



Fall River Historical Society
A Museum and So Much More
FY2016 - 2017 Annual Appeal

November 16, 2017

Dear Friends,

In many ways this has been another successful year that we can all be proud of, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our staff, officers, directors, and volunteers, and, not to be overlooked, our members. Special thanks go to our curator, Michael Martins, and our assistant curator, Dennis Binette, for the outstanding efforts put forward, as usual.

The Historical Society remains focused on the goal of preserving the narrative of the city and its people, sharing it with the public, and saving it for future generations. At the same time we continue to serve as a vibrant educational, cultural, and social center through the Charlton Library of Fall River History and through activities including the annual open house and other holiday events, clam boils, the Fall River history lecture series, exhibits, book signings, Shakespeare in the Park and the extremely popular *Saturday Evening Serenades* summer concerts.

Although we are actively pursuing new ways for the museum to generate income, as the end of 2017 approaches we are contending with significant on-going financial challenges. For that reason we have opted to present an abbreviated version of our annual report this year. Despite the change in format, I think that when you look at it you will be reminded of the value that the FRHS provides to you as an individual and to the community as a whole.

Your support of the Annual Appeal is more important than ever. Simply put, the work that we do and the vital role that we play in Fall River would not be possible without your help. Please give as generously as you can!

Many thanks,

Jay J. Lambert
President

P.S. Please be sure to look at the enclosed list acknowledging all who donated to last year's Annual Appeal, and remember that donations of any size are welcome!



Fall River Historical Society FY2016 - 2017 Curator's Report

Over the past fiscal year the FRHS remained increasingly visible in the community as both a vital historical resource and a leading provider of innovative cultural events, making new audiences aware of the historical society and its work. This public awareness has myriad benefits, and makes for a more sustainable future.

Acquisitions

Thanks to the generosity of individuals and philanthropic trusts, our diverse collections continue to grow. **A rare 18th century doll** was among the year's important acquisitions, along with **landscape paintings by Bryant Chapin**, a work by the noted Fall River **artist Hazard Durfee**, and an 1891 sketch of the "Sloop Bristol" by **James W. Patterson**.

Lizzie Borden's travel guide from her 1890 European tour, signed and annotated throughout in her hand, was purchased for the FRHS by Borden scholar and FRHS member Cara W. Robertson. This highly important book enhances our already-rich Borden collection.

Events and Exhibits

In May 2016, as part of our Grand Tour Travel Program, the FRHS travelled to the Azores. The tour was sold out and a delightful time was had by all. Our 2016 *Sights and Sounds of the Season* holiday festival was sponsored by Bearingstar Insurance; about 2,000 individuals attended, with excellent feedback. Grant-funded Sunday afternoon solo musical performances added greatly to the ambiance of the annual Holiday Open House, and once again, media coverage was excellent.

Several on-line exhibits were added to the website, which garnered very favorable press and comments. A major exhibit was the Mass-Humanities-funded *Women at Work* project, considered a model oral history project. Exhibits for Black History Month were also very well received and made it apparent that the entire community is represented in the FRHS collections.

The holiday season continues to be the busiest time at the FRHS, and that was definitely the case in 2016; several thousand visitors to the museum, shop, and tearoom, over a five week period.

The house looks its best during the holiday season and visiting at that time of year has become a time-honored tradition with many people in the greater Fall River area.

Finances

Regarding finances, a great positive is the Annual Appeal, which generated a total of \$52,895 in contributions and pledges. This is an integral source of revenue for day-to-day operations.

In 2015, the FRHS applied for a grant in the sum of \$63,064 from the Community Preservation Committee for funds to repaint/restore the exterior of the Annex Building, and to reconstruct the fence surrounding the structure. The request was 100% funded, and the much-needed work on these two projects took place in the late summer and early fall 2016.

A grant in the sum of \$50,000 from the Earle P. Charlton Jr. Charity Fund allowed for the expansion of the library and archive into the west room, which was the only undeveloped space on the ground level of the museum building. The funds allowed for the complete reconstruction of the area, and the installation of climate-control equipment. New archival shelving will also be installed, restoration of archival materials will continue.

In 2016 an application for a grant in the sum of \$52,700 was submitted to the Community Preservation Committee to undertake the exterior restoration of the entire south wing of the museum building; this grant was approved.

A major new feature was the establishment of the Fall River Historical Society Press, dedicated to publishing works on a wide range of historical subjects, with all proceeds benefiting the FRHS.

The FRHS continues to garner a great many positives but also to struggle financially. Cuts on one end, and there have been many, are met with crippling increases on the other, such as utilities and insurance -- hence, the importance of the Annual Appeal.

Michael Martins
Curator

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Highlights of FY2016 - 2017



"Morning Light," oil on panel, Martha Mullen Taradash, 2012.



"Brilliantly lighted as their machinery whirs through the night are Fall River's plants engaged in manufacturing products for the entire world."

An image from *Everyday Life in Fall River, Mass.*, a group of 1930s photographs the FRHS acquired last year.

Annual Appeal Impact

Your generosity mattered!

Our members and supporters contributed \$52,895 in donations and pledges to the FY2015 - 2016 Annual Appeal, allowing us to cover the costs of our day-to-day operations.

Accomplishments

Our significant achievements of the year included:

Created a new way to share historic material with the public by founding the **Fall River Historical Society Press**.

Restored the exterior of our Annex Building, **Easton House**, and reconstructed the fence surrounding the structure.

Submitted a successful request for a \$52,700 grant to restore the entire exterior of the **south wing** of the museum.

Expanded and made upgrades to **The Charlton Library of Fall River History** and archives.

Established the **Florence Cook Brigham Award** as a major annual fundraising event.

Your support helped us continue to preserve important material pertaining to the city of Fall River's history and share it with the public.



1930s swatch books and cotton fabric samples and an image of garment workers from the Women at Work exhibit.

Twenty-Eight Special Events



Clockwise from upper left: The performers from the Saturday Evening Serenades concerts; work donated by regional artists to the Palette Pictures exhibit and auction; Sights & Sounds of the Season; arriving for Tea with Mrs. Claus.

New Exhibits on our Website

Grant-Funded Exhibits

Women at Work: An Oral History of Working-Class Women in Fall River, Massachusetts 1920-1970

The unique story of a city determined to reestablish itself, this exhibit made a significant contribution to the history of Fall River's textile industry.

Black History Month Exhibits

Sarah Anna Lewis

by Philip T. Silvia, Jr., PhD

A story of two sisters that is "inspiring and troublesome at the same time."



Clockwise from upper left: Sarah Lewis; 263 Pine Street; Anna Fiske Harding; 2634 North Main Street.

The Underground Railroad in Fall River
by Kenneth Champlin

The fascinating story of the city's role in the system to free slaves.

The Recollections of Anna (Robinson) Fiske Harding (1845-1929)

Memoirs of an active participant in Fall River's anti-slavery movement.

These and additional exhibits can be seen at
fallriverhistorical.org



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FY2016 - 2017 Financial Statements

BALANCE SHEET

FYE April 30, 2017

Assets

Cash	\$46,300
Receivables	1,910
Inventory	136,902
Prepaid Expenses	1,356
Investments	388,917
Property and Equipment, Net	360,060
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust*	<u>263,088</u>
Total Assets	\$1,198,533

*Restricted to 1/3 of income, which was \$5,781.

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$5,439
Accrued Payroll	0
Line of Credit	208,000
Tenant Security Deposit	<u>750</u>
Total Liabilities	\$214,189

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$368,459
Temporarily Restricted	49,068
Permanently Restricted	<u>566,817</u>
Total Net Assets	\$984,344

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$1,198,533**

OPERATING STATEMENT

FYE April 30, 2017

Operating Income

Contributions (restricted, temporarily restricted, and unrestricted)	\$232,231
Dues	25,479
Admissions	4,910
Sales to Public (less cost of goods sold)	35,270
Rent	16,640
Investment return/appreciation in endowment	40,365
Investment income from beneficial interest perpetual trust**	20,633
Special Events	<u>69,512</u>
Total Support/Revenue	\$445,040

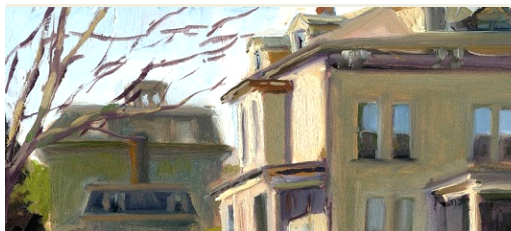
**Restricted to income only, which was \$6,895.

Operating Expenses

Gross Payroll	\$118,867
Payroll Taxes	6,246
Advertising	10,343
Insurance	35,513
Utilities	13,212
Supplies, Postage, Telephone	22,740
Bank and Credit Card Charges	9,273
Interest Expense	11,150
Repairs/Maintenance	121,153
Professional Fees	4,500
Archive Expense	6,510
Other Expenses	12,386
Special Events	29,120
Easton House Expenses	18,791
Yard Expense	5,302
Depreciation	32,939
Other Taxes	<u>558</u>
Total Expenses	\$458,603

Change in Net Assets	-\$13,563
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>\$997,907</u>

Total Net Assets **\$984,344**



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\$3,000 and Up

Betty M. Welch

\$2,000 to \$2,999

Barbara Adams Kelley; Cara Robertson

\$1,000 to \$1,999

David & Carolyn Amaral (*In memory of Chuck Charlton*); Mr. & Mrs. Douglas H. Borden Jr.; Dale Ferris; Barbara & Jay Lambert; Marilyn Lynch-Cornell (*In memory of Mark Lynch*); John & Marilyn Pelto; Nancy Teasdale; Charles Davol Test; Elizabeth A. Waring (*In memory of Sumner James Waring Jr. & David, Muriel, & Ray Westgate*).

\$500 to \$999

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\$100 to \$249

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EVERY CONTRIBUTION COUNTS!
Your donations to last year's Annual Appeal totaled \$52,895 and enabled us to continue our programs and services.

Lavoie; Atty. Barbara McDonald; Fred & Susan McDonald (*In memory of John W. Cummings – A Dear Friend*); Frances McIntyre; Dr. & Mrs. Amine B. Maalouf; Bob & Peg Marchand; Colette Marcotte & Raymond Leboeuf; Michael Martins; Joan Medeiros; Bob & Julie Michaud (*In memory of Veronica Melvin*); Dr. & Mrs. Gerald Monchik; John Moriarty; Robert & Janice Neville; Janice M. Nolen; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Partridge; Barbara A. Pauls (*In memory of Walter J. Mitchell Jr.*); Judy Perreault; Christine & Raymond Plante; Pauline R. Ready; David & Brenda Reback; Trish Rebello (*In memory of Charles & Amy Rebello*); Colin & Marlene Robinson; St. Anne's Credit Union; Dennis & JoAnn St. Pierre; Jo-Ann & Jack Sbrega (*In memory of H.M. Booth*); Olga L. Scanlon; Todd R. Selander (*In memory of Mrs. Nancy Hazen (Selander) Machuga*); Randy & Carol Siembab; Laurette & Andrew Shabshelowitz; Dr. Phil & Gerry Silvia; Joan & James Smith; James Souza – New Boston Bakery; Joan Souza; Lorraine M. Souza (*In memory of John & Helen Souza*); Peter & Jean Staiti; Law Offices of Jane E. Sullivan; Carol Taylor; Patricia A. Taylor; Joan Twaddle; Mr. & Mrs. William J. Underwood (*In memory of Philip & Roswell Brayton*); Sarah S. Westgate (*In memory of Muriel Emerson*); Dr. & Mrs. Bradford Wetherell Jr.; Barbara Wong (*In memory of Albert Wong*); Steve Yoken & Laurie Yoken (*In memory of Judith A. Yoken*).

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