# Greenwich Historical Society



Annual Report 2018-19



Connecting us to our past, to each other, and to our future.

# The Value of History

This explanation of the essential importance of history was created by the History Relevance initiative and is endorsed by hundreds of organizations across the country, including the Greenwich Historical Society.



## to ourselves,

#### **IDENTITY**

History nurtures personal and collective identity in a diverse world. People discover their place in time through stories of their families, communities, and nation. These stories of freedom and equality, injustice and struggle, loss and achievement, and courage and triumph shape people's personal values that guide them through life.



#### CRITICAL THINKING

History teaches vital skills. Historical thinking requires critical approaches to evidence and argument and develops contextual understanding and historical perspective, encouraging meaningful engagement with concepts like continuity, change, and causation, and the ability to interpret and communicate complex ideas clearly and coherently.

#### VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

History is the foundation for strong, vibrant communities. A place becomes a community when wrapped in human memory as told through family stories, tribal traditions, and civic commemorations as well as discussions about our roles and responsibilities to each other and the places we call home.

# to our communities,

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELEOPMENT**

History is a catalyst for economic growth. Communities with cultural heritage institutions and a strong sense of historical character attract talent, increase tourism revenues, enhance business development, and fortify local economies.



#### **ENGAGED CITIZENS**

History helps people envision a better future. Democracy thrives when individuals convene to express opinions, listen to others, and take action. Weaving history into discussions about contemporary issues clarifies differing perspectives and misperceptions, reveals complexities, grounds competing views in evidence, and introduces new ideas; all can lead to greater understanding and viable community solutions.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

History inspires leaders. History provides today's leaders with role models as they navigate through the complexities of modern life. The stories of persons from the past can offer direction to contemporary leaders and help clarify their values and ideals.

## to our future.

#### **LEGACY**

History, saved and preserved, is the foundation for future generations. Historical knowledge is crucial to protecting democracy. By preserving authentic and meaningful documents, artifacts, images, stories, and places, future generations have a foundation on which to build and know what it means to be a member of the civic community.

## Dear Friends,

We have had many reminders this year of why history matters and, in particular, how preserving our local history strengthens our community through a shared love of learning and pride in our shared past.



With the opening of our expanded campus in Cos Cob this past fall, we welcomed over 14,000 visitors this year to see the beautifully restored Toby's Tavern, the new galleries, the expanded archives and research library, and our new visitor center with café and museum store. Our new parking lot and handicap accessible buildings have provided improved access to both our new spaces and our treasured historic landmark Bush-Holley House and Vanderbilt Education Center.

In recognition of their exceptional work in restoring Toby's Tavern, our team, including Peter Malkin, David Scott Parker Architects, AP Construction and our Buildings and Grounds Committee, received the Preservation Award of Merit from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation. David Scott Parker Architects also received

the Design Award of Merit from the New York Council of the Society of American Registered Architects for excellence in the design of the new museum and archives.

Our new campus has also given us opportunities to partner with other local organizations, including a partnership with Watson's Catering to offer our new site for weddings and other events and a partnership with a local garden club, Hortulus, provided two significant grants to expand our American Impressionist gardens and to restore the historic grape arbor this fall on the new grounds. Greenwich Garden Club created a beautiful bulb garden in the new lawn near the Tavern.

Even with the excitement of the grand opening, we did not miss a beat with our traditional events and programs, including our Sarah Bush program with local schools, Antiquarius, our Candlelight Holiday Open House, the Landmarks recognition event, and a heart-warming evening with Indra Nooyi, who received our History in the Making Award for her exceptional contributions as a corporate and civic leader. We also put in place plans for two exciting exhibitions starting this fall with the Immigrant and Refugee experience in Fairfield County CT, followed by a celebration of the Women's Suffrage centennial in 2020 in the spring.

This was a year of extraordinary achievement but also extraordinary effort, and none of it would have been possible without the leadership of Debra Mecky, her exceptional staff, our tireless volunteers, and the generosity and support of all of you.

We look forward to continuing to share our love of history and pride of place with each of you in the coming year.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Haley Rockwell Elmlinger Co-Chair of the Board August 2019

Bruce D. Dixon Co-Chair of the Board



# We stepped boldly into our new home







# Dear Members and Friends,

In undertaking a capital campaign, it was immediately evident how important the Greenwich Historical Society was to the people of our community. Generous donors from throughout the town, foundations, corporations and public funding agencies enthusiastically contributed toward the \$13.5 million goal, eager to create unprecedented opportunities for our audiences to view, study and connect with our history and collections and to become a vibrant cultural attraction inspiring renewed public interest in Greenwich's history and the adaptive use of its architectural treasures. As the only history museum and National Historic Landmark in Greenwich, we continue to invite our community to engage, as lifelong learners, in the ongoing process of history. Exhibitions over the past decade reflect collaboration with various communities within the larger Greenwich community. These dynamic exhibitions bring history to life and have provided depth to our historical knowledge of the African American, Italian, Japanese and Jewish communities of Greenwich and, most recently, of the refugee and immigrant experience in Fairfield County.

Greenwich Historical Society matters because we play an indispensable role in preserving the town's past, linking this past to our present and pointing the way for future generations. The National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House and its equally important setting have now been buffered and screened from the incursion of I-95 by new and restored structures that further the Historical Society's mission while re-establishing the place that inspired two generations of American artists. Today, the new campus provides a spectacular setting for our centerpiece—the National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House. Its award-winning design overcomes a steep, sloping site and gives a reframed context to the historic buildings and landscapes that were acquired and restored over many years, greatly expanding our view of the past and vastly improving public access to this past.

This report tells our story and recognizes the many people who contribute to our success and benefit from our collections and programs.

With deep appreciation,

Debra L. Mecky

Debra Mecky

Executive Director & CEO

We educated, preserved, interpreted, documented and connected to serve this unique community.



700

Greenwich faithful who helped us celebrate our **OPENING IN OCTOBER 2018** 



3,023

**ADULTS** WHO VISITED EXHIBITIONS OR ATTENDED EDUCATION PROGRAMS

865

**RESEARCHERS** who found just what they were looking for with the help of our archives sleuths



1,970

Visitors who walked back in time using our digital portal digital.greenwichhistory.org



2,323

PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED AS A RESULT OF **FACILITY RENTALS** 

S S S S S S S DEOPLE WHO FOUND US ON GOOGLE

2,724

PEOPLE WHO SHOWED US THEY CARE BY SUPPORTING OUR **FUNDRAISING EVENTS** 



34,487

Visitors who explored the many facets of Greenwich history at our web site **greenwichhistory.org** 

1,177

VISITS TO THE SITE
BY **VOLUNTEERS**WHO WORKED ON
OUR COMMITTEES,
PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



4,564

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES who discovered that history and art can be fun and inspiring at our family, school and camp programs



# We shared our stories in myriad ways.



### Gifts to the Library & Archives

#### **Ginny Theis**

Framed photograph of Diamond Hill Liquor Store on Post Road

#### Kathryn Payne

Postcard (ca. 1990) showing front porch/door of Bush-Holley House with notation about Willa Cather and other notable writers staying there.

#### **Patty Standard Morneault**

Deed indicating transfer of 2 grants of land in Greenwich in the first Society of Mianus Neck from Jared Reynolds to Jeduthan Ferris dated March 5, 1821

#### **Mystery Club**

Mystery Club documents for Season 2017-2018.

#### **Conservation Commission, Town of Greenwich**

Tourism and Cultural Asset Map of Greenwich & supporting documents; Research files for Historic Place Name map

#### Michael Glynn

Photographs and slides showing interior work on Storehouse. ca. 1994

#### Jennifer Larkin

Cos Cob baseall team phot, ca. 1935

#### **Eleanor Orrico**

Greenwich High School class photo, June 1945; Greenwich High School class photo, 1947; VHS tape of Greenwich High School class of 1942 reunion in June, 1992, Photo of reunion committee class of 1942 (from 1992); Program for Fifty Year Reunion, class of 1945

#### Josie Merck Stevenson

The Theatre At Lia Fail, Photographs by Edwina Stevenson. Privately printed: 2016, Cos Cob, CT

#### **Dennis R. Schubert**

Stamped envelopes and postcards from stamp collection of Bruce Funston. Invitation to Greenwich Garden Club, luncheon meeting at the residence of Mrs. Zalmon G. Simmons, Clapboard Ridge Road.

#### Greenwich Time

Obituary clip files, some photos from files at Greenwich Time (possibly some from Greenwich Press)

#### **Abby Kamen**

3 DuBois family photographs (snapshots) taken at Arthur DuBois home at 600 Indian Field Road

#### Siegrun Pottgen

Gateway to New England (Monopoly-type game) showing Town of Greenwich businesses produced by high school students at Greenwich Educational Enterprises, Junior Achievement Company

#### **Connecticut Historical Society**

Four items (bulletin, letters and invitation 1910-1911) related to the Agassiz Association of Sound Beach, CT

#### **Susan Connaughton**

1867 Beers map with insets of Borough of Greenwich, Cos Cob, Rocky Neck Point, Mianus, Glenville, Banksville with Greenwich business advertising directory; 1867 Beers map of the Town of Greenwich

#### **Ross Ogden**

Document dated June 28, 1821 detailing property transfer from Robert Peck Jr. to Nathan Sniffin

#### **Paul Desmarais**

Photographic negatives taken by former Greenwich Time staff photographer Paul Desmarais (the donor) between June 1987 and November 1997.

#### **First Congregational Church**

Honor the Past, The History of the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Connecticut, 1965-2015, edited by Pat F. Larrabee

#### **Beverly Smith**

2 photographic reproductions of architectural sketches for proposed Greenwich Point Bath House by architect Albert Alden Bodgett, ca. 1945.

#### **Garden Club of Old Greenwich**

Board and business minutes for various years between 1996-2010; photo albums and scrapbooks spanning 1960-2005; 1932 Award Roadside Improvement By Group Old Greenwich Garden Club Presented By Fairfield County Planning Association, Inc.

#### **Rosemary Louden**

Four rolls of 16 mm film taken by Joseph S. Louden, dated 1945 through 1968, that includes Greenwich scenes.

#### **Rosemary Louden**

Books: Sound Beach by Carolyn Grant Colegrove (1990); The Compass yearbook, Greenwich High School, 1948

#### **Greenwich Library Oral History Project**

Tod's Point. An Oral History (Third Edition, 2017): The Lady in the Portrait, Clementine Lockwood Peterson, Her Life and Her Legacy to the Greenwich Library, An Oral History (2013)

#### R. Channing Wheeler

The Special Car Associates Articles of Association and List of Subscribers, 1956

# We collected and preserved for future generations.



## Gifts to the Library & Archives, continued

#### Katherine LoBalbo

Letters (V-mail) from Sgt. Charlie Rich to his sister-in-law Katherine (Bologna) Rich & his brother, George Rich; Photo of Sgt. Charlie Rich on D-Day; newspaper and magazine articles about Sgt. Charlie Rich

#### Virginia Ewing (Hustead) Okie

1932 Answer Book (yearbook) from Rosemary Hall

#### Joe Dowling

Book titled "Up And Over, A Memoir of Joe Dowling" by Alyssa Shirley Morein, 2016

#### John Ribuffo

Selection of photos taken by donor in 2018 of Historical Society site and portions of Greenwich Avenue

#### **Christopher Von Keyserling**

The Greenwich Gazelle Monday, January 4, 1965. Comical newspaper promotional item published by Outdoor Traders, 70 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich; Report of the Cos Cob Power Plant Site Task Force, Preliminary Findings and Recommendations, June, 1985; Cos Cob Power Plant/Mianus Pond Questionnaire sent to Greenwich residents by Paul B. Hicks III, Selectman; Report from Committee On The Future of the Cos Cob Power Plant and the Mianus Pond, August 1989, Volumes I and II; Several photographs of Bowman Observatory, Greenwich

#### Diane Vadnais

Items related to oral history interview donor conducted with Molly Orlovitz

#### **Greenwich Art Society**

Organizational records, 2018

#### **Clemency Chase Coggins**

Guestbook from Little Pequo, Lake Avenue; photos of Grace Thompson Seton and Ann Seton; photos of sculptures in garden at Little Pequo; scrapbook pages with photos of Edgewood School; The Willow Plate and Other Stories by the Fifth and Sixth Grades, The Edgewood School, Greenwich, CT, 1945

Elizabeth R. Hawkins

Items related to Greenwich Democratic Women's Club

#### **Town of Greenwich**

Medals on ribbons from World War I

#### **Bridgeport History Center/Bridgeport Public Library**

Slides taken by Bridgeport/Connecticut Post staff photographers of Greenwich and vicinity from the 1980s to the 2000s

## Gifts to the Museum Collection

#### Gift of Susan G. and James T. Larkin

John Henry Twachtman (1853—1902) \*Dock at Newport, 1889—1893 Etching, life-time impression. 2018.07.01

John Henry Twachtman (1853—1902) \*Inner Harbor, Bridgeport (Large Plate), 1888—1889 Etching, life-time impression. 2018.07.02

## Gift of Garry T. and Margaret H. Higgins in loving memory of Adam Hummel and Henry Hubbard

Thomas Willis (1850—1925)

Oneida

Oil and embroidery on canvas. 2018.08

## Gift of Dr. Christine Isabelle Oaklander in honor of Dr. Susan G. Larkin

Elmer Livingston MacRae (1875—1953) Carved Tray with Rooster and Hens, 1922 Wood. 2018.09

#### **Gift of Audrey Cotter Baston**

Wilhelmina Snyder Untitled [Nehemiah Brown House] Oil on board, 2018.10

#### Gift of Clemency Chase Coggins

Woodcraft Indian Dress, ca. 1910 Worn by Ann Seton. 2019.02.01

Wilhelm Funk (1866—1949) \*Portrait of Ann Seton Oil on canvas. 2019.02.02

Velvet Dress

Worn by Ann Seton for portrait by Wilhelm Funk 2019.02.03

#### Gifts to the Education Collection

#### Gift from Josie Merck Stevenson

Gerald van Gorden Cos Cob's Hidden Treasure Acrylic on canvas

#### Gift of Florence Phillips

John C. Phillips (1908–2003) Horseleech Pond I, 1970 Intaglio monoprint

#### Museum Purchase with Donor Funds

Matilda Brown (1869—1947) \*Untitled [Young Calf], 1910 Oil on panel. 2019.01

# Tribute to Bruce Dixon



## 25 Years of Exemplary Service

t's hard to find the words to describe what Bruce Dixon means to the Historical Society: friend, public servant, community leader, generous donor, social conscience are a few that come to mind. To many non-profit organizations in Greenwich and New York, he has done more than anyone to keep them on sound financial footings, strategic and fair. Boards rely on him for good governance, and staff look up to him for essential support. Over the past 25 years he has officially served the Greenwich Historical Society as Trustee, Treasurer and Co-Chair of the Board, and from various times as chair of the finance and building and grounds committees and as a member of the executive, capital campaign and construction committees. Unofficially, however, he has been our CFO, human resources advisor, number one trouble shooter, cheerleader, coach and watchdog.

Claire Vanderbilt first recruited him for the Historical Society Board in 1993, and what a gem she found. Little did he then imagine the 25 years of service ahead of him with only a short break from 2007 to 2009. A Harvard graduate, he had served for many years as a Public Accountant for Ernst and Young and as Executive Director for Shearman and Sterling, in addition to an impressive background of community service in New York City, including Vice Chairman of the United Way and Director and Treasurer of Cancer Research Institute. Locally, he has provided distinguished service on the boards of Greenwich Historical Society, Greenwich Land Trust and Nathaniel Witherell.

His "retirement" from the Historical Society Board in 2019 is well deserved, and he will enjoy more time with his wife Helen and their large, multi-generational families. The Historical Society is immensely indebted to him, and we extend our deepest gratitude for his unselfish and exemplary years of faithful service.

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# Treasurer's Report

Financial Highlights

he following presents the audited financial information as of June 30, 2019. The audited financial statements and Form 990 will be posted on our website and available in hard copy at the Historical Society's office.

This has been a landmark year of growth and expansion for the Historical Society; it being the first fiscal year that we have operated in the new reimagined campus. Through this significant change, we managed to have a steady year financially. The operating results were materially as budgeted with total operating revenues of \$1.70 million and expenses of \$1.58 million before depreciation and an accounting change.

Special Events revenue, including Antiquarius and the History in the Making Dinner, were slightly above budget while Program and Services were somewhat below expectations. Operating expenses were mostly as budgeted.

The Historical Society ended the year with total net assets of \$23.5 million.

We all are looking forward to the coming year and are focused on increasing our revenues by fully leveraging the new campus.

-Leigh Ann Ryan





	Audited Year Ended June 30, 2019
perating Activities	June 30, 2019
Revenues & Assets Released	
Membership & Contributions	547,317
Program & Services	102,495
Antiquarius and Special Events (net)	352,093
Assets Released from Restrictions for Operating	698,79
Total Revenues & Assets Released	1,700,696
Expenses	
Program Services	1,353,418
Management and General	98,868
Development	126,280
Total Expenses	1,578,560
Change in Net Assets from Operations	122,130
lance Sheet	June 30, 2018
Cash and Equivalents	817,26
Other Current Assets	158,48
Investments	5,784,239
Property, Equipment & Furnishings—net of depreciation	17,315,099
Liabilities	(576,38
Net Assets	23,498,70
10.1	
nd Balance	
Without Donor Restrictions	651 5 4
Without Donor Restrictions  Board Designated	
Without Donor Restrictions  Board Designated  Unrestricted	
Without Donor Restrictions  Board Designated  Unrestricted  With Donor Restrictions	17,532,12
Without Donor Restrictions  Board Designated  Unrestricted  With Donor Restrictions  Time or Purpose Restricted	17,532,129 955,299
Without Donor Restrictions  Board Designated  Unrestricted  With Donor Restrictions	651,548 17,532,129 955,299 4,359,729 23,498,70

# Annual Giving

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

reenwich 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 Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House, education programs for students and families, bi-annual exhibitions, research and preservation services, the digital collections portal and the many print and online publications. These donors also enjoy all the privileges of membership in the Greenwich Historical Society.

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July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

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Chase (Coggins), she enjoyed growing up on the family's Greenwich estate known as "Little Peequo." This rustic lakeside home, which survives as a private residence today, was built during the 1920s by her famous naturalist-artist-writer grandfather Ernest Thompson Seton before he left his family and moved to Santa Fe in 1930. Pam was educated at the progressive Edgewood School in Greenwich and at Milton Academy (Milton MA) before attending Vassar College, where she graduated in 1946. She pursued a career as an editor of college textbooks for Harper & Row and Holt Rinehart & Wilson. We are deeply grateful to Pamela and her sister Clemency for the Anya Seton collection in the Greenwich Historical Society Archives, which will be the subject of a biography called *Anya* Seton: A Writing Life by Lucinda MacKethan to be published in 2020. Her children Blyth Forcey Toussaint and Peter Forcey continue to share her interest in the Greenwich Historical Society.

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