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Dear Friends,

This has been another successful year we can all be proud of thanks to the dedication and hard work of our staff, officers, directors, volunteers, and, not to be overlooked, our members – all of whom contributed to make it happen. A special thanks goes to our curator, Michael Martins, and our assistant curator, Dennis Binette, for their outstanding efforts, as usual.

The Historical Society remains focused on the goal of preserving the story of our city and its people, sharing it with the public, and saving it for future generations. We continue to grow as an educational, cultural, and social center for the whole community, whether it’s the open house for the holiday season, the clam boils, the lecture series, exhibits, tea with Mrs. Claus, the book signings, Shakespeare in the Park, summer concerts, research in the Charlton Library of Fall River History, or browsing in the museum shop for the perfect gift. I hope you will agree that we have achieved an appropriate balance of history, entertainment, and art.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to share them with any one of us. We know the input of our members and friends will only make the Historical Society a better organization.

Thank you for your loyal support.

Jay J. Lambert
President
May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016

The diverse collections of the FRHS continue to grow in all categories, thanks to the generosity of various donors, and several interesting pieces were acquired during the year, including a highly important collection of over 1,000 photographs dating from the 1930s to the 1970s by the Fall River photographer George Wellington Potts, who was an employee of the Fall River Herald News.

Over the past year we also secured funds from various individuals and philanthropic trusts to purchase significant items for the collections. As a result, we acquired noteworthy works by three Fall River artists: a group of three European landscape paintings by Bryant Chapin; an important floral painting by the little-known Louise Mumford Angell; and a mid-20th century painting by the noted Carder Hazard Durfee.

The closing weeks of the year saw negotiations for the temporary loan of an important note written by Lizzie Borden, together with an accompanying photograph of equal import. This loan is being made to the FRHS through a private family collection, with the understanding that the items may eventually be acquired for the permanent collection of the museum.
In September, as part of our Grand Tour Travel Program, the FRHS journeyed to Italy and visited beautiful Sorrento and Rome with Alan Amaral of Italian Wine Services. Due to extremely positive feedback, we were able to fill a second tour, to the Azores, which took place in May, 2016.

The FRHS continues to serve as an important cultural resource, bringing innovative programming on a level seen in larger cities to the greater Fall River area. This strategy has been very successful, resulting in increased awareness of the Society and its work, new members, and revenue from Museum Shop sales, raffles, and sale of refreshments at events.

We offer our members and the public opportunities for personal enrichment ranging from lectures and exhibits to musical and theatrical performances, but we are now especially known for two signature events that garner outstanding feedback: the Holiday Open House and our summer concert series.

Counterclockwise from upper left: George Wellington Potts (1915-1991) photographs of unidentified children at Columbus Park, 1939, and the east side of Second Street between Market and Pocasset Streets, circa 1928, with the old Custom House at the far left; a painting of peonies by Louise Munford Angell (1858-1949).
The 2015 holiday season was the busiest ever in our history, with a dramatic increase in attendance at the Open House over the previous year due to strategic marketing, including a feature on the television series Chronicle, a piece in the AAA travel magazine, a major article in the Boston Globe, and excellent coverage in publications including the Patriot Ledger and the Fall River Herald News.

Several thousand New Englanders came to the museum, the shop, and Easton Tea Room over a six-week period, making it clear that we are now a regional as well as a local holiday destination. Grant-funded solo musical performances on Sunday afternoons added greatly to the ambiance for visitors, and despite inclement weather over 1,000 children and adults enjoyed Sights & Sounds of the Season, our holiday festival presented with Greater Fall River RE-CREATION.

Saturday Evening Serenades, our outdoor concert series featuring music in different genres on four consecutive Saturdays in the summer, is now one of Fall River's most anticipated events. Held on our grounds with additional seating on the street, the concerts draw large crowds and rave reviews, and give attendees a delightful way to connect with Fall River's past by spending time at one of the city's most beautiful historic properties.

On the home front we had a change in staff; Diane Boutin, our Volunteer Coordinator, relinquished her seasonal position to pursue full-time work. Kathy Croan, known to many of you through her work in the garden and tea room and for her holiday decorating skills, accepted the position, for which we are pleased.

Despite the many positive aspects of the year, the Society is still facing serious budgetary shortfalls as we contend with ever-increasing operating expenses and the on-going need to maintain our two buildings. Accordingly, the Annual Fund is our financial lifeblood -- a critical source of revenue to cover day-to-day costs and enable the FRHS to sustain its programs and stay on the cutting edge.

Last year, the Annual Appeal generated a total of $51,645 in donations and pledges. Many thanks to the members and supporters who contributed! We look forward to your continued help as we work to preserve Fall River's rich history.

Michael Martins
Curator
Highlights of 2015

To provide an exciting new benefit to our members, the FRHS became affiliated with North American Reciprocal Museum Association (NARM), one of the world’s largest reciprocal membership programs. As a result, FRHS members who qualify can enjoy free admission and museum shop discounts at 880 arts, cultural, and historical organizations world-wide.

Thanks to a generous contribution from the Rodgers Family Foundation, a new roof was installed on the FRHS Annex Building. Exterior restoration of the building and its original wood fence is being funded by a $63,064 grant from the Fall River Community Preservation Committee.

Our Nomenclature for Museum Cataloguing was upgraded to the latest 4.0 version with funds donated in memory of Alfred D. Binette, a FRHS member who passed away in 2014, greatly enhancing our ability to record vital details about the objects entrusted to our care.

The Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation awarded $2,000 to assist in underwriting various FRHS events.

Due to the generosity of a Private Family Foundation, the flat roof on the ell, or east wing, of the museum building was replaced.

A grant of $2,800 from the Fall River Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, funded, among other things, music by noted cellist Stacey Benben during the Open House.

The entire Point of Sale (POS) system in the Museum Shop was replaced, including a merchant processing machine that can read chip-enabled credit/debit cards, providing heightened efficiency and fraud protection for the FRHS and our patrons.

The FRHS upgraded its PastPerfect Museum Software to the most recent version, allowing for state-of-the-art administration of membership records and advanced procedures for organizing collections and recording detailed provenance.
FRHS member Frank Grace, Trig Photography, captured the beauty of the 2015 Open House décor. Clockwise from top left: The Carnival in Venice tree was inspired by the annual festival of the Carnevale in Venice, Italy; fine handcrafted Venetian masks accented the tree; the Revelry in Red and Gold tree was decorated in rich colors and textures in the style of the Baroque period.
Clockwise from upper left: The dining room as it might have looked during preparations for a 19th century social event. Pearls and a glistening swag adorned the sideboard. The Lady de Winter tree featured hundreds of individually applied fabric leaves, steel-blue poinsettias, silver leaf sprays, pearls, and a gossamer overskirt.
Last year we offered more than 500 hours of arts, education, and entertainment, along with two tours abroad, to our members and to the community.

THE ARTS
Saturday Evening Serenades
Concert Series
The Night Life Orchestra
Monica Ambroziak
Gary Farias
The Morons Band

Shakespeare in the Park:
Romeo and Juliet
Two performances presented by
Striving Artists Theatre Company

FOOD, WINE, AND TRAVEL
Bi-Annual Clam Boil, October
Grand Tour Travel
Sorrento and Rome
Witches & Warlocks on Wheels
Bi-Annual Clam Boil, April

BOOK SIGNINGS
Lizzie Borden on Trial
Joseph A. Conforti
This Once-Only World
Ada Jill Schneider

HOLIDAY EVENTS
Museum Shop Holiday Preview
Deck the Halls! Annual Open House
Palette Pictures VII: An Exhibition and Sale of Donated Works by Regional Artists
Palette Pictures VII – Artists’ Reception
Sights & Sounds of the Season IV:
A Holiday Festival in the Historic Highlands
Holiday Bake Sale
Members Holiday Reception
Tea with Mrs. Claus
Meet and Greet Santa and Mrs. Claus
Music Room Holiday Entertainment
Stacey Benben, cellist
Multiple Performances

GRIMSHAW-GUDEWICZ CHARITABLE FOUNDATION FALL RIVER HISTORY LECTURE SERIES
Glory Days and the “Big Frenchman”:
Fall River’s Professional Base Ballists of the Mid-1890s
Philip T. Silvia, Jr. Ph.D.

OTHER EVENTS
Annual Members Business Meeting
FRHS Volunteer Brunch
Echoes of Lizzie: A Special Exhibition and Tour
Yard Sale Fundraiser
Clockwise from upper left: Two views of The Nightlife Orchestra delighting the crowd with big band swing at Saturday Evening Serenades; Striving Artists Theatre Company performed an engaging, contemporary version of Romeo and Juliet on our grounds; Witches & Warlocks on Wheels left everyone smiling; the FRHS journey to Italy was a resounding success and will long be remembered.
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Fall River Historical Society (FRHS) is an important resource for scholars, researchers, other museums and historical societies, and the local community. Since its founding in 1921, the FRHS has been actively acquiring material pertaining to the history of the city of Fall River, Massachusetts, and has amassed a vast collection, most of which is accompanied by detailed provenance. We are dedicated to preserving this material and sharing it with the public. In addition, we are a leading provider of innovative cultural programming including exhibits, lectures, plays, concerts, and festivals.

The museum is housed in a French Second Empire mansion that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and features magnificent period interiors and beautiful grounds with Victorian gardens that provide a memorable venue for functions such as weddings and cocktail parties. Our exhibits include the world's largest collection of artifacts pertaining to the life and trial of Lizzie Borden, and the FRHS curators are recognized as leading Borden case authorities. Our distinctions also include The Charlton Library of Fall River History, a first-rate Museum Shop & Boutique, our annual Holiday Open House, and Easton Tea Room, a popular spot for social events and meetings.
## Financial Statements

### BALANCE SHEET
FYE April 30, 2016

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OPERATING STATEMENT
FYE April 30, 2016

Operating Income

Contributions (restricted, temporarily restricted, and unrestricted) $139,408
Dues 22,711
Admissions 9,205
Sales to Public (less cost of goods sold) 49,404
Rent 16,050
Investment Return/Appreciation in Endowment 5,904
Investment Income from Beneficial Interest Perpetual Trust** 4,330
Net Assets from Restrictions 0
Special Events 30,303
Total Support/Revenue $277,315
*Restricted to income only, which was $6,895.

Operating Expenses

Gross Payroll $122,763
Payroll Taxes 9,630
Advertising 11,057
Insurance 34,988
Utilities 19,594
Supplies/Printing and Postage 23,585
Bank and Credit Card Charges 5,129
Interest Expense 8,047
Repairs/Maintenance 14,146
Professional Fees 4,000
Archive Expense 23,622
Other Expenses 15,622
Special Events 15,333
Easton House Expenses 33,853
Depreciation 35,818
Other Taxes 414
Total Expenses $377,601

Change in Net Assets -$100,286
Net Assets, Beginning of Year $1,098,193
Net Assets, End of Year $997,907
Options for Giving

All donations to Fall River Historical Society, a 501c3 non-profit organization, are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

Acquisition Fund
Gifts to the Acquisition Fund provide the means for the FRHS to broaden the scope of its collection through the purchase of historically significant material.

Annual Fund
The Annual Fund provides unrestricted funds for operating costs and programs. Gifts may be designated as either honorary or memorial contributions.

Building and Grounds Fund
This fund provides for the maintenance and restoration of our two buildings, both of which are listed on the National Register of Historic places, and their grounds.

Conservation Fund
Contributions to this fund ensure the physical and aesthetic integrity of objects in the FRHS collections, and greatly enhance public access to the Society’s holdings.

Endowment Fund
The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to secure the long-term future of the FRHS by providing reliable annual income to support the organization in perpetuity. While all gifts to the FRHS are welcome, our current priority is to increase the size of the Endowment, which is underfunded.

Gifts of Objects and Archival Material
Gifts of material that either has a connection to the history of the city of Fall River, belonged to a city resident, upgrades existing collections, or fills a particular need.

Library/Archive Fund
Donate funds to purchase or rebind books, or to conserve fragile or damaged materials. Gifts may be designated as either honorary or memorial contributions.

Membership
Memberships range from $35 for individuals to $1,000 for lifetime memberships. Please visit our website for further details and application forms.