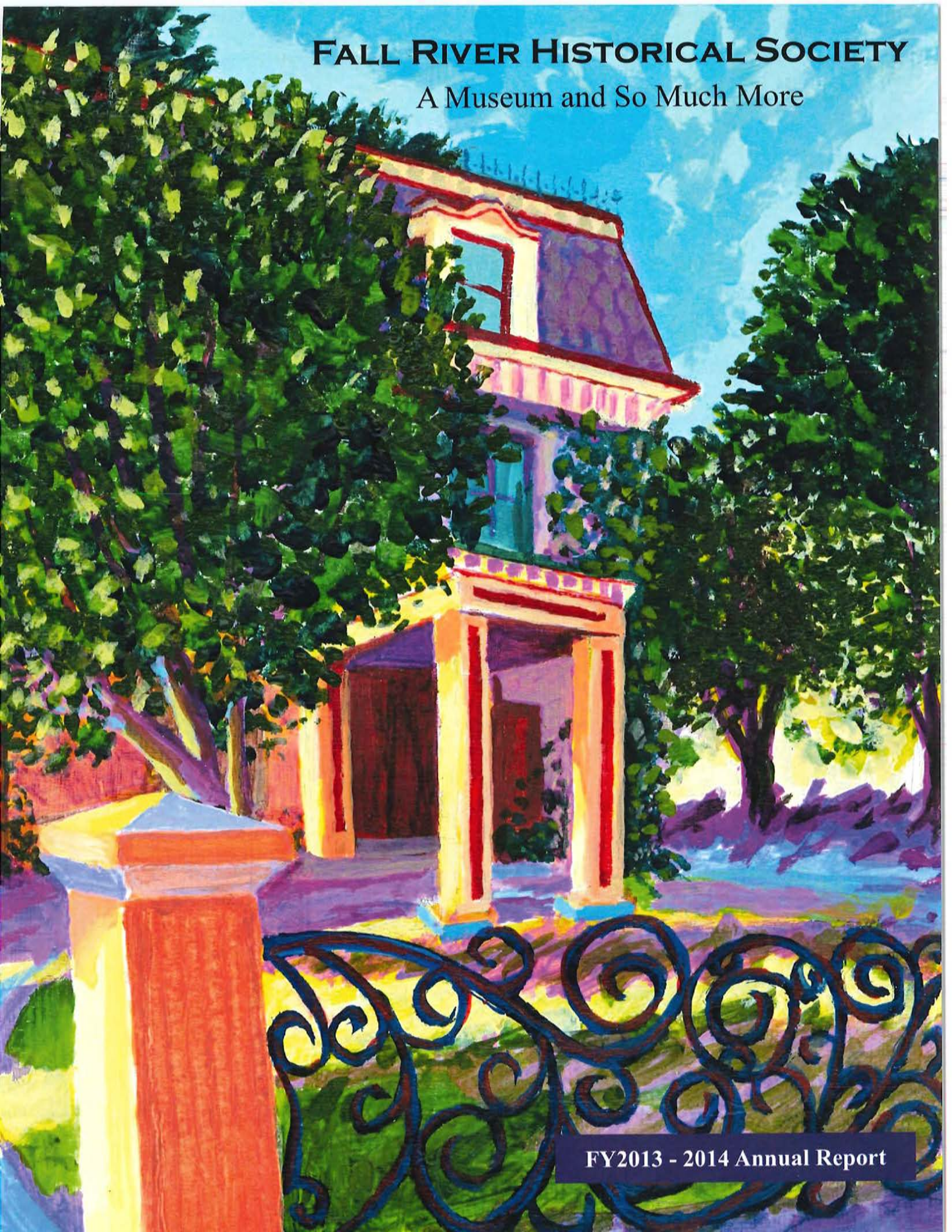


FALL RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A Museum and So Much More



FY2013 - 2014 Annual Report

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From the President

Dear Friends:

Two years ago, Fall River Historical Society began the challenging task of rebuilding our organization, and as I look back I am very proud of all that we have achieved in that relatively short amount of time. The FRHS has in fact reinvented itself by adopting the cutting-edge practices of others in our field, and today is truly *A Museum and So Much More*.

Our core mission of preserving Fall River's history and making it accessible to the public has not changed, but we have also struck out in exciting new directions. We are utilizing our physical space in completely different ways, from the concerts and festivals we now host on our grounds to the Museum Shop & Boutique, where creative merchandising techniques have been successfully applied to make a wonderful and unique emporium. The Charlton Library of Fall River History has been transformed into a sophisticated institution with a plethora of new material and is now a landmark receptacle for city history. Equally important, the public is increasingly aware of all we offer – for example, more than 2,700 people now receive our news and information on Facebook.

It is no small feat to revitalize an organization and change its image, and we could not have done so without our curators, Michael Martins and Dennis Binette, whose talent, hard work, and imagination are the impetus behind everything that happens at the FRHS. I am constantly amazed at all they accomplish, and with the two of them at the helm I know we will continue to make great strides forward.

Best,



Jay J. Lambert

President

From the Curator FY2013-2014

In compiling this report I realized that this is the 25th such occasion that I have had the opportunity to address the members of the FRHS – and that the font for my notes is getting considerably larger.

On many fronts, the past year was a very positive one for the FRHS. Our diverse collections grew in all categories and interesting pieces were donated, including rare photographs, familial collections, manuscripts, decorative arts, and significant additions to the Borden collection. Upgrades in the Charlton Library of Fall River History continued, thanks to the generous support of the **Ida S. Charlton Charity Fund**. 2,277 titles were restored and shelved for use by patrons, microfilm with several thousand issues of Fall River newspapers was duplicated, and the Joseph Almy Fenner collection -- 43 scrapbooks with myriad clippings pertaining to Fall River history between 1942 and 1971 -- was preserved on both microfilm and a searchable CD, the latter of extreme value to researchers.

Great strides were made in positioning the FRHS as a leading cultural resource in the Greater Fall River community. We presented 32 events throughout the year, including four new ones. Our delightful nine-day tour of the Chianti Region and Tuscany, flawlessly led by Alan Amaral of **Italian Wine Services**, was a huge success.

We continued to create new and profitable uses for our outdoor space, which served as the site for two big events: *Saturday Evening Serenades*, a series of three summer concerts, and *Sights & Sounds of the Season: A Holiday Festival in the Historic Highlands*. Presented with the City of Fall River and Greater Fall River RE-CREATION, these collaborative ventures were free to the public, but also raised funds for the Society from sales of shop merchandise, food, and raffle tickets. Both were smash hits, with more than 2,000 in attendance at the festival and large audiences at the concerts, and feedback was extremely positive. "We need more events like this in Fall River," was a frequently-heard comment.



THE MUSEUM SHOP & BOUTIQUE WAS REDESIGNED INTO AN ENGAGING RETAIL ENVIRONMENT WITH EIGHT SHOPPING AREAS, INCLUDING THE NEW CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ROOM.

Other income-generating events were also well attended, thanks to the efforts of our hard-working Fundraising Events Committee, while visitation to the museum increased due to the Marketing Committee's success in getting the word out. Our Annual Holiday Open House, our most popular offering, attracted large crowds throughout the seven-week holiday season, and was featured on local television programs.

Grants were awarded to the FRHS from four sources. **The Fall River Cultural Council** gave us a grant for *Dear Alfred*, an on-line exhibit of rare Civil War letters, while a private foundation gave funds for the creation of a new website; both projects are still under way. The **Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation** provided funding for a lecture series for members and an anonymous donor enabled expansion of the museum shop, which has been renamed *The Museum Shop & Boutique* to reflect its wide range of merchandise. We also began preparing a grant application to the Massachusetts Humanities Foundation for an exciting project entitled *Women at Work: An Oral History of Working Class Women in Fall River*.

The second Annual Appeal raised \$60,362, an increase of 25% from the previous year. This vital source of revenue was, in effect, a life-giving infusion that helped to cover our operating expenses. In a separate appeal, \$12,195 was raised for much-needed repairs to the gazebo and the exterior of the museum building. Sincere thanks to all who donated.

It is a testament to the dedication of our staff, board, volunteers, members, and supporters that we are on such a positive trajectory, and that more and more people are appreciating the fact that the FRHS is a museum and so much more.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Martins,
Curator

Our Team

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Michael Martins

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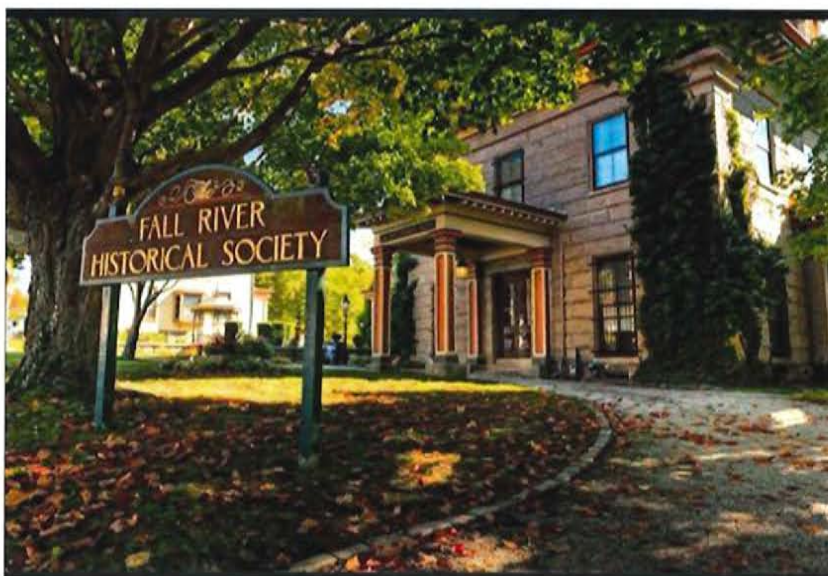
Dennis A. Binette

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

Programs and Events

THE ARTS

Tour of the Fall River
Arts Triangle

Saturday Evening Serenades

Concert Series

Gary Farias

*Bob and Steve
Demers*

The Khourys



Shakespeare in the Park:
*A Midsummer Night's
Dream* presented by
Striving Artists Theatre
Company

FOOD, WINE, AND TRAVEL

Bi-Annual Clam Boil,
April

Chianti Region and
Tuscany Tour to Italy

Witches & Warlocks on
Wheels

Bi-Annual Clam Boil,
October

Meat Pie Supper

Above right: Scenes from two
events on our grounds: a
mischievous Puck, *A
Midsummer Night's Dream*,
and an impromptu Bunny
Hop at Tea with the Easter
Bunny.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Deck the Halls! Annual Open House

Palette Pictures V - Artists' Reception

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

Members Holiday Open House

Sights & Sounds of the Season II: A Holiday Festival
in the Historic Highlands

Tea with Mrs. Claus

Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus

Tea with the Easter Bunny



**FALL RIVER
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

invite you to attend

**The 2013 Fall River
Summer Lecture Series**



We presented 32 events for members and for the public last year.

MEMBERS LECTURE SERIES

Rhode Island's Civil War Hospital: Life and Death at Portsmouth Grove, 1862 - 1865, Frank Grzyb

America's Kitchens, Nancy Carlisle

Fatal Decision: Edith Cavell, World War I Nurse, Terri Arthur

The Marvelous Amazing Quack Medicine Show, David Downs

**GRIMSHAW-GUDEWICZ CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION
FALL RIVER SUMMER LECTURE SERIES**

Dighton Rock: Catalyst to Discovery, Bob Kitchen

Industrialization of the Lower Quequechan Valley (1813 - 1850), Marc Belanger and Al Lima

Wicked Conduct: The Murder of Sarah Cornell, Rory Raven

Fall River's First Professional "Base Ballists" (1870s) and Some Remarkable Major League Contributions, Philip T. Silvia Jr. PhD

BOOK SIGNINGS

The Girl with the Pansy Pin
by Michael Thomas Brimbau

Another City Upon a Hill:
A New England Memoir by Joe Conforti

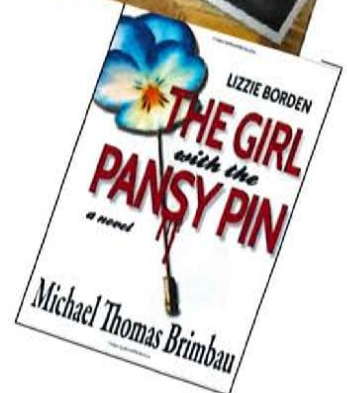
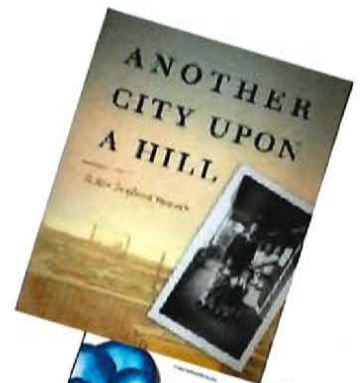
A River and Its City by Al Lima

OTHER EVENTS

Annual Members Business Meeting

FRHS Volunteer Brunch

Echoes of Lizzie: A Special Exhibition and Tour





COTTON FABRICS WITH PATRIOTIC THEMES DESIGNED AND PRODUCED IN 1876 AT AMERICAN PRINT WORKS IN FALL RIVER TO COMMEMORATE AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL ARE AMONG **THE MANY RARE TEXTILES IN OUR COLLECTIONS.**

**COMPELLING STORIES OF WOMEN WHO WORKED IN
FALL RIVER'S TEXTILE MILLS** AND NEEDLE TRADES WILL BE
PRESERVED IN *WOMEN AT WORK*, OUR FIRST ORAL HISTORY
PROJECT.



A first-hand study of working class women's labor issues, *Women at Work* is funded in part by Mass Humanities, which receives support from Massachusetts Cultural Council and is an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



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The Annual Appeal raises funds for operating expenses and is a vital way that supporters can help ensure the continued excellence of the FRHS. We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the following donors, who contributed a total of \$60,362 in FY2013-2014.

\$20,000

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The Year in Photos



About Fall River Historical Society

Founded in 1921, Fall River Historical Society (FRHS), the oldest cultural institution in Fall River, Massachusetts, is an important resource for scholars, researchers, other museums and historical societies, and the local community. Dedicated to preserving the history of Fall River and sharing it with the public, we maintain significant collections of costumes and accessories, decorative arts, furniture, ephemera, photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, and manuscripts. We also have distinguished maritime and Fall River textile industry collections.



The museum is housed in a French Second Empire mansion that was once a station on the Underground Railroad. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the structure features a magnificent period interior, while our beautiful grounds with Victorian gardens provide a memorable venue for functions such as weddings and cocktail parties and for special events. 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.

To promote public understanding of Fall River history, we stage exhibits, host lecture series, and partner with the city and other organizations to present events for the benefit of the community. We are a leading provider of cultural and family-friendly events such as plays, concerts, and festivals.

Financial Statements

BALANCE SHEET

FYE April 30, 2014

Assets

Cash	\$ 23,184
Promises to Give, Net	0
Inventory	\$ 170,288
Prepaid Expenses	1,033
Investments	496,123
Property and Equipment, Net	460,719
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust*	246,744

Total Assets \$1,398,091

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

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 9,138
Accrued Payroll	0
Line of Credit	\$ 168,000
Tenant Security Deposit	750
Notes Payable	58,590

Total Liabilities \$236,478

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$597,914
Temporarily Restricted	13,226
Permanently Restricted	550,473

Total Net Assets \$1,161,613

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$1,398,091

OPERATING STATEMENT

FYE April 30, 2014

Operating Income

Contributions (restricted, temporarily restricted, and unrestricted)	\$102,952
Dues	11,175
Admissions	7,637
Sales to Public (less cost of goods sold)	36,835
Rent	17,440
Investment return/appreciation in endowment	46,032
Investment return/appreciation in beneficial interest perpetual trust**	21,418
Special Events	28,639
Total Support/Revenue	\$272,128

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

Operating Expenses

Gross payroll	\$108,679
Payroll taxes	8,494
Advertising	11,742
Insurance	33,777
Utilities	16,287
Supplies/Printing and Postage	17,849
Bank and Credit Card Charges	6,357
Interest Expense	11,166
Repairs/Maintenance	33,685
Professional fees	3,400
Archive Expense	19,529
Other Expenses	25,319
Special events	11,186
Easton House expenses	26,017
Depreciation	39,092
Other taxes	202
Total Expenses	\$372,781

Change in Net Assets before collection items not capitalized	-\$100,653
Changes related to collection items not capitalized	\$0

Change in Net Assets **-\$100,653**

Net Assets, Beginning of Year \$1,262,266

Net Assets, End of Year **\$1,161,613**

Options for Giving

All donations to the FRHS, a 501c3 non-profit organization, are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Please contact us with questions about your proposed donation.

Annual Fund

These funds are specifically designated toward operating costs, and can be identified as either honorary or memorial contributions.

Building and Grounds Fund

This fund benefits our two historic National Register buildings and grounds.

Gifts of Artifacts and Archival Materials/Gifts to the Artifact Acquisition Fund

Donations of historical materials pertaining to Fall River, or donations of funds to purchase items of historic importance that will broaden the scope of FRHS collections.

Gifts to the Endowment

These funds can be identified as either honorary or memorial contributions.

Library Acquisition Fund

Donate funds to purchase or rebind a book(s). This can be done in honor or memory of a loved one, which will be indicated on a bookplate affixed within the volume.

Membership

Memberships start at \$35 for individuals; other categories, including gift memberships, are available. Lifetime memberships are available for \$1,000 for individuals. Please visit our website for further details and a membership form.

Naming Opportunities

Naming opportunities are available for a variety of purposes via a specifically designated donation. Donors are encouraged to contact the museum to discuss potential projects.

Planned Giving Bequests

When planning your estate, consider the FRHS as a beneficiary for objects, a specific dollar amount, donor advised funds, or retirement savings account.

Photograph Collection Fund

Contributions either purchase preservation and storage materials for photographic images, or are used to acquire additional images for the Society's collection.

Volunteerism

Donations of time to help with the day-to-day operations in the museum, archive, shop, or tea room. A great way to support the FRHS!

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