Greenwich Historical Society

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2015-10

ANNUAL REPORT







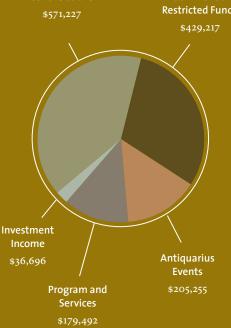
The charts below show the breakdown of operating revenues and expenses for the year ended June 30, 2016, which resulted in a small operating loss (excluding unrealized investment losses), as budgeted. Copies of the audited financial statements can be viewed on the website or obtained by calling the Historical Society's office.

Operating Revenues

Year Ended June 30, 2016 \$1,421,886

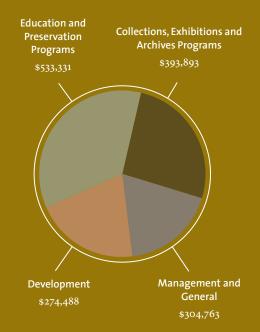


Distributions from **Endowment and Restricted Funds**



Operating Expenses

Year Ended June 30, 2016 \$1,506,474



Financial Highlights

The Historical Society experienced a revenue shortfall in the year ended June 30, 2016. There were several factors leading to decreased contributions, including major donors moving out of the area and, we believe, some impact from the campus expansion project. The investment portfolio, \$4.8 million at June 30, incurred unrealized losses of about 7% for the year, reflecting a volatile market. The increase in other current assets represents capital campaign funds for the restoration and expansion of the campus. The operating budget for FY17 is balanced and conservative — and we expect to live within it. The audited financial statements and IRS Form 990 will be posted on our website. And, finally, thank you for your continued support.

Bruce D. Dixon Treasurer

Unrestricted Funds Ju	ine 30, 2016	June 30, 2015
(excluding unrealized investment losses)		
Revenue		
Membership and Contributions	571,227	766,461
Program and Services	179,492	166,175
Antiquarius Events (net)	205,255	229,509
Investment Income	36,696	64,937
Distributions from Endowment and Restricted Funds	429,217	300,936
Total Revenues and Assets Released	1,421,886	1,528,018
Expenses		
Education and Preservation Programs	533,331	421,090
Collections, Exhibitions and Archives Programs	393,893	444,167
Management and General	304,763	370,219
Development	274,488	269,888
Total Expenses	1,506,474	1,505,365
Operating Gain (Loss)	(84,588)	22,653
Balance Sheet		
Balance Sheet Cash and Equivalents	573,480	271,304
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Letter from the Chairman and Executive Director



ON THE COVER

circa 1905.

PAINTING:

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Streets and Avenues—Cos Cob

Childe Hassam, The Mirror, Cos Cob, Connecticut, circa 1911.

Private Collection. Photograph

courtesy of Sotheby's ©2016.

ARCHITECTURAL RENDERING: Toby's Tayern Restoration.

David Scott Parker Architects.

Strickland Road—Lower Landing,

The Greenwich Historical Society plays a unique and vital role in Greenwich. It is the only organization dedicated solely to preserving and sharing the history of the Town of Greenwich, and every year since its founding in 1931, it has faithfully sought to fulfill that crucial role while meeting the changing needs of our community.

In 2015-16, the Historical Society welcomed almost 14,000 individuals to our Strickland Road site and over 33,000 virtual visitors to our expanded website. We offered interactive exhibitions; on-site, off-site and online archival research services and expanded education and school programs, and we continued to share and to preserve Bush-Holley Historic Site with visitors from near and far.

Preservation was high on our list. We presented five "Greenwich Landmark Recognition" plaques to homeowners of historic structures, bringing the total as of April 2016 to 298. We also installed the first Greenwich Historic District sign to identify the Greenwich Municipal Historic District, an initiative of the Historical Society's nascent Greenwich Preservation Network.

We were pleased to share treasures from our collections in two engaging exhibitions: Greenwich Choices: Fifty Objects That Illustrate Our History and Close to the Wind: Our Maritime History. And, so that we may continue to offer and improve our exhibition and archival resources, we completed a conditions assessment for short- and long-term care of the entire site and its collections, generously funded by the CT Humanities Council.

Most importantly, the Historical Society made significant progress on its Master Plan to substantially increase services to the community through expanded facilities, educational programming, improved accessibility and improved collections care and storage. We are indeed proud to announce that we have secured:

- * A final lease with Connecticut DOT for exclusive use of the parking lot under 1-95
- * Final approval from Planning and Zoning for the expanded site plan
- * Funds from the Community Development Block Grant Committee to provide an accessible elevator for the newly expanded site

We extend our deepest appreciation for the exceptional generosity and commitment of the Board of Trustees, devoted volunteers, faithful members and dedicated staff in ensuring our ongoing success. Read on to discover the role your support has helped us play in our beloved community!

Davidde E. Strackbein

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Debra Mecky

GREENWICH HISTORICAL **SOCIETY BY THE NUMBERS**

4,655

visitors walked back in time through the digital collections portal, greenwichhistory.org

6,140

children and families discovered that history and art can be fun and inspiring during family programs and summer camp

33,769

visitors explored the many facets of Greenwich history at our website, greenwichhistory.org

1,134

friends "Like" us on Facebook and look forward to our posts each day

Sharing Greenwich Stories

EXHIBITIONS OFFERING
A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON

GREENWICH HISTORY









The Greenwich Historical Society does much more than preserve the history of Greenwich. We engage the public in an exploration of its rich cultural heritage, inspire a spirit of discovery and encourage active participation in the interpretation of the town's history.

Over the course of the past year, almost 14,000 visitors of all ages learned about the significant role Greenwich plays in the greater story of our nation through lectures, performances and events on and off site. As members of the Connecticut Art Trail, we are proud to partner with 17 other museums to promote the state's cultural riches and diversity.

Thousands learned more about Greenwich history via our website and social media outlets Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube, as well as through *digital.greenwichhistory.org*, as we shared the fascinating photographs, documents and narratives that helped define this great community.



PROGRAMS DESIGNED
TO ENGAGE
AND EDUCATE

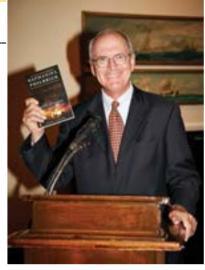


891

adults discovered the beauty of Bush-Holley Historic Site via "The Barn" rental program

2,161

adults
looked at, learned from
and were amazed by
exhibitions, tours and lectures





PRESERVATION AND OUTREACH

History Lives Here Preservation

Preservation and Outreach

Community outreach is key to our mission. With continuing demolitions of noteworthy historic structures throughout Greenwich, the need to spread the word on how and why we should protect and preserve the town's architectural heritage has never been greater. In 2015–16, the Landmarks Recognition Program operated on multiple fronts to document the town's most significant historic structures, to recognize the efforts of individuals who restored historic buildings and to promote the beauty and benefit of architectural preservation and adaptive reuse.

Seeking to impress upon residents the wealth of history waiting to be discovered around every corner, the Greenwich Preservation Network, in partnership with the Town of Greenwich, celebrated the installation of a historic marker in the Downtown Historic District at the corner of Greenwich Avenue and Arch Street, the first in a series that will mark historic districts throughout town.

We celebrated the town's 375th anniversary in 2015, and, thanks to funding from the Fairfield County Foundation, we were delighted to continue our museum-school partnership with the Hamilton Avenue Magnet School.

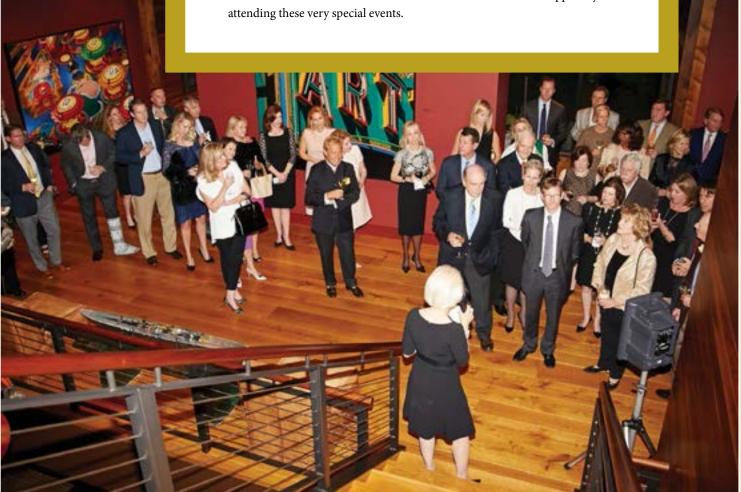






Antiquarius 2015

Antiquarius is our most important annual fundraiser and represents the efforts of so many dedicated volunteers. It is brought to life each year by a talented, creative and determined group of individuals who work together with boundless energy and enthusiasm. We are deeply grateful to the generous homeowners who opened their doors on our behalf, to the volunteers who worked so hard and to those who showed their support by attending these very special events







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Special thanks to Honorary Design Chair Charlotte Moss for presenting at Toast of the Tour.



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Greenwich Treasures

GIFTS TO THE ARCHIVES AND THE MUSEUM COLLECTION

Gifts to the Archives and the Museum Collection

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

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 any aspect 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.

GIFTS TO THE ARCHIVES

Justin Barfield

Roll of felt from American Felt Company, in original wrapping for shipment.

Carol Barnes

Eight photos of Island Beach after 1938 hurricane.

Joan Bella

Full issue of *Greenwich Time* from June 28, 1983 (headline: "Turnpike Bridge Falls"); *Stamford Advocate*, September 16, 1942 (headline: "Our Town Goes to War"); *Stamford Advocate*, April 4, 1945 (headline: "Allied Avalanche Nears North Sea"); Greenwich 350 commemorative envelope/postmark.

Dick Bertelmann

Five photo prints with captions showing staff at WGCH-FM.



Opaque watercolor of Caroline Smith Mead, circa 1840, gift of Gail Mead Fletcher in loving memory of Miss Frances L. and Miss Mildred H. Mead

John L. Cooney

Large drawing by the donor of portion of Greenwich, early settlers and "coats" that were traded with the Natives for purchase of the land.

Ennio De Vita

Copy of the donor's selfpublished family history/ biography *My Journey/Il Mio Viaggio*. In English and Italian. Donor comes from Rose, Italy.

Bernice Drobnis

Small collection of letters, legal documents, newspaper clippings from Ruddock family. Some material related to Ruddock Shipyard.

Nancy Duffy

Historical Place Name Map, Greenwich, Connecticut, 1977.

Alexandra Hochman

Temple Sholom, *Celebrating 100 Years*, Centennial Keepsake Journal, 1916-2016, and DVD.

Stefanie Kies

Fifteen color photographs showing work in attic of Dingletown Community Church in Fall 2011.

Donald M. and Sigrid Kendall

Book and video on the life of Donald M. Kendall.

Drew Kordas

Six small Greenwich High School General Organization pins. One "Palmer Method" pin. Certificate of Proficiency in Typewriting awarded by Greenwich High School to Andrew Kordas on May 1, 1938.

Susan G. Larkin

Hardcover book titled *World Impressionism: The International Movement, 1860-1920.* Edited by Norma Broude. Abradale Press.

Arline Lomazzo

Binder of supporting documentation for the work of the Selectman's Public Safety Committee – Lockwood Road.

Sue Gurnee Lutz

Pattern and instructions for Breakfast Coat and Robe pattern, The Hollywood Pattern Company, Greenwich, Connecticut.

Ron Marcus

Four 33^{1/3} RPM vinyl records of the following performances by The Summer Youth Festival, Old Greenwich: *Oklahoma* (November 1957), *Carousel* (November 1959), *Plain & Fancy* (September 1960) and *Babes In Arms* (September 1961).

Deborah Masi

1938 book of handwritten student writings on Greenwich history, some signed.

Robert McDonald

Sheet music for "The Connecticut March" by William Nassan. Published by A. H. Goetting, Springfield, Mass., Copyright 1912.

Tracy McKenna

Small binder with original contributed artwork and documentation from the exhibit *Mapping Greenwich* at the Flinn Gallery from October 29 to December 9, 2015 (in conjunction with *Beyond Boundaries*).

Jackie Mecca

Four maps: General Plan for Subdivision of Land Belonging to Percy A. Rockefeller Estate at Greenwich, Conn., Olmstead Brothers – Landscape Architects, Brookline, Mass. – April, 1938;

Aerial photo map/sales brochure, R. Eugene Curry, Manager, John Stevenson, Superintendent, Prepared by Ralph L. MacDonald, Civil Eng'r 3-1-54; The Yale Farms, Map of Property of Yale University Located in the Town of Greenwich, Fairfield County, Conn. and Town of North Castle, Westchester County, N.Y., R. Eugene Curry, Agent, 55 Wall St., New York, S.H. Francis, Superintendent; Proposed Division of Parcels A-D-H & I Property Belonging to Yale University, Greenwich, Connecticut.

Andrew R. Melillo

Detailed Finch family tree, created by donor based on his research. Two oversized paper rolls.

Rocco Murano

Booklet "Highlights of The Condé Nast Publications Inc., Greenwich, CT" (1951).

H. David Noble

Photograph of Volunteer Hose & Chemical Company, Greenwich, circa 1920, photograph of group with Rotary Club, Greenwich banner.

Sally Parris

Message board signed with remarks by attendees of the United Way Septemberfest following the attacks on September 11, 2001.

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



Detail from Homann Map, circa 1730, gift of Ron G. and Davidde E. Strackbein

Rose Pugliese

Small ledger found in basement ceiling at 85 Pemberwick Road.

Cynthia D. Redman

Transcription of oral history by William Brooks Drew (the donor's father) titled "Memories of Growing Up on Conyers Manor Farm" (Microsoft Word document); two photographs from Conyers Manor: one showing George Albert Drew (the donor's grandfather) in the 60-acre pear orchard during the 1926 season; the other a dirt road on the property circa 1925; book titled *The Pruning-Book*, A Monograph of the Pruning and Training of Plants as Applied to American Conditions by L. H. Bailey, Fourth Edition, published by The MacMillan Company of New York, 1902.

Jane Schnitzer

Thomas N. Cooke business records including: marketing materials, aerial photographs, correspondence, maps, contracts, mortgage and insurance documents, canceled checks, advertising signage, street signage (Glen Road), newspaper clippings, land development documentation, pamphlets and ephemera, multiple listing service cards and photographs, deeds, zoning information and documents, subdivision records, scrapbooks, business/social club documents.

H. L. Stagg III

Two photographs: Put's Hill, 1921 and Post Road at Put's Hill being straightened, 1925 (photo by Albion Young); six small photographs: Put's Hill with trolley tracks, 1921; Cos Cob



Floral study of white iris in ink and watercolor, gift of Yukiko Tanaka in memory of her grandfather Genjiro Yeto

School in snow; Otto Henklein barbershop at the Hub in Cos Cob; trolley in Cos Cob; auto repair shop at 420 East Putnam Avenue, Cos Cob x2; McKinley Brothers store at 420 East Putnam Avenue, Cos Cob. All photos appear to be circa 1925.

Ron G. and Davidde E. Strackbein

Gamaliel Bradford, Boston: right corners, lower margin trimmed close, a few chips to margin. Later issue of Homann's map of the Northeast from Maine to Delaware Bay, with the "cum privilegio" statement in the cartouche. The cartouche features a European extending a pelt and with guns, hatchets, beads and a cask at his feet as he trades with the Native American at left.

Candee Ives Weed

World War II service medals belonging to Edward Carter Ives (the donor's father).

Cathy Weisenburger

Friends of Greenwich Point Christmas ornaments.

Robert (Bob) and Donna Weltz

February 13, 1676, land document documenting grant of land from the town to John Banks of Fairfield and Thomas Lyon of Greenwich; a parcel of land on the end of Byram Neck; 1753 land document featuring names Jabez Sherwood, Nathaniel Sacket; August 2, 1842, receipt from Dawbarn & Davis Tailors and Drapers, Liverpool to Captain W. L. Lyon; May 10, 1845, receipt from Dawbarn and Davis Tailors and Drapers to Captain Lyon and [William?] Mead; August 11, 1840, receipt from John Dawbarn Tailor & Draper to Abraham Mead, Esq.; 1842 receipt from Dawbarn & Davis Tailors & Drapers to Mr. Abraham Mead; document from John Dawbarn Tailor in Liverpool with guide to various measurements; fragment of receipt from Dawbarn & Davis Tailors & Drapers, 110 Bold Street, Liverpool.

GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM COLLECTION

Gail Mead Fletcher in loving memory of Miss Frances L. and Miss Mildred H. Mead Charles E. Smith, circa 1840, opaque watercolor on paper

Ebenezer Smith, circa 1840,

3,422

schoolchildren skipped up the steps of Bush-Holley House to learn about Early American life in the town they call home.

opaque watercolor on paper; Caroline Smith Mead, circa 1840, opaque watercolor on paper; Mrs. Ebenezer Smith, circa 1840,

opaque watercolor on paper.

Gift of Eurelia and Lawrence Flynn

Portrait of an Unidentified Man, last quarter 19th century, pastel over photograph mounted on tin.

Gift of Christina Mangum

Scythe No. 50, 1882-1920, snath by Derby & Ball, wood and metal.

Gift of Jane Schnitzer

Items owned by Thomas N. Cooke: Top hat, walking stick, cut-away coat, late 19th/early 20th century; vest and knickers, pants, two suspenders, three pairs of men's socks, Eastman Kodak No. 2 Brownie Camera and Eastman Kodak Company Autographic Kodak Jr. Folding Camera, first quarter 20th century.

Gift of Yukiko Tanaka in Genjiro Yeto

Floral studies in ink and watercolor: White Iris (1913), Opium Poppy (1913), White Flower (1914), Pink Morning Glory (1914), Peony (1914), Cherry Tree (1914), Purple Morning Glory (1915), Blue Morning Glory (1915); Portrait of Wife En and Daughter Fumi, oil on canvas; Portrait of Daughter Yone, gouache.

2016 Trust Event

Major gifts to the Greenwich Historic Trust ensure that the Historical Society will continue to connect people of all ages with the vibrant history of our community. On June 1, at a cocktail reception at the beautiful waterfront home of Icy and State Senator Scott Frantz, the Historical Society honored the leadership donors whose generous support helps us realize our ongoing mission. The event was chaired by board members Anne Ogilvy and Robert Getz and generously underwritten by Douglas VanderHorn Architects. A special thanks to the Frantzs for their gracious hospitality.









Map "Connecticut," Thomas

Weeks, Jordan and Co., circa 1838. Rare first edition – rare first issue – with outline color. From An Illustrated Atlas, Geographical, Statistical and Historical of the United States and Adjacent Countries by T. G. Bradford; Map, Homann, Johann Baptiste. Nova Anglia Septentrionali Americae implantata Anglorumque coloniis floretissima. Nuremberg [circa 1730 or later]. Hand-colored engraved map., 19-3/8 x 23 inches (49.7 x 59 cm). Toned areas and foxing, inked numeral at upper

memory of her grandfather

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We note with sadness the passing in October 2014 of longtime Riverside resident, software engineer and local historian Eric Knutsen. Dubbed "Herodotus" by the Innis Arden Golf Club, he researched and wrote the illustrated history published as part of the club's centennial anniversary in 1999. As a member of the Harvard Business Club Community Partners, he volunteered to research and develop a marketing plan to promote the publication of *Building* Greenwich: Architecture and Design 1640 to the Present in 2000, personally interviewing Greenwich

realtors, architects and attorneys to gauge interest in the book and help us determine how many books to publish. With its publication, he transitioned into the Historical Society's lead sales representative, personally responsible for selling and distributing over 1,200 copies of *Building Greenwich*, netting over \$20,000 for the Historical Society. In 2006 the Historical Society presented Eric Knutsen with its Volunteer of the Year Award. Among his other volunteer activities, we note his service to At Home in Greenwich and to the Retired Men's Association.

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Creating a Center for Greenwich History





As we enter our 85th year, the Board has developed a dynamic plan to advance our mission to make an even greater contribution to the community. At the heart of the plan is the reimagining of the Greenwich Historical Society campus to better showcase our nationally recognized historic buildings and landscape and to welcome the entire community.

In the first year of the Campaign, under the leadership of Peter Malkin and with the support of our staff and Koszyn & Company, the Reimagine the Campus Campaign Committee has raised over \$10 million toward fulfillment of its goal. Following 18 months of quiet fundraising, we are excited to announce publicly that the Historical Society is undertaking a major capital campaign to transform the campus of our National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House by expanding its facilities, improving parking and access, and enriching education and preservation programs.

The Historical Society has engaged award-winning historic preservation architect David Scott Parker to design a visionary plan to reimagine the campus and, enhanced by the exterior restoration of Toby's Tavern, to re-create the once thriving streetscape as it was during the height of the American Impressionist art colony era. The plan provides an elegant new entry with a glass-enclosed lobby and elevator that unifies the site for the first time, offering

accessibility to the upper and lower campus levels from a new lot that more than doubles the current parking capacity.

The restored Toby's Tavern and new building will afford dynamic exhibition and program space in two state-of-the-art galleries, research and archives facilities and storage for our collections. The former exhibition space in the adjoining 1805 Storehouse will become much-needed office space for staff.

With an extraordinary offer from anonymous donors to match every dollar raised in the \$13.5 million Reimagine the Campus Campaign, we have garnered generous additional commitments from our Board and close friends—as well as an impressive list of donors brand-new to the Historical Society—and we look forward to breaking ground on the building in 2017. In recognition of the extraordinary efforts of our Campaign Committee, we are now committed to raising \$5 million to expand our Endowment, for a total Campaign goal of \$18.5 million.

With your support, the Greenwich Historical Society will play an even more essential role in our community by preserving local history at a destination site dedicated to lifetime learning and accessible to all now and in the future. We are proud to undertake this important transformation so that the Historical Society is prepared to serve our beloved community in ever more meaningful and engaging ways for many generations to come.

For more information about our plan for expanded facilities and programs, contact kdorsey@greenwichhistory.org.

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