2022-23
GREENWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY















Letter from Board Co-Chairs and Executive Director



Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present this report on Greenwich Historical Society's activities from July 2022 through June 2023, our most recently completed fiscal year, featuring highlights of our education programs, exhibitions, research and community impact. We are indebted to our board and professional staff who dedicate themselves to advancing our mission to preserve and interpret Greenwich history to strengthen the community's connection to our past, to each other and to our future.

In September we presented Chuck Royce with the prestigious David Ogilvy Preservation Award, followed by a fireside chat

with Chuck and Deborah Royce moderated by Cynthia Blumenthal, which highlighted their impactful preservation projects.

The Historical Society's yearlong celebration of its 90th anniversary culminated in October in a grand dinner dance at Easterly, home of Susan Bevan and the site of one of Greenwich's last remaining Great Estates. The funds from this event supported the Historical Society's stewardship of Bush-Holley House, exhibitions and work with schools and community groups.

This past year also brought a long-awaited exhibition, *Life and Art: The Greenwich Paintings of John Henry Twachtman*, masterfully curated by scholar and author Lisa N. Peters. Our thanks once again to John Nelson for opening his home to our members and for his continued work to preserve and interpret its legacy as the inspiration for Twachtman's art.

In March our exhibition *Sports! More Than Just a Game* opened with a wide array of public programs, and it inspired the decision of the board to honor 10 extraordinary scholastic and club coaches and to select Olympic gold-medalist and NBA All-Star Allan Houston as this year's History in the Making honoree in recognition of his philanthropic contributions in Greenwich and beyond. We express our sincere gratitude for the work and enthusiasm of our Steering Committee Co-Chairs, Cynthia Chang, Tom Clephane and Chuck Niemeth.

Our inaugural Spring Tour debuted in May and June, chaired by Lauren duPont, Susannah Heyworth and Catherine Tompkins. Lisa and Chris Errico hosted a Patron Party with honorary chair Aerin Lauder. We visited four outstanding gardens and homes, thanks to our hosts Anne Harrison, Alease Fisher Tallman, Ramsey Frank and Shauna Varvel.

The Historical Society's work is made possible by the financial support of our members every year.

Thank you for being part of our loyal community of donors and friends.

Debra L. Mecky

Executive Director & CEO

H. Elmlinger
Haley Rockwell Elmlinger

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Catherine Tompkins

Co-Chair

Meeting Our Strategic Goals







Fuller History 🔚

communities. Our community partnership with India Culture Center, in support of the state's mandated K-12 Asian American/

Broader Audience



Game exhibition and related programs, attracting collectors and admission and other incentives.









Organizational Excellence 🗔



welcomed and engaged adults and families, school groups,

Our Mission

We preserve and interpret Greenwich history to strengthen the community's connection to our past, to each other and to our future.

Our Vision

As a result of our work, our community will have a stronger sense of place, gain a fuller appreciation of our shared past and be better equipped to embrace opportunities to build a more informed and just society.

Our Strategic Goals

In service of this mission and vision, the Historical Society is framing its work from 2022 through 2026 under the theme of telling a fuller history of Greenwich to a broader audience, with a focus on including, engaging and representing the town's many communities.

Preservation & Stewardship

fund critical environmental upgrades for the National Historic and CT Humanities, the grant will support a comprehensive series of upgrades to the Bush-Holley House's climate control systems, original artworks, and bringing the visitor experience to a modern standard of comfort.









Growth & Sustainability (1)

Trust. Along with consistent effort and return on new and renewed





Fuller History



Tell a fuller history of the town and its increasingly diverse population.

Broader Audience

Broaden the audience that the Historical Society serves and represents through more meaningful engagement with the community.

Organizational Excellence



Deepen commitment to organizational excellence by building a more diverse, equitable, accessible and inclusive organization.

Preservation & Stewardship



Work collaboratively to build public awareness of historic assets in town and in our collections, and advocate for their preservation.

Growth & Sustainability



Achieve a sustainable revenue model that meets and grows with the annual operating budget.

Discover Greenwich

We continued to offer programs, workshops and events that serve to create a sense of place for our community by exploring local landmarks, gathering to share stories and learning about Greenwich history and the relevance of the past as reflected in our town today.

DISCOVER GREENWICH WALKING TOUR APP!

Explore Greenwich by foot on self-guided tours throughout our community.































School & Family Programs

We welcomed thousands of students to our campus through our Sarah Bush, Slavery in CT and Title 1 school programs, as well as Art + History Camp. Hundreds of families gathered to celebrate the seasons at our Fall Scarecrow and Holiday festivals.





SPORTS!

The exhibition SPORTS! More Than Just a Game celebrated the vibrant history of local sporting clubs and leagues and the notable legacy of prominent athletes who made their homes in Greenwich.







Memorabilia and gallery displays, curator tours and a full schedule of related adult and family programs told the story of sporting culture through an historical lens to a diverse and enthusiastic array of visitors and participants. Our year of sports culminated in and was the theme of our 2023 History in the Making Award dinner, honoring NBA all-Star and Olympic Gold-medalist Allan Houston and 10 local scholastic coaches.



Greenwich Treasures

Gifts to the Archives and the Museum Collections

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

o 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 original documents and publications 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 the 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 colony of American Impressionism. 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 MUSEUM COLLECTION

Gift of Mark Gaston in Memory of Clementine Lockwood Peterson

Silver Baptism Cup with Handle Engraved with initials CEL (dated June 3, 1903) and JP (dated June 8, 1933) 2023.01

Gift of Mark Gaston in Memory of Clementine Lockwood Peterson

Silver Baptism Bowl Engraved with initials CEL (dated December 25, 1903) and JP (dated June 8, 1933) 2023.02

Gift of Mark Gaston in Memory of Clementine Lockwood Peterson

Sterling Silver 5-piece Vanity Set Late 19th Century 2023.03 a-e

Gift of Kimberly Cuthbert-Holmes in Memory of Her Father Edwin T. Holmes IV

Women's High Dive Championship Trophy Awarded to Diver Helen Meany at Manhattan Beach Baths

August 27, 1921 2023.04

Gift of Kimberly Cuthbert-Holmes in Memory of Her Father Edwin T. Holmes IVTrophy Awarded to Diver Helen Meany

June 1925 2023.05

> Gift of Mark Gaston in Memory of Clementine Lockwood Peterson Sterling Silver 5-piece Vanity Set Late 19th Century





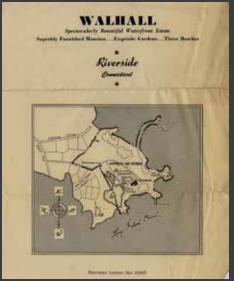






ozens of archival collections and thousands of historic photographs became searchable and accessible to the Greenwich community thanks to the completion in June of a three-year Museums for America grant from the Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS). The grant funding allowed for the addition of two full-time staff positions to fully arrange and describe a backlog of important collection material that had been donated to the archives over many years.









The extensive Greenwich photograph collection and related real estate images were fully digitized, and

"...provided new insight into the economic lives of enslaved and formerly enslaved people who lived in town."

descriptive catalog entries were created to allow researchers to quickly find items of interest.

"Educational and exhibition-

related programs have already been enhanced by items discovered during the grant work," says Curator of

Archives Christopher Shields. "Information in the ledger collection, for example, has provided new insight into the economic lives of enslaved and formerly enslaved people who lived in town. And revelations into the life of a working-class couple in the early 20th century are offered by a newly-processed family collection."

Staff involved over the course of the project are Project Archivists Leslie Albamonte and Ashley Aberg and Digital Associates Kelsie Dalton and Dean McKenna.

DONATIONS TO THE ARCHIVES

Patricia Bairardi Kantorski

Metal match case from "Ye Edgewood Inn"

Matt Bernard

Issues of The Architectural Review, The Architectural Record, Country Life in America, Country Life, The House Beautiful, and Suburban Life magazines (1901-1928)

Stephen L. Bishop

T-shirt from first Greenwich Town Party, Size Medium

Margaret Black

1961 Compass Yearbook

James E. Campbell

Over 100 18th-century Mead-related legal documents

Robert Far

Military records and honors, photographic prints and photo albums related to Jean-Pierre Stern (ca. 1910-1945)

Garden Club of Old Greenwich (by Linnea Stenberg)

Meeting Minutes, President's Newsletter, Budget 2010-2013; President's Newsletters, December 2016-June 2018; Flower Show Program, September 22, 2006; Flower Show Photo, February 8, 2008; Flower Show Achievement Citation (from Federated Garden Clubs of CT), October 30, 2007. Garden Club of Old Greenwich Yearbooks (2008-2020), Meeting Minutes (2013-2016), Handwritten Notes (ca. 1930-1940), Federated Garden Club of CT Yearbooks (1933-1979, with gaps)



Stephen L. Bishop T-shirt from first Greenwich Town Party, Size Medium

Nora Howard

Leather key-case (Buxton Key-Tainer) that belonged to Elinor Righter containing nine small keys and one small padlock (inscribed inside "E.Righter, Greenwich, Conn.")

Sarah Kennedy

Papers related to Hans J. Reinhardt and wife, Gertrude, who owned and lived in what is now called the Justus Luke Bush Storehouse



Ruth E. Maloney Booklet titled "How to use your Electrolux Cleaner Model G," copyright 1964

League of Women Voters (by Sandra N. Waters, Lynn Garelick)

Records of League of Women Voters of Greenwich. Includes minutes, legal documents, studies, proclamations, photographs, scrapbooks, ephemera, publications, pamphlets (1922 to 2018, with gaps)

Ruth E. Maloney

Booklet titled "How to use your Electrolux Cleaner Model G," copyright 1964

Susan Mead

Correspondence, photographs, business records related to Nelson Bush Mead (born 1862, died 1929)

Elizabeth Menegon

1929 Greenwich High School class ring in 14K gold; *The Green Witch*, June 1926, Vol. 10 No. 5

Diane Mucha

Framed photograph of Cleon A. Dunn, Principal 1938-1949; framed photograph of William S. O'Brien, Principal 1911-1934

Kathleen Seiden

YWCA files and documentation (approx. four boxes), silver bowl Wives Club, two candlesticks Nathaniel Corps

Fifi Sheridan

Minutes, background documents, etc. from work on Historic District Commission



Anne Simpson

Framed Certificate of Appreciation for Dickerman Hollister, M.D., from the Greenwich Health Association (undated); Framed official citation from the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut offering congratulations to Dr. Dickerman Hollister Jr. for his election as Chief of Staff of Greenwich Hospital, dated April 3, 2000

Ronald and Davidde Strackbein

A New and Accurate Map of Connecticut & Rhode Island, 1780 (Universal Magazine). Framed. Reproduction of Joan Vinckeboons 1639 pen-andink and watercolor map shows Manhattan Island, Staten Island, Coney Island, and the North (Hudson River). Greenwich Lifestyle (CityLifestyle.com) July 2021 through January 2023 (19 issues). Greenwich Neighbors An Exclusive Magazine serving the Residents of Greenwich (Best Version Media) monthly issues from July 2021 through December 2021 and February 2022 through January 2023 (18 issues)

Trish Twining

Raynal C. Bolling pewter awards, camp kit, etc.

Christopher Von Keyserling

Items from the Estate of Jeanette Garofalo



Patricia Bairardi Kantorski Metal match case from "Ye Edgewood Inn"



2022–2023 Treasurer's Report

Heinz Maeusli, Treasurer

he following provides an overview of the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2023. At the time of this publication, the audit was not finalized. However, we don't expect any significant adjustments. Once the audit is completed, we will make financial statements and Form 990 available on our website and in hard copy at the Greenwich Historical Society.

We had another successful year with several major events. We celebrated our 90th Anniversary at Easterly, a classic Greenwich shorefront estate. The dinner dance evoked the glamorous Café Society era and legendary El Morocco nightclub and featured the esteemed author, Doris Kearns Goodwin. We also hosted a Spring Tour, a sold-out event, that raised funds to support educational programs and resources accessible to all students and teachers in Greenwich.

Another highlight was the long-awaited exhibition *Life and Art: The Greenwich*Paintings of John Henry Twachtman. The exhibition was met with much enthusiasm and praise. Ancillary activities such as the Museum Store, the facility rental business, and our concerts continue to perform better than we had anticipated. Our *Discover Greenwich* program keeps growing, and it promotes community engagement and a sense of

	Year Ended June 30, 2023 (unaudited)	Year Ended June 30, 2022 (audited)
Unrestricted Operating Activities Revenues & Assets Released	((
Contributions, Memberships & Grants	1,275,382	1,268,715
Program Service Fees, Sales & Rental Income	342,717	262,360
Special Events (net)	468,661	693,239
Other income	293,340	189,760
Assets Released from Restrictions for Operating	335,419	323,901
Total Revenues & Assets Released	2,715,519*	2,737,975*
Expenses		
Program Services	1,928,499	1,709,443
Management and General	258,701	198,591
Development	164,628	184,498
Total Functional Expenses	2,351,828	2,092,532
Change in Net Assets from Operations	363,691	645,443
Balance Sheet	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Cash and Equivalents	520,721	1,372,908
Other Current Assets	89,430	146,883
Investments	7,876,302	6,748,018
Property, Equipment & Furnishings—net of depreciation	15,729,610	16,024,444
Liabilities	(130,506)	(450,634)
Net Assets	24,085,557	23,841,619
Fund Balance		
Without Donor Restrictions		
Board Designated	2,046,706	2,006,176
Unrestricted	16,435,281	16,438,045
With Donor Restrictions		
Time or Purpose Restricted	1,216,091	1,009,919
Perpetual Endowment (excluding appreciation)	4,387,479	4,387,479
Total Fund Balance	24,085,557	23,841,619

^{*}Excluded releases for capital expenses

belonging while enriching our knowledge of Greenwich history.

We realized an operating profit of \$364K in FY 2023. Total revenues and assets released from restrictions for operating purposes amounted to \$2.72 million, almost exactly the same as in the prior year. Total functional expenses were \$2.35 million, an increase of \$259K compared to FY 2022, largely driven by inflation. The Historical Society ended FY 2023 with total net assets of \$24.09 million. We are looking forward to this coming year and will give our best to grow revenues and to strengthen the financial situation of the Historical Society.



July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Major Gifts and Greenwich Historic Trust

he 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 Historic 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. These donors also enjoy all the privileges of membership in the Greenwich Historical Society.

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David was a wise, thoughtful and beloved trustee for 18 years and a loyal supporter of the Historical Society both financially and through his nine years of service as an officer and on the executive, finance and building and grounds

committees. Many of us have been inspired by his well-timed words of encouragement and optimistic spirit. In addition to a distinguished career as Senior Counsel (and partner 1973-2003) at Cravath, Swaine & Moore, his service to the community included board member of the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, former President of the Greenwich Library Board and former Chairman of the Greenwich Country Day School Board. His love of history was evident through his attendance at the Historical Society's exhibitions and public programs, and also by his former service on the boards of the Royal Oak Foundation and the Benjamin Franklin House Foundation.

Peter Crumbine



Husband of Greenwich Historical Society Trustee Bea Crumbine, Peter served on Greenwich's Board of Estimate and Taxation. In 1999, further politics beckoned, which led to five elections as Selectman for the Town of Greenwich and service

under the administrations of Lolly Prince, Dick Bergstresser, Jim Lash and Peter Tesei. He also earned great success in United States Masters Swimming, where he both swam competitively on a local and national level and chaired the Masters Swimming Long Distance Committee. He also founded the Greenwich Swim Committee. Peter's devotion to the weekly Horseneck Club gatherings was little short of legendary.

Suzanne Frank



Suzanne's work with and support of charitable organizations in her communities was a passion that extended throughout her life. She was a loyal and strong supporter of the Greenwich Historical Society and served on the Board of Trustees for

18 years. She served as co-chair of the Society's Development Committee, was one of the leaders in the Society's campaign to Relmagine the Campus and made possible the addition of the Frank Family Foundation Gallery. She also had significant involvement with the Greenwich YWCA, American Red Cross, Red Ribbon Foundation, Greenwich Riding & Trails, and Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich. She was a proud recipient of the YWCA: 2012 Spirit of Greenwich Award. She showed compassion for many and was known for her spontaneous act of kindness.

Nola Taylor



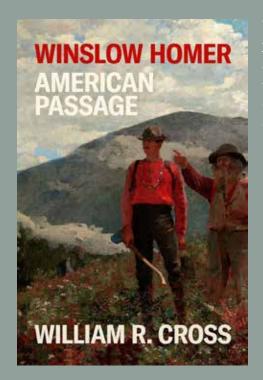
Nola was a Historical Society docent and research assistant in the Library and Archives for over two decades until her retirement in 2020. Her interest in antiques, history and biographies fueled her knowledge of the collections. Nola was kind patient

empathetic, dedicated and tireless in assisting those who came to the archives with questions. Everyone she worked with was grateful for the attention she gave them, and she represented the best of what the Historical Society does for the community – connecting people with our collections in a way that helps them better appreciate and understand the people who made and continue to make Greenwich.

Legacy Giving / Vanderbilt Society

The Vanderbilt Society was launched in 2017-2018 to recognize individuals who included a bequest to the Greenwich Historical Society in their estate planning, which would ensure the sustainability and future success of the Greenwich Historical Society.

Members of the Vanderbilt Society and Legacy Members are those whose generous bequest provisions in their wills provide invaluable support for the Greenwich Historical Society's educational and preservation initiatives while also contributing to the preservation of the National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House, Gardens, Museum, Archives and Library for the enrichment of our community and for the benefit of individuals of all ages, locally and nationally.



Vanderbilt Society members are invited to special private and exclusive events each year. This spring, members enjoyed a special luncheon at the Riverside Yacht Club, as well as an illustrated presentation and book signing by author William R. Cross on the life and works of Winslow Homer, including a series of watercolors painted in Greenwich during the spring of 1880, one of which was titled "Field Point, Greenwich, Conn." and exhibited by Homer in January of 1881.

"As a Trustee of the Greenwich Historical Society for over 25 years, I have witnessed its transformation into a vibrant community organization, particularly as a result of the ReImagine the Campus Campaign, which realized additional space to accommodate many more programs and services.

"I believe that if one is actively involved with an organization, there is an implicit obligation to support it financially. It is equally important for the community to learn about the resources offered by the Greenwich Historical Society and contribute as well."

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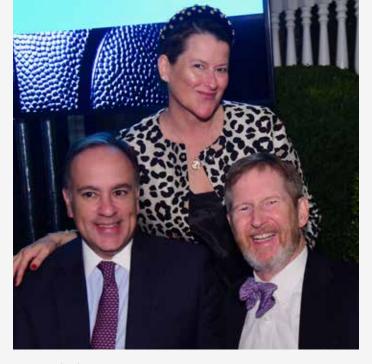
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1,455

Supporters, members and donors



2,521

Site rental guests

3,190

Student visits

1,525

Children + family program attendees



\$704

Average donation amount in support of programs and services

4,873

Adult program attendees

883

On-site archives visitors



2,992

Digital archives visitors



7,004

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8,896

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