



The Nashua Historical Society

Preserving the Past for the Future

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Greetings, fellow Historical Society members:

As we bid spring farewell and embark on what will hopefully be a summer rife with beach days, with ocean temperatures, lake temperatures, and pool temperatures all hovering in the mid-60s, with bugless, slightly breezy evenings ushering in the occasional thunderstorm, with all periods of soaking rainfall coming during the overnight hours when most of us are asleep. A tall order, perhaps, but one can hope right?

Among the more recent reasons for us at the Society, and by extension, you, the membership, to smile is learning a couple of weeks ago that we did quite well with our first-ever foray into the world of charitable gaming. When the proceeds were added up, we found that we cleared just under \$20,000, not too shabby for our first time, especially considering we didn't launch a publicity campaign urging everyone to go do some gambling during our time frame, which was a 10-day period from May 11-20. We partnered with the Lucky Moose, the newest of Nashua's three charitable gaming casinos, and things went very smoothly. We will definitely be applying for another go at it, when we satisfy the waiting period and become eligible again.

We are appreciative of those who purchased reusable grocery bags from the Hannaford Gifting Bag and from the Shaw's Give Back Where It Counts bags. The Society received \$1 from the sale of each bag. The checks we received from Hannaford and Shaw's were modest compared to the Lucky Moose, but as they say, "every little bit helps."

Water in the basement of the Speare building has been an ongoing problem. We have had several repairs done and the problem has been greatly reduced. To find the final solution, the board approved expenditures earlier this year for costs associated with extending the roof on the east side of the Speare House Museum in order to cover the A/C, electric and gas fixtures. Committee Chairman Dennis Parker has come up with plans and has gone before the Historic District Commission seeking approval for the project.

Wrapped into the roof project will be continuing the sheltered area to the east entrance alcove, thereby covering the handicap-access ramp that is currently subjected to the elements.

Dennis will be going before the commission again next month for full approval.

The staff and I recently received a letter of resignation from board member Kathy Peterson, who has served for the past 8 years. We responded with a note thanking Kathy for her service and told her that her presence will be missed. Kathy's resignation brings to 15 the number of board members, which is the minimum number necessary. Therefore, it is not necessary to fill Kathy's position.

As is customary at the beginning of each fiscal year (our fiscal year runs from May 1 to April 30), we include in this issue the annual reports for each committee. If you have any questions about the reports, please feel free to contact the office staff.

Best to all,
Dean Shalhoup
President

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Staff

Beth McCarthy	Curator
Eileen Herring	Administrative Assistant
Sarah Jauris	Collection Technician

The Nashua Historical Society Annual Meeting Tuesday, May 17, 2022 Volunteer Report

It is incredible to realize that we have not had an annual meeting since May 2019, certainly is nice to be able to gather again once more.

Our volunteers have really been so supportive despite the many challenges. Our Society was able to have a table at the volunteer fair held at the Nashua Public Library on June 6, 2019. Several people were interested in signing up to learn more about our volunteer program, but then the pandemic hit, and closed our museums down for a while.

However, during 2019-2020 forty-five [45] volunteers put in two thousand seventy-seven [2077] hours. From April 30, 2020-May 1, 2021 twenty-eight [28] volunteers donned masks, splashed hand sanitizers and distanced in the Speare museum to work one thousand four hundred and eight hours [1408]. From April 30, 2021- May 1, 2022 thirty-three [33] volunteers put in over one thousand ninety one hours.

Ever hopeful that time will bring us better days. Thank you everyone.

Respectfully submitted: Margaret Gay Garneau

Desserts

Next Best Thing to Robert Redford Cake

2 c. all-purpose flour
1 c. softened margarine or butter

2 c. chopped pecans, walnuts, or
hazelnuts

Mix all ingredients well; press mixture into 13x9x2 inch pan and bake at 350° for 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Let cool.

Layer 1:

1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
½ (8 oz.) container Cool Whip

1 c. sugar

Beat cream cheese and sugar until fluffy in a large bowl; fold in Cool Whip. Spread over cooled crust.

Layer 2:

1 (6 oz.) pkg. instant chocolate
pudding

1 (6 oz.) pkg. instant vanilla pudding
3 c. milk

Combine pudding mixes and milk in a large bowl; beat well until thickened. Spread pudding mixture over cream cheese layer. Chill several hours, then shave a chocolate bar or sprinkle nuts over the layer of Cool Whip. Serves 10 to 12.

Ruth Gaukster

From our collection...

We have many items in our collection that people do not expect. Cookbooks are one of those items. The cookbooks mostly contain recipes that you would expect to find in New England cookbooks like roasts, salads, cookies, etc. Then you have the unique recipes like Dinosaur Stew from the cookbook compiled by The Nashua Memorial Hospital Employee Council or the Next Best Thing to Robert Redford Cake that appears in Tasty Temptations from the Good Cheer Society and even a recipe for friendship in the St. Joseph Hospital Laboratory Cookbook. What interesting recipes have you found in your cookbooks? Please feel free to share your recipes at nashuahistorical@comcast.net.

Collection Committee Annual Reports 2019-2022

The Nashua Historical Society was fortunate these past three years. As a result of Covid-19 The Nashua Historical Society was required to close for a significant amount of time. The pandemic limited the amount of work our staff and volunteers were able to accomplish. The majority of progress on the Collection projects occurred during this past year.

Total Number of Records In Past Perfect		Additional Records 04/27/2019-04/02/2022
Collection Records	40,422	3,253
Objects	5,332	1,672
Photographs	26,018	534
Archives	8,096	960
Library	976	80
Items In Container List	6,940	2,286
Accession	4,684	292
Accession Records Scanned		0
Contacts	2,797	141

Collection Records:

Barbara Bankeroff created 424 collection records, Barbara Comer created 438 collection records, Ahroua Empey created 2 collection records, Susan Fineman created 30 collection records, Janice Fronko created 441 collection records, Logan Harbison created 97 collection records, Eileen Herring created 401 collection records, Daisey Jacquez created 91 collection records, Sara Jauris created 63 collection records, Sabrina Kearney created 16 collection records, Madison Levesque created 312 collection records, Megan Pardoe created 436 collection records, Carly Petera created 23 collection records, Georgia Power created 77 collection records, Ambrose Rockwell created 16 collection records, Marissa Romano created 7 collection records, Rick Walker and Matt created 411 collection records.

Accession Records:

Barbara Bankeroff created 23 accession records, Barbara Comer created 3 accession records, Janice Fronko created 6 accession records, Margaret Garneau created 122 accession records, Beth McCarthy created 132 accession records, Megan Pardoe created 1 accession record and Ambrose Rockwell created 1 accession record.

Contact Records:

Barbara Bankeroff created 18 contact records, Empey Ahroua created 1 contact record, Margaret Garneau created 23 contact records, Eileen Herring created 30 contact records, Sarah Jauris created 4 contact records, Sabrina Kearney created 1 contact record, Beth McCarthy created 70 contact records, Ambrose Rockwell created 1 contact record and Marissa Romano created 1 contact record.

As the result of Covid-19 descending upon all of us, individual contributions to the Collection projects have continued without as many participating. The following individual collection contributions have occurred over the past three years.

Individual Contributions to the Collection:

Barbara Bankeroff fulfilled the management of the Nashua Historical Society's computer network and the collection management software, PastPerfect. Barbara Bankeroff has trained new PastPerfect users and she has been the computer support person to all of the PastPerfect staff. Barbara Bankeroff has become responsible for the PastPerfect online collection catalog, Barbara Bankeroff has worked on numerous photograph Research Requests. She has researched and completed accession records. She has researched and furthered the catalog records of various eclectic items within the collection. She has worked on the pre-catalog tasks for numerous artifacts and she has cataloged various eclectic artifacts. She has been a leader of book club, the group responsible for co-mingling and the organization of the Society's collection of books. She has been an instrumental participant in all aspects of the ongoing collection needs.

Barbara Comer, former Collection Technician, continued to research and further the catalog records of different eclectic items. She completed numerous accession records. She had been an instrumental participant with the ongoing needs of the collection. Barbara Comer was the lead person for researching, accessioning and cataloging Frank Mooney's large Nashua collection.

Susan Fineman has continued to catalog photographs that have an emphasis on Nashua schools and the area surrounding Nashua's downtown.

Janice Fronco, a textile conservator, has continued to apply her expertise while providing guidance and hands-on-helpfulness with the Historical Society's extensive Textile Collection.

Margaret Garneau has been creating accession records for the completed Research and Records requests.

Logan Harbison, as a high school student, learned how to catalog objects and photographs. Logan Harbison, researched antique medical instruments and cataloged numerous medical instruments.

Matt, a client and **Rick Walker** an employee of The Plus Company, have edited and cataloged numerous, advertisement blotters, calendars and Stereograph cards from Frank Mooney's large Nashua collection.

Eileen Herring continues to organize, prepare and container list catalog numerous Nashua World War II newspaper clippings. Eileen Herring continues to container list catalog genealogy files.

Sarah Jauris, Collection Technician, has learned how to organize, prepare and accession eclectic collection materials. Sarah Jauris has continued to learn about the proper care of various types of collection items. Sarah Jauris has participated in numerous collection project moves, and has learned about the de-accession process. Sarah Jauris has assisted volunteers with their collection questions and concerns which includes PastPerfect assistance.

Sabrina Kearney, as a high school student, learned how to catalog photographs and items with images. She cataloged Nashua Postcards.

Madison Levesque, completed a formal Undergraduate Internship at the Historical Society. Madison Levesque, learned how to catalog objects and photographs. She spent a considerable amount of time researching the Society's eclectic collection of toys. Madison Levesque completed cataloging and properly labeling and storing numerous artifacts from the Historical Society's toy collection.

Daisy Jacquez, prior to graduating from high school, cataloged numerous Nashua School Student photographs.

Daisy Jacquez, learned how to catalog objects. She has cataloged, award/celebration ribbons, hair ribbons, and Nashua Fire and Nashua Police pins.

Paula Lochhead, is a textile expert who has continued to provide her expertise, guidance and assistance to the Historical Society's textile collection.

Beth McCarthy, Curator, provided support and guidance to all of the individuals who worked/volunteered on the following Committees: Collection, Exhibit, and Research and Records Committees. Current accessioning practices and past accessioning maintenance along with furthering the preservation of numerous aspects of the Historical Society's eclectic collections were the Curator's area of focus along with the maintenance of all of the collection support files.

Megan Pardoe, continued to advance her cataloging and research skills. Megan Pardoe researched cataloged, properly wrapped and labeled numerous eclectic formal breakable items including, glassware, crystal, china, silverware, and candle sticks.

Carly Pitera, learned how to catalog Archive material in PastPerfect. She cataloged Nashua business advertisement calendars ranging between the years circa 1884-1991.

Georgia Power, a high school student, has learned how to catalog photographs in PastPerfect. She has researched and cataloged older building photographs and scenes from the Nashua downtown area.

Ambrose Rockwell, a high school student, has learned how to catalog photographs in PastPerfect. He has cataloged Chandler Library Photographs.

Marissa Romano, as a high school student, learned how to catalog and create PastPerfect records. Marissa Romano cataloged photographs from the Nashua Oneil and Trudel families and she cataloged many Army Military patches.

Significant Collection Project:

After the completion of a plan to improve the storage needs for the Historical Society's collection of books and bound items. Custom built compressed storage bookcases were installed in the Speare Museum's basement annex room. The ability to co-mingle the Historical Society's books and bound materials for the first time has become a reality.

Donations an Acceptance:

The most unique materials acquired for inclusion into The Nashua Historical Society's Collection during the past three years were:

Books and Booklets:

"The Nashua and Nashville Directory, 1853"

"1857-1858 City of Nashua Directory"

"The Rollins Automatic Cut-Off Engine" It was exclusively manufactured by Nashua's "Rollins Engine Company"

"Record and Roll Book of the Union Hook and Ladder Company", Nashua, New Hampshire, October 1, 1874

"School Facilities Study", September 1975

"Spring Street School, Nashua, New Hampshire: Equipment Floor Plans"

Books and Booklets Continued:

Nashua Light, Heat and Power Company 1891-1899, Book of Stock Certificates

Nashua Light, Heat and Power Company 1900-1914, Stockholder Ledger

Children's Book:

"Indian Gardens: A Book Of Children To Learn About Rock Tool Boxes", Authored by Mary Williams and Dorene Smith

Archives:

A linen Map "1842 Map of Nashua and Nashville Villages", surveyed by Hoar and F. Mead

A Neighborhood Site Plan "Plan of Buildings Sites In The Locality To Be Called Prospect Hill," owned by James F.

Whitney, Nashua, H.B. Burley, Civil Engineer Surveys by C.O. Carlton, July 1894

World War I Service Documents of Soldier, James E. Coffey

World War II Service Documents of Soldier, Leo Lavoie, including his dog tags

Photographs/Portraits:

Crayon Portrait of World War I Soldier, "James E. Coffey"

1810 Photograph, the Back Rivers, Upper Dam at Mine Falls Park"

"Bobbi Levesque", near Jackson Avenue Mill Building

"Priscilla's Tea Room"

1946, Nashua Dodgers Baseball Team player "Bill Kalbaugh

Objects:

Nashua Dodgers Baseball Team Player, Bill Kalbaugh, 1946

New England League Governor's Cup Champions Ring

A Steam Boiler Gauge, made by Johnson Barker and Devlon

A pre-Civil War poster "Tremont Ratification Meeting at Nashua

A pre-Civil War poster Young Men's Buchanan Club! At City Hall

A lockable bank building money bank from "The Second National Bank" of Nashua

A Sewing Thimble from "Nashua New Method Laundry"

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth McCarthy, Curator, Sarah Jauris, Collection

Technician and Barbara Bankeroff, Collection Committee Co-chair

DINOSAUR STEW

1 dinosaur (medium size)

2 rabbits

Salt and pepper

Cut dinosaur into small pieces (bite-size). This should take about 2 months. Add gravy to cover. Cook over campfire for approximately 3 weeks. Should feed 3,800 people. If more are expected, add rabbits, but only if necessary, as most people do not like to find hare in their stew.

Betty Rubble

Technology Committee Report

Due to the Covid pandemic, no annual meetings were held in 2020 and 2021, so this report will cover the years 2020-2022.

Wi-Fi was installed on the first and second floors of the Speare building with a guest account that can be used by visitors.

We have put online some of our PastPerfect records for photographs that are in our collection. At this point there are 120 records online, including photographs from the Frank Ingalls Collection, Nashua Fires Collection, Wedding Attire Collection, and Baby Clothes Collection. These can be accessed at nashuahistorical.pastperfectonline.com, and by using the link on both our Facebook page and our Web page. More records will be added over time.

The Society received a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council that enabled us to purchase equipment to enhance presentations, meetings, and guided tours that the Society gives. For the Speare Museum, this included a laptop, two ThinkCentre computers and accompanying monitors, a Zoom subscription, and two microphones. We can now view presentations and meetings that occur in our Library in two other rooms – the Exhibit Room on the first floor and the Tool Exhibit Room on the second floor. In addition, a portable microphone system was purchased for the docent tours.

The Society was awarded another grant, a SHARP grant from the New Hampshire Humanities (SHARP= Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan). In the Speare Museum Library, we were able to significantly upgrade the audio/visual equipment including a new amplifier, better speakers, and a 70" television. In the Abbot-Spalding House, we were able to install a computer so that videos could give information about the house to a larger group. Later this year the remaining funds will be used to convert some of the standard video tapes and film reels to MP4 files, so they can be added to our YouTube channel.

The museum software PastPerfect is used for processing artifacts and for membership. This database resides on the Server and is backed up several ways: online backup by Carbonite and a periodic manual backup to a portable hard drive, a flash drive, and a computer other than the Server.

Also all files in a shared area on the Server are backed up in this fashion. This ensures that in case of a catastrophic issue with the Server, our database will not be lost. At this point, a total of 24.8 gigabytes of data are backed up – 11.0 gigabytes of PastPerfect data and 13.8 gigabytes of data in the shared area. This is an increase of 0.1 gigabytes of PastPerfect data and 8.4 gigabytes of shared data on the Server since May 2019, the last reported increase.

The computer in the office has been added to the Carbonite backup schedule because it is the main computer for the Society and handles most of the email. As of this month, 16.3 gigabytes of data are backed up.

Respectively submitted,
Barbara Bankeroff
Technology Committee Chairperson

RECIPE FOR FRIENDSHIP

Fold two hands together
And express a dash of sorrow
Marinate it overnight
And work on it tomorrow.

Chop one grudge in tiny pieces
Add several cups of love
Dredge with a large sized smile
Mix with the ingredients above.

Dissolve the hate within you
By doing a good deed
Cut in and help your friend
If he should be in need.

Stir in laughter, love and kindness
From the heart it has to come
Toss with genuine forgiveness
And give your neighbor some.

The amount of people served
Will depend on you.
It can serve the whole wide world
If you really want it to!



Visitors Report

Time covered May 2019 to April 2022

The Abbot-Spalding house had 142 visitors during this time frame. Unfortunately, The Abbot-Spalding was closed during the pandemic and has not reopened to visitors. A program is being planned for the fall of 2022.

The Speare Museum had 762 visitors during this time. Although the Speare Museum was closed for several weeks, it reopened first for staff and a limited number of volunteers with Covid-19 restrictions. Then reopened to visitors to do self-guided tours with Covid-19 restrictions. When the City of Nashua removed mask restrictions, the Speare Museum became a mask optional space.

Visitors from New Hampshire includes: Nashua, Concord, Hollis, Amherst, Merrimack, Hudson, Greenville, Temple, Londonderry, Goffstown,

Fremont, Moultonborough, Meredith, Windham, Litchfield

Visitors from other states: Massachusetts, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Washington, New York, Florida, Texas, Ohio, Vermont, Georgia, New Jersey, Missouri, Rhode Island

Visitors from another country: Scotland

Several groups toured the museums. They were: The Huntington in Nashua, Chinese Bible Church, United Methodist Church, Hollis Daughters of the American Revolution, and The Arc of Opportunity.

The Society's first craft fair was held in conjunction with Art Walk October 19, 2019.

The Buxton Family Reunion was held in the Speare Museum.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Herring

Reception for the 2022 Edmund M. Keefe Memorial Scholarship Award Recipients!

Hosting a reception for the Edmund M. Keefe Memorial Scholarship recipients is one of the favorite events the Society does every year. In the recent past, we have awarded one scholarship. This year we were pleased to be able to offer two scholarships.



The 2022 recipients were Sabrin Astol and Kaitlyn West. Coincidentally, both were graduates of Nashua High School South, and they knew each other. Sabrin and Kaitlyn were deserving of the scholarship not just because of their academic records, but also for their leadership as well as the caring and the compassion they showed to their school community.

In the fall, Sabrin will be attending Southern New Hampshire University where she plans to major in Political Science. Kaitlyn will be attending St. Anselm College where she plans to major in History and minor in Greek.

The Edmund M. Keefe Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to one or more graduating high school seniors who reside in Nashua. Mr. Keefe began his career in education as a history teacher in the Nashua School District. He went on to become principal and later school superintendent. Mr. Keefe was an active volunteer with The Nashua Historical Society, and we are proud to honor him with these scholarships.

Exhibit Annual Report 2019-2022

The Nashua Historical Society was fortunate these past three years. As a result of Covid-19 The Nashua Historical Society was required to close for a significant amount of time and follow Covid-19 guidelines. This limited the amount of work our staff and volunteers were able to accomplish. The majority of progress on the Exhibit projects occurred during this past year.

Community Exhibits:

The Display Case At Nashua's City Hall:

“The Pheasant Lane Mall”

“Nashua's Different Faith's”

Digital Presence:

On The Nashua Historical Society's website, an online catalog presence was created. This online catalog contains pictures and descriptions of a variety of items in our extensive collection.

Research on local women their clothing and the accessories worn around 1920 in celebration of 100 years later, the women's suffrage movement was completed. This information accompanied by photographs of artifacts from our collection were shared with a local producer who filmed a documentary on the women of Nashua, New Hampshire during the suffrage movement

Florence Hyde Speare Memorial Museum:

First Floor:

An exhibit plan was created for an “Armed Forces: World War II” exhibit. Research and background work commenced. This exhibit is in the display and setup stage as research and background work continues to be an area of focused work.

Central Staircase:

Custom made large wallpaper panels titled “Photograph's of Nashua” depicting approximately ninety-five notable Nashua places was framed. Charts identifying these different places accompany, the wallpaper panels.

Second Floor:

Titled the “Underhill Edge Tool Company 1852-1890”, this exhibit featuring woodworking hand tools

that were made during the 2nd half of the 1800's. Many of these tools were manufactured by the Under Edge Tool Company, which was located in the Southeastern part of Nashua in an area called Edgeville.

This exhibit features the Tool Collection of Frank R. Mooney, a Nashua collector of Nashua history and historic artifacts. We thank Frank R. Mooney, for his generous donation of the Nashua Tools which this exhibit features.

Titles, “Preserving Nashua's Past For The Future”, preparation work has occurred within this space that in the future will support The Nashua Historical Society's re-launch of its “Adopt An Artifact Program”.

Basement Level:

The White Mountain Freezer Company, Maine Manufacturing Company and the Nashua Farms Exhibit are in process of being re-set up. These exhibits and areas of the basement were dismantled, to accommodate for water intrusion and construction foundation repairs.

The Abbot-Spalding House Museum:

A special exhibit featuring The Nashua Historical Society's Wedding Collection including Wedding Accessories has been planned and designed. The Installation of portions of the Wedding Collection has started inside of The Abbot-Spalding House.

The Abbot-Spalding House Museum:

Digital Presence

A documentary tour of The Abbot-Spalding House and a documentary tour of the restoration of The Abbot-Spalding House was filmed. This documentary will be available for all visitors to see and will allow individuals with disabilities an opportunity to view the Abbot-Spalding House Museum.

Respectfully Submitted by the Exhibit Committee,

Beth McCarthy, Curator, Sarah Jauris, Collection Technician, and Barbara Bankeroff, Collection Committee Co-Chair

Programs

Time Period Covered May 2019 to April 2022

The programs held in the fall of 2019 were all well attended, and we received positive feedback about the presentations. The highlight of the fall programs was the opening of the Frank Mooney Tool Exhibit. Frank Mooney and three of his children were able to attend the opening.

The indoor programs that were planned for the fall of 2020 and the programs being planned to celebrate the 150th anniversary of The Nashua Historical Society were canceled as we could not provide social distancing due to the Covid-19 guidelines.

We were able to hold a manhole cover sale and tree slice sale outside on August 8 and September 12. Also held outside was the dedication of Nashua's first historical marker. The marker is in honor of the Abbot-Spalding House. The marker is located on the lawn of the of the Abbot-Spalding House for the public to enjoy.

The programs that were held prior to the pandemic are:

Programs

September 28, 2019	Frank Mooney Tool Exhibit Opening with Philip Lowe, well-known furniture refinisher, presented an excellent program about the hand tools and demonstrated how they were used.
September 7, 2019	Myth Busting Lizzie Border: Facts on the Life of an Enigmatic Woman presented by Stefanie Koorey, Ph.D.
October 15, 2019	The Yankee Peddler in Early America presented by Cal Knickerbocker
October 19, 2019	Craft Fair was held during Art Walk weekend
October 20, 2019	Haunted Hikes of New Hampshire presented by Marianne O'Connor
November 9 , 2019	Vanished Veterans-NH's Civil War Monuments and Memorials presented by George Morrison

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Herring

Education Report

Time Period Covered 2019-2022

The Edmund M. Keefe Memorial Scholarship was awarded to the following students:

- 2019 Nicholas Kelley, graduate of Nashua High School North
- 2020 Owen Long, graduate of Nashua High school South
- 2021 Chloe Craig, graduate Nashua High School North

Each recipient received a \$1,000 award to be used for their education.

One of the goals of the Education Committee in 2019 was to devise a plan to work with the Nashua School District to return Nashua history to the 8th grade classrooms. Unfortunately, this plan did not come to fruition due to the pandemic.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Herring

Office Report

Time Period Covered May 2019 to April 2021

Prior to the pandemic, the Society participated in several events at the Nashua Senior Activity Center. Photos from the June Caron photo collection were taken to the Center several times. The members were asked to identify any places or individuals that they recognized. These identification events were successful.

The Society had a table at one of the Flea Market and Book Sale events that The Nashua Senior Activity Center holds. We were able to provide information about the Society and our programs. We also had saleable items for attendees of the event to purchase.

The Society participated in a Multicultural Festival that was held. It was a good way to connect with Nashua residents.

Planning began for the 150th celebration of the founding of The Nashua Historical Society. Unfortunately, the plans were postponed due to the pandemic. Planning will resume once the pandemic subsides.

The Society staff closely monitored the evolving guidelines and updated procedures as needed.

The Board of Directors and staff were committed to keeping the membership apprised of happenings at the Society. Several newsletters were sent to the membership as well as other informative mailings.

The website was updated with the help of Rose Lowery at Beechleaf Design.

With the help of Pete Johnson of Channel 99, we were able to begin a YouTube channel. Channel 99 has recorded many of our programs. Those videos are now on the YouTube channel for anyone to view. The YouTube Channel can be accessed through our website or by doing an online search. This has been a good way to reach beyond Nashua and promote the Society.

The Nashua Historical Society Policy and Procedures manual was updated and distributed to current board members. Manuals will be made available to the new board members when they are elected.

In December 2020, the Society was chosen by Shaw's to participate in their Giving Bag Program. For every

reusable bag that was purchased, the Society received \$1. The total amount received from the sale of the bags was \$64.00.

The Society was also chosen to participate in the Hannaford Community Bag program in January 2021. The details are the same as the Shaw's program. Proceeds from the sale of those bags has not been received yet.

In April 2021, Art Ketchen, calligrapher, updated the Memory Book with the names of members who have passed away.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Herring

Nashua Historical Society Annual Financial Report

2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
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The Society's finances have remained on a sound financial footing throughout the Covid-19 pandemic – the reason this is the first financial report in three years to the first annual meeting the Society has held in three years.

Our investments have even exceeded expectations thanks to the bull market that continued through much of the past two to three years.

At an early April meeting, our investment advisers reflected cautious optimism for the coming year, with the advent of inflation and moves by the Fed to counter it. Utilities are our biggest expenditure affected by inflation, though our capital improvement projects and even maintenance are not unaffected. Nevertheless, our stock and bond holdings in the market continue to do well.

This is mainly because our investment strategy remains tilted toward the conservative side, which has not stopped our advisers from taking advantage of reasonable – *never* wide-eyed – opportunities that have presented themselves.

We have also been able to secure several grants during the pandemic that have helped the Society to reposition itself in terms of technology and presenting itself to the public as we reopen. A \$5,000 CARES grant awarded in 2020 through the National Endowment for the Humanities allowed us to

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Financial Report Continued

purchase equipment to “broadcast” events across the Speare building, as well as technology that will enable groups to take self-guided tours.

A SHARP grant of \$5,336 in 2022 enabled the purchase of a new television in this room and monitors in both buildings and a new Bluetooth system. Barbara has more details in her report.

Last fall the Society was notified of a bequest of more than \$75,700 from the late Nashua High School history teacher Paul L. Tringoson. The Board of

Directors has voted to add this sum to our investment portfolio from which the Society draws its operating funds, thus increasing our financial base.

Though the Society missed celebrating its 150th anniversary in the actual anniversary year in 2020, it enters what is now its 153rd year on a firm financial basis.

Respectfully submitted,

The Finance Committee
Jeannine T. Levesque,
Chair

Grounds Budget for Both Properties

Includes Nonrecurring Expenses and Annual Contract for Snow Plowing and Lawncare

Excludes Maintenance Items for Both Buildings

FS work needed at Museum Building:

1. Interior and exterior painting	\$2,000 Leary painting
2. Ripano stone repair counter	\$1,200 est. (to take leftover stock & replace craked Formica)
3. Lawncare summer season	\$8,228 (signed contract 10-28-2021)
4. Repair Cupola/Plexiglas inside & install	\$1,500 (estimate)
5. Fertilize lawn	\$300 half of \$600 invoice for total property
6. Gutter cleaning	\$250
7. Asphalt repair	\$3,500 (fill in holes to hopeuflly gain a few more years)
Totals	\$16,978

AS work needed at Spalding Building:

1. Snow plowing property-walkways, etc.	\$5,634 sign contract 10-28-2021
2. Paingint exterior/interior normal maint.	\$2,500 Leary Painting
3 Masonry skim coat chimneys	\$2,900 Parkhurst construction
4. Finish window repair in DR	\$175 labor
5. Repair 3 shutters/paint also	\$750 estimate
6. Frence repair 2 oak spindles	\$500 vandalism
7. Clean gutters	\$250
8. Fertilizer	\$300 (half of total invoice)
Totals	\$13,009

Total is \$29,987 of allotted \$30,000 budget for both buildings. This does not allow for forgotten items or emergency repairs.

Capital Improvement items: Important stuff!

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Membership Report

Time period covered May 2019 to April, 2022

Number of new members (5-1-2019- 4-30-2022): 18;
5 life, 8 adult, 5 family

Current Memberships

Adult	42
Family	30
Student	0
Life	51
Museums, Libraries and Complimentary	64
Total Number of Memberships	187

We were fortunate that members continued to renew their memberships while the Society was closed. Several life members also gave donations during that time.

Sadly, several members died during this time. They are: Bob Bates, Meri Goyette, Norman Eliot Hall, Robert Mercer, Joyce Mohrmann, Davis Thurber, Paul Tringoson and Nancy Twaddell

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Herring