendous support we have received from the Greenwich community. We are proud to report that we have raised more than $10 million to raise toward our campaign goal—all of which will be matched dollar-for-dollar by our anonymous donors—and construction is ahead of schedule.

Designing the new campus on the Bush-Holley Historic Site was a challenge, and we look forward to 2018 when the whole town will be able to enjoy our state-of-the-art facility. This expansion will help us better utilize our nationally significant historic buildings and landscape to serve the entire community in an improved and expanded capacity.

Few towns in this country can match Greenwich’s unique and vibrant history and generosity. This vital campaign will permit the Historical Society to carry forward its mission with a greater contribution to the community. The renewed Greenwich Historical Society will rank at the forefront of the nation’s historical institutions and campuses, placing Greenwich’s story indelibly within the broad context of American history, effectively linking the community’s past with the ever-changing present.

We hope you will join us in thanking the community leaders who made this crucial project possible.

For more information about our plan for expanded facilities and programs, contact Katrina Dorsey at kdorsey@greenwichhistory.org.
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VANDERBILT SOCIETY

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Vanderbilt Society, our newest initiative and a core part of our Reimagine the Campus Campaign.

Since the Greenwich Historical Society was founded in 1931 to collect, preserve and share the history of our exceptional town, several members have included bequest provisions in their wills to support our important mission. An outstanding example of this tradition was provided by the late Claire Vanderbilt, who was instrumental, along with her husband Hugh, in advancing the Historical Society’s role in Greenwich for almost 50 years. Among her memorable efforts was a bequest, which, combined with material contributions from other generous donors, facilitated the purchase of Toby’s Tavern, a critical component of the current expansion of our National Historic Landmark campus.

In honor of Claire and Hugh, we have designated the Vanderbilt Society to recognize individuals who include a bequest to the Greenwich Historical Society in their estate planning. Requests of all sizes enable us to welcome more members of our community and beyond to learn and be inspired by the archives, exhibitions and education programs, the cornerstones of the Historical Society’s vital contributions to the Town of Greenwich.

We applaud the current members for their dedication to the sustainability of the Historical Society and extend our heartfelt appreciation.

To join the Vanderbilt Society, contact Katrina Dorsey at kdorsey@greenwichhistory.org.

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For more information, call 203-869-6899 or visit www.greenwichhistory.org