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2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Summer 2017

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 11:00am – 3:00pm

Saturday 10:00am – Noon
 June through October

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Sunday Walking Tours

Sunday, June 11 and July 16,
 1–3pm

Norwich's Historic Main Street

Sunday, August 13, 1–3pm

Waterman Cemetery

Sunday, September 17, 1–4pm

Lewiston: Norwich's Ghost Hamlet

Cost: \$5 (free for members)

House & Garden Tour

Saturday, June 24, 10am–4pm

Cost: \$25 (\$20 for members)

Norwich Antiques Show

Saturday, Sept. 9, 10am–3pm

Cost: \$5 (12 & under free)

See more at www.norwichhistory.org

BOARD COMINGS AND GOINGS

We thank Jane Korey for her hard work as President of the Board, and are grateful to retiring NHS trustee Elizabeth Nelson for her years of service on the board.

We welcome Jennifer Ankner-Edelstein and Courtney Dobyns to the Board.

LOOKING FORWARD AT NHS

As part of our strategic planning effort last fall, we surveyed Norwich residents to find out what you value most about the town. You told us you value the community's ability to ground you; to give you a sense of place; and to provide roots for your children. Our work is all about sustaining this wonderful sense of place that we all cherish. We established several goals to provide direction for our work:

- **Build a firm foundation** by strengthening our core resources in finance, collections, and facilities.
- **Improve access to our collections and programs** by digitizing our collections and putting exhibitions online.
- **Create meaningful and engaging experiences** by continuing to bring Norwich's history out to the community through walking tours, collaborative programs, and participatory workshops.



Judy Brown, out-going Director with Jane Korey, President, and Sarah Rooker, in-coming Director

As we look ahead, we are grateful to Judy Brown, our gracious and capable Director for the past five years, who has retired from NHS. She not only kept us afloat, but moved us forward over her tenure. She has been a wonderful colleague and we are sad to see her go. We wish her all the best in her new adventures.

Sarah Rooker has taken the reins as Director. She brings over 20 years of experience connecting communities to their heritage through her work in museum administration and history education. As custodians of the town's past,

the Norwich Historical Society looks forward to expanding its educational and archiving mission under her leadership.

Norwich Historical Society meets its operations budget through memberships, annual gifts, grants, fundraising events and this town appropriation. Thank you for the many ways you support your community's historical society and history. Please check out our web site or the list serve for the rich calendar of events offered in 2017.

HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR 2017 Saturday, June 24, 2017, 10am–4pm Explore Mid-Century Modern Norwich



This year's tour explores a lesser-known aspect of the town's history: the expansion of dwellings beyond the town center in the 1950's and 1960's. There was little new building in Norwich in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and as a result we have few examples of Victorian, Arts and Crafts, or Art Deco style buildings.

Between 1954 and 1974 low-slung homes of the style now known as Mid-Century Modern popped up on the hillside behind Bloody Brook. Growing out of styles pioneered by Frank Lloyd Wright and the Bauhaus school, these homes featured the abundant windows and open

interiors that were seen as promoting modern, post-war American life. This was not the first large-scale conversion of farmland to housing in Norwich nor was it to be the last, but it is distinctive for the infusion of modernism into an otherwise traditional setting.

Visitors may want to start at a modern aerie and Japanese garden in the Hawk Pine neighborhood (itself designed by Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired architect Robert Carl Williams) then proceed to two Mid-Century Modern dwellings, one designed by Allan Gelbin, an apprentice to Frank Lloyd Wright who lived in town in the 1970s.

13TH ANNUAL NORWICH ANTIQUES SHOW Saturday, September 9, 10am – 3pm



Are you looking for that perfect antique for your home? This wonderful show and sale attracts some of the region's finest dealers, showcasing fine country to formal antiques on the beautiful grounds of the Norwich Historical Society. As in the past, Bill Smith of William A. Smith Auctioneers & Appraisals has generously donated his tent for the show, and will offer an informal appraisal session in the barn. Come find out about your family treasure!



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January 1 – December 31, 2016

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The jail and hearse provide a spooky backdrop for Halloween

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Condensed Balance Sheets:

	9/30/16	9/30/15
Assets		
Cash & Equivalent	\$48,357.76	\$39,245.95
Property, Plant & Equipment	\$562,433.47	\$583,589.47
Restricted Gifts		
Total Assets	\$610,791.23	\$622,832.42
Liabilities & Equity		
Current Liabilities	\$2,277.54	\$5,410.06
Retained Earnings	\$540,904.93	\$545,667.49
Unrestricted Retained Earnings	\$72,354.87	\$83,562.39
Restricted Funds	\$7,872.68	
Net Income	\$(12,618.79)	\$(11,807.52)
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$610,791.23	\$622,832.42

Condensed Profit & Loss Statement for Years ending:

	9/30/16	9/30/15
Revenue		
Annual Campaign	\$19,341.97	\$13,193.40
Membership	\$11,330.00	\$10,430.00
Business Donors	\$6,700.00	
Town Appropriation	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00
Special Events	\$13,232.00	\$18,980.00
Grants		
Other	\$10,804.95	\$16,641.64
Total Revenue	\$69,408.92	\$63,245.04
Expenses		
Office Operations	\$42,410.58	\$39,143.58
Grounds and Maintenance	\$7,994.78	\$11,095.86
Depreciation	\$21,156.00	\$20,893.00
Other	\$10,466.35	\$7,233.12
Total Expenses	\$82,027.71	\$78,365.56

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This year we honored Gail Spencer Torkelson and Liz Julian Tuggle. Gail and Liz own Spencer Julian Antiques and bring their expertise to NHS every September for the



Norwich Antiques Show, which they founded and have hosted and coordinated for 12 years. They recruit the dealers, organize publicity, arrange for the tent and feed the dealers, all

while hosting their own booth. Over the years, this has become an important component of the Society's fundraising and proceeds directly support our education and preservation

work. We are grateful to the many volunteers who help at NHS with everything from hosting the House & Garden tour to working with schoolchildren.

HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR 2016



The Stetson House painted by Lynn Vannatta during the 2016 House & Garden Tour

Thank you to our generous Norwich homeowners for offering their beautiful homes and gardens for last year's

Art of the Garden tour:

Lisa Cashdan and Peter Stein
Janet and Steve Flanders
Susan and Dick Haedrich
Bill McLaughry
Jane and Bill Stetson

Special thanks to the painters of Odanaksis who brought their art to the gardens.

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