Fall River Historical Society
A Museum and So Much More

Annual Report FY2014-2015

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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 collections 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 investment 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 Materials
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.
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## OPERATING STATEMENT

FYE APRIL 30, 2015

### OPERATING INCOME

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Contributions (restricted, temporarily restricted and unrestricted)</td>
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<td>16,639</td>
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<td>Admissions</td>
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<td>Sales to Public (less cost of goods sold)</td>
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<td>20,852</td>
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<td>Investment income from beneficial interest perpetual Trust**</td>
<td>6,103</td>
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<td>Net Assets Released from Restrictions</td>
<td>16,615</td>
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<td>Special Events</td>
<td>29,542</td>
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**Total Support/Revenue**  
$278,863

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

### OPERATING EXPENSES

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<td>Repairs/Maintenance</td>
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<td>Easton House Expenses</td>
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**Total Expenses**  
$350,240

### Change in Net Assets

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<td>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</td>
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<td>Net Assets, End of Year</td>
<td>$526,537</td>
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<td><strong>Change</strong></td>
<td>$- 71,377</td>
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Financial Statements

BALANCE SHEET
FYE April 30, 2015

**ASSETS**

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<td>Prepaid Expenses</td>
<td>1,154</td>
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<td>Investments</td>
<td>429,909</td>
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<td>Property and Equipment, Net</td>
<td>440,665</td>
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<td>Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust*</td>
<td>249,850</td>
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Total Assets                                                                  $1,309,251

*Restricted to 1/3 income, which was $4,943

**LIABILITIES**

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<td>Tenant Security Deposit</td>
<td>750</td>
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<td>Notes Payable</td>
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Total Liabilities                                                              $211,058

**NET ASSETS**

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<td>Permanently Restricted</td>
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Total Net Assets                                                               $1,098,193

Total Liabilities and Net Assets                                              $1,309,251
Dear Friends:

Fall River Historical Society remains focused on its primary goal of preserving the history of Fall River, sharing it with the public, and saving it for future generations, but as you’ll see on the following pages, we also continue to grow as an educational, cultural, and social center for the whole community. This year, our activities included museum tours, holiday events, lectures, book signings, exhibitions of work by local artists, summer concerts, a monthly newsletter, tea with Mrs. Claus, a trip to Rome and Sorrento, and the always anticipated clam boils. Our museum is recognized world-wide as the main repository for materials relating to the Borden case. The Charlton Library is a research center with an impressive collection of books, manuscripts, and photographs on subjects related to local history. The Museum Shop is an increasingly popular venue for the perfect gift.

You have every reason to be proud of your Historical Society. It is a superb balance of history, art, and entertainment.

None of this would be possible without the hard work of our curators, Michael Martins and Dennis Binette, and the varied efforts of our many volunteers, directors, and officers. If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments, do not hesitate to contact any of us. The input of our members and friends will only make the Historical Society better.

While our progress is impressive, the Annual Report also reflects the reality that financial challenges remain, which we will address together. Let’s continue to be optimistic.

Thank you for your loyal support.

Jay J. Lambert
President
Curator’s Report

May 1, 2014 - April 30, 2015

The past fiscal year was in many ways a successful one for Fall River Historical Society. The FRHS has become increasingly visible in the community, emerging as a leading provider of quality cultural events as well as a preeminent historical resource. This results in new visitors to the museum, new members, and increased museum shop sales, all of which help to make for a more sustainable future.

Growth also continues to take place in the Society’s diverse collections, thanks to the generosity of various donors. In the past, due to the lack of an acquisition fund, historically significant items often had to be passed up. Over the past year, however, I secured funds from individuals and philanthropic trusts to purchase important pieces including landscape paintings by the Fall River School artists Robert Spear Dunning and Bryant Chapin and, for the Americana collection, a framed cutwork paper composition done by Fall Riverite George Thomas Monk, circa 1890s. Acquisitions such as these ensure that the FRHS will remain relevant and interesting for years to come.

A Walk Through Winter Snow by Robert Spear Dunning (1829-1905), Fall River, Massachusetts, circa last quarter 19th century.
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.
Abraham & Marilyn Ehrenhaus
Marilyn Farias & Debbie Moore
Paul Fereirra
Mary C. Fitzgibbons

Cheryl Furze
Jean Gagne – In memory of Isabel Connell
Anne M. Garrett
Howard & Barbara Gold
Maryann & Fernando Goulart

Ted & Lorraine Gregoire
Cynthia Harrington
Marcella Hayden
Joan Hodgson
Mr. & Mrs. Dunning Idle
IV – In memory of Jane D. Howland

Barbara Jaryna
Charlene & Thomas Khoury – In memory of the Kalil & Khoury Families
Sheila A. Kimball

Dr. J.K. Stewart Kirkaldy
Dale L. Whitty Lavoie
LePage’s Seafood & Grille – In memory of Jemial LePage
Mr. & Mrs. Donald N. Levesque

Wanda C. Longshaw – In memory of Cynthia Byrne Kerman
Charlotte Andrews Lynch – In honor of Florence Cook Brigham & the FRHS staff

John R. Manso
Shirley Martin – In memory of Germaine Poulin
Mary Martin
Wilkinson Marvel

Fred & Susan McDonald
Pamela McMahon
Connie Mendes
Paul & Eleanor Miniacci
Carol Morin

Douglas Moylan – In memory of Anna Champion Moylan
Mary Agnes Murphy – In memory of Thomas J. Murphy

Walter & Dorothy Nicolau
Timothy A. Nolan – In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nolan
William F. Nuttall
Jane B. O’Connell

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Judy Perreault
Ann T. Petrella
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Alan E. Pontes
Gale Powers

Joseph Powers
Richard Pray
Fran Rachlin
Anne Reed

Carla Regini – In honor of Betty M. Welch
Colin & Marlene Robinson
Jacqueline M. Rogers
David J. Roseberry

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Ellen Shea – In memory of John & Frances Shea
Charlotte & George Sherman

Denise Sherman
Richard & Linda Silvia
Bob & Sue Sousa
Dale M. Souza
Joan Souza

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Mr. & Mrs. Souza
Agatha St. Amour
Millie Stavros

Patricia A. Sullivan
Jeanne Swiszcz – In memory of Lorraine Phillips
Carol Taylor
Patricia Texeira

Doris M. Thornton
Beverly Toppin
Robin A. Tripp
Sharon Walker
Letitia Walsh

Janice Warren
Mary C. Wheeler
The closing weeks of the year saw negotiations for an extremely rare collection of six letters written by Lizzie Borden to her friend Mrs. William Lindsey, Jr., including the only known letters written from Lizzie’s cell in the Taunton Jail. The letters were offered through a private European collection at a price considerably below market value; they have since been acquired by the FRHS.

In the Charlton Library of Fall River History, nearly 3,000 titles have been rebound, restored, and shelved and are available to researchers, and several scrapbooks of newspaper clippings have been scanned to microfilm. I sincerely thank the Trustees of the **Ida S. Charlton Charity Fund** for their support that funded this work and for their friendship and continued interest.

The Society is now known for bringing innovative programming, on a level seen in larger cities, to a greater Fall River area audience. An inception event last year was **Art and Artifacts in Bloom**, in which regional floral designers fashioned creative arrangements based on items from the FRHS collections. This exhibit was so well received that it was decided to make it an annual FRHS event.

The holiday season was our busiest ever, with several thousand people from throughout the region coming to visit over a six-week period. **Sights & Sounds of the Season**, our festival held in conjunction with **Greater Fall River RE-CREATION**, drew a crowd of more than 2,000, and the **Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism** touted the Open House on its web site, saying “In Fall River, you can get a real taste of Victorian Christmas, thanks to the Fall River Historical Society.”
A tree from the Annual Open House called Rhapsody in Silver and Snow won second prize in the 2014 Holiday & Decorative Association’s international tree decorating competition.

As you can see, there were many positives, but it must also be stressed that the FRHS continues to struggle financially, despite a constant focus on increasing revenue. Gains on one end are met with new expenses on the other. Utilities and insurance are crippling.

The only true solution to our financial challenges is to substantially increase both the Society’s endowment and the amount of funds raised through the Annual Appeal. That is now our primary goal, and one that we hope our members will embrace.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the FRHS last year. As always, your support is deeply appreciated.

Michael Martins
Curator
Mary Ann Dillon – In memory of Anne Delisle
Mike Duarte
Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Dyer
Louis F. Fayan, Jr.
Carole Fiola

Paul Flanagan – In memory of Marion Flanagan
John & Kathleen Friar
Susan Gimblet
Stuart B. Hardy

Mary Ann Harrison
Linda L. (Stafford) Harrop
– In honor of the Flint & Stafford Families
Anne T. Hopkins
Merry L. Hritsuk

Joseph N. Joaquin & James E. Kennedy Jr. – In memory of Alan Morse
Elizabeth A. Karam
Foster Kay
Janis & George Kortyna

Bob & Marie LaFrance
Norman & Mary Ann Lamontagne – In honor of the FRHS volunteers
Ines Leite

Mrs. Roger L. Lemaire
– In memory of Dr. Roger L. Lemaire
Dr. & Mrs. Amine Maalouf
Vincent & Bernice Mannion

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Jesse J. Martin

Michael Martins – In honor of E.P. “Chuck” Charlton
Joan M. Medeiros
William & Jane Mello

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John Moriarty – In honor of Michael Martins
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Robert & Nancy Nolan
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Gilbert Oliveira
Jody Oliveira
Barbara Pauls – In memory of Walter Mitchell
Marlee Petit
Nancy & Pierre Plante
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Pamela W. Prescott
Trish Rebello – In memory of Charles Rebello

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Olga Scanlon
The Shabshelowitz Family
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James & Joan Smith

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Hon. & Mrs. C. Samuel Sutter
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Joan Twaddle
Mr. & Mrs. D. Bradford Wetherell

Barbara Wong
Donald & Sandra Wood

Up to $99
Patricia Abdallah
Charlotte Alves
Odette Amarello
Monica Ambroziak
An Anonymous Friend
Beverly Arruda

Deborah Athern
Marc N. Belanger
Timothy R. Belt
Teresa E. Berard
Carol Bonnar – In memory of Frances & Robert Bonnar

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William Camara & Vivian D’Angelo
Monique Campeau
Thomas & Mary Carroll
Mary T. Carvalho

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Ruth Deamicis
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Margery Eagles
Annual Appeal Donors

$20,000
Rodgers Family Foundation

$5,000 and up
Barbara Adams Kelley

$2,000 and up
Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas Cottrell, Jr.
Cara W. Robertson
Betty M. Welch

$1,000 and up
An Anonymous Friend
– In memory of Sarah Davol Test
Mr. & Mrs. David Amaral
– In honor of E.P. “Chuck” Charlton
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas H. Borden, Jr.
C. Bennett & Ursula Brown
– In memory of Mary Brayton Durfee Brown

$500 to $999
Peter Buffington
Dale Ferris
Carol Goolsby
Mrs. William Masterton – In honor of William Masterton

$250 to $499
Charles J. & Paula C. Cullen
Dr. Kathryn M. Golden – In memory of John, Catherine & Michael Golden

$200 to $499
Betty Marsden
James Tung

$100 to $249
An Anonymous Friend
An Anonymous Friend
An Anonymous Friend
An Anonymous Friend
Marlene Beaulieu
Carole Berube
Dennis Binette – In honor of E.P. “Chuck” Charlton
Dan & Jean Bogan
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Belle Johnson Bohn
H.M. Booth
Joseph Borges
Ann O. Botelho
Beatrice Bowker
Kevin & Wendy Braga
Zelma & Augustus Braga
Holly J. Bronhard
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Anthony R.M. Caprio
Nicholas & Meg Christ
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– In memory of Dorothy S. Clifton
Michael R. Corcoran – In honor of J. Thomas Cottrell Jr.
Christopher & Audra Costello
John & Paula Cummings
Jonathan J. Davol – In memory of Mary Davol Snider
HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014

Thanks to a generous contribution from a private foundation and new volunteer Cynthia Tobojka, a retired professional cataloguer and librarian, the Charlton Library of Fall River History became the first historical society library to be accepted into the SAILS Library Network, a New England-based consortium. This will make our library and archive materials available on-line to researchers world-wide.

Mass Humanities awarded $5,000 for Women at Work, an oral history project documenting the experiences of Fall River women who worked in the needle trades. The project was the brainchild of FRHS member Joyce B. Rodrigues, and we are indebted to her for her on-going work in bringing it to fruition.

The Society’s non-profit tax status was changed from a Private Operating Foundation to a Public Charity, ensuring that the FRHS is in compliance with the funding requirements of an increasing number of philanthropic trusts and foundations.

The Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation awarded $2,000 to assist in underwriting FRHS events, while BayCoast Bank awarded $4,000 to underwrite Art and Artifacts in Bloom.

The FRHS applied for a $63,064 grant from the City of Fall River Community Preservation Committee to restore the exterior of the Annex Build and reconstruct the property’s 19th century wood fence, the only one of its type still in existence in the city. The grant was subsequently 100% funded.

The FRHS received a 2015 Certificate of Excellence from TripAdvisor, the world’s largest travel site. The award is given to hospitality businesses that consistently receive outstanding reviews from travelers.

To ensure the safety of the collections and the public, state-of-the-art fire and security alarm systems were installed throughout the museum, funded through a very substantial anonymous contribution.
Art and Artifacts in Bloom

With its brilliant juxtaposition of art, artifacts, and flowers, this unique exhibit – the first of its type in greater Fall River – provided a new way of looking at the Society’s remarkable holdings. Regional floral designers were asked to compose arrangements based on items from the FRHS collections including paintings, textiles, and decorative arts, some of which had never been previously exhibited. A rich and thought-provoking visual experience was the result.
Our Team

STAFF

CURATOR
Michael Martins

ASSISTANT CURATOR
Dennis A. Binette

PART-TIME/SEASONAL STAFF
Diane Boutin
Kathy Croan
Cindy Harrington

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Polly Phenix
Sue Pieroni
Ann Rockett-Sperling
Pat Taylor

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Preston Alexander

Membership
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Marilyn Farias
Marilyn Martins
Connie Mendes

Nominating
Angie Gastall, Chair
Betty Prescott
Denise Sherman

Curators Michael Martins and Dennis Binette are also members of the above committees, except for Financial Advisory.

View From the Garden, 2013, by FRHS member Martha Mullen Taradash, from the Fall River Historical Society collections.
Volunteers

ARCHIVE
Anne Fayan
Marilyn A. Lynch-Cornell
Connie Mendes
David Oliviera
Dave Roseberry

CLAM BOIL
Tim Belt
Esther Chaves
Ray DeMello
Cathy Gagnon
Angie Gastall
Mark Gendreau
Cindy Harrington
Janice Nolan
David Oliviera
David Phenix
Polly Phenix
Rick Pray
Betty Prescott
Pam Prescott
Ann Rockett-Sperling
Kathy Rockett
Megan Rockett
Denise Sherman
Pat Taylor
Nancy Teasdale

EVENTS
Bill Aubin
Claudette Aubin
Tim Belt
Bill Claus
Kathy Croan
Jayne Darcy
Ray DeMello
Betsy Denning
Donna Dunn
Marilyn Farias
Cathy Gagnon
Mark Gendreau
Fernando Goulart
Maryann Goulart
Cindy Harrington
Bob Kitchen
Cathy Kitchen
Susan Lavoie
Mark Lomastro
Jane Mello
Bill Mello
Connie Mendes
Cathy Messier
Mike Neronha
Janice Neville
Janice Nolan
Judy Perreault
Polly Phenix
Sue Pieroni
Rick Pray
Betty Prescott
Fran Rachlin
Ann Rockett-Sperling
Kathy Rockett
Megan Rockett
Dave Roseberry
Chris Roy
Jeannine Ruggeiro
Ellen Shea
Denise Sherman
Jim Smith
Joan Smith
Pat Taylor
Nancy Teasdale
Betty Welch

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John Pelto
Marilyn Pelto
Betty Prescott
Nancy Teasdale

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Marilyn Farias
Irene Fernandes
Hannah Fitzpatrick
Claire Guy
Eleanor Heyworth
Cathy Kitchen
Pam McMahon

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Sue Crombie
Jayne Darcy
Debra Manning
Betty Prescott

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Donel Fattibene
Hannah Fitzpatrick
Angie Gastall
Amy Marques
Marilyn Martins
Cathy Messier
Dimanne Mota
Judy Perreault
Polly Phenix
Penny Phillips
Rick Pray
Ann Rockett-Sperling
Ellen Russell
Ellen Shea
Pat Taylor
Nancy Teasdale

Docents guide visitors and lead tours throughout the year.
THE ARTS
Art and Artifacts in Bloom
Reception and Exhibit

Saturday Evening Serenades
Concert Series
The Night Life Orchestra
Jumpin’ Juba
The Morons Band
Monica Ambroziak

Shakespeare in the Park:
Merry Wives of Windsor
Two performances presented by Striving Artists Theatre Company

Art and Artifacts in Bloom II
Reception and Exhibit

FOOD, WINE, AND TRAVEL
Bi-Annual Clam Boil, September
Witches & Warlocks on Wheels
Roast Pork Dinner
Bi-Annual Clam Boil, April

We presented 36 events for members and for the public last year.
HOLIDAY EVENTS

Museum Shop Holiday Preview

Deck the Halls! Annual Open House

Palette Pictures VI: An Exhibition and Sale of Donated Works by Regional Artists

Palette Pictures VI – Artists’ Reception

Sights & Sounds of the Season III:
    A Holiday Festival
    In the Historic Highlands

Holiday Bake Sale

Members Holiday Open House

Tea with Mrs. Claus

Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus

MEMBERS LECTURE SERIES

Real Extra Virginity: Olive Oil
    Lecture & Tasting
    Tony & Rosemary Melli

Hummingbird Hullabaloo!
    Jann Kiesel

Hidden History of Rhode Island
    and the Civil War
    Frank Gryzb

Downsizing Your Stuff for History Buffs
    David Downs
GRIMSHAW-GUDEWICZ CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
FALL RIVER SUMMER LECTURE SERIES
When the Circus Came to Town
Bob Kitchen

Fall River’s Homegrown Professional Baseballists, 1880s – Early 1900s
Philip T. Silvia, Jr. Ph.D.

A History of South Park:
Frederick Law Olmsted and the Urban Landscape Movement in America
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Lizzie Borden: Resurrections
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