



# Norwich Historical Society

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Summer 2016

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Wednesday and Thursday  
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June through October

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Summer Sunday Walking Tours

May 22, 1–3pm  
Lewiston: Norwich's Ghost Hamlet

June 12 and August 7, 3–5pm  
Norwich's Historic Main Street

July 31, 3–5pm  
Historic Cemetery (TBA)  
Cost: \$5 (free for members)

### House & Garden Tour

Saturday, June 25, 10am–4pm  
Cost: \$25 (\$20 for members)

### Norwich Antiques Show

Saturday, Sept. 10, 10am–4pm  
Cost: \$5 (12 & under free)

See more at [www.norwichhistory.org](http://www.norwichhistory.org)

## BOARD COMINGS AND GOINGS

We are especially grateful to retiring NHS trustee Cathy McGee for her years of service on the board, most notably as the founder and chair of the House and Garden Tour.

We welcome Becky Cook and Karen Lubell to the Board.

The busy calendar of events at the Norwich Historical Society is motivated by the desire to make our town's rich heritage accessible to its residents, but it is shaped by the belief that learning history can be active and engaging. During last year's warm-weather months visitors explored town history through the sixth annual House and Garden Tour and through monthly walking tours: Main Street (June and July), Lewiston (May and September) and the Waterman Cemetery (August). September brought the annual Norwich Antiques Show under the tent at Lewis House. In October we hosted young ghosts and goblins at the spooky Lewis House barn, where they peeked into the old town hearse and clambered about in the old jail. In November and December a festively decorated Lewis House welcomed visitors to a Victorian Christmas, complete with a children's nursery and scale replica of the Norwich



The parlor at the Lewis House, decorated for a Victorian holiday complete with a gingerbread Norwich Inn

Inn in gingerbread. Between October and May NHS co-sponsored, with the Norwich Public Library, the stimulating First Wednesdays lectures. A winter workshop series entitled *Bringing History to Life* included workshops on writing memoir, researching the history of your house and preserving recipes and family artifacts. Look for all of these popular events to return, updated for 2016–17.

Throughout the year we welcome

visitors to view our changing exhibits—see Polly Forcier's collection of historically based decorative arts from late June through the summer—and to access our collections for local history research. We do this through the generosity of our community and business members and volunteers. Please check our web site or the list serve for other events and remember that admission to Lewis House itself is always free. Please visit us!

## HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR 2016

Saturday, June 25, 2016, 10am – 4pm

"The Art of the Garden" is the theme of the 2016 House and Garden Tour. Local plein air painters will set up their easels in the gardens of five beautiful Norwich homes, allowing visitors to see the gardens through the artists' eyes. This year's tour features a range of properties,

and shrubs, some commonplace, some highly unusual. Sweeping landscaping frames the house once occupied by Captain Kangaroo (Bob Keeshan). At noon visitors can take a break and return to Lewis House for a talk about art, artists and gardens by Dan Gottsegen, a Woodstock art-



from a grand old Federal-style with gardens designed by Norwich's Bill Noble to a jewel box of an attached "grandparents' house." At a country cape walkways wind through a complex of perennial and shade gardens. The gardens surrounding a compact energy-efficient house include hundreds of varieties perennials, trees

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## 12TH ANNUAL NORWICH ANTIQUES SHOW

Saturday, September 10, 10am – 4pm



Don't miss this wonderful show that attracts some of the region's finest antiques 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 marquee tent for the show, and will offer an informal appraisal session in the barn. Good food, educational booth "chats" throughout the day, raffle, rain or shine!



## ANNUAL FUND

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The Poets pose after reading their poems at the opening of the Poets and the Past exhibit

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A Summer Sunday Walking Tour explores Lewiston

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*delighted holiday visitors of all ages*

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*Sarah Rooker leads a workshop in Preserving Family Recipes*

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*Dedicated volunteers work to restore leather harnesses for the hearse*

*If there are errors or omissions to our lists, please accept our apology and let us know so that we can correct our records and acknowledge your support in the future.*

### Norwich Historical Society

Condensed Balance Sheets:

	9/30/15	9/30/14
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash & Equivalent	\$39,245.95	\$54,759.05
Property, Plant & Equipment	\$583,589.47	\$596,207.47
Restricted Gifts		\$3,409.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$622,832.42</b>	<b>\$654,375.52</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		
Current Liabilities	\$5,410.06	\$21,773.25
Retained Earnings	\$545,667.49	\$545,667.49
Unrestricted Retained Earnings	\$83,562.39	\$98,854.31
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$(11,807.52)</b>	<b>\$(11,919.53)</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$622,832.42</b>	<b>\$654,375.52</b>

Condensed Profit & Loss Statement for Years ending:

	9/30/15	9/30/14
<b>Revenue</b>		
Annual Campaign	\$13,193.40	\$18,215.38
Membership	\$10,430.00	\$7,725.00
Town Appropriation	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
Special Events	\$18,980.00	\$26,904.86
Grants		\$3,409.00
Other	\$16,641.64	\$3,008.05
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$63,245.04</b>	<b>\$67,262.29</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Office Operations	\$39,143.58	\$35,501.86
Grounds and Maintenance	\$11,095.86	\$12,614.80
Depreciation	\$20,893.00	\$20,617.00
Other	\$7,233.12	\$10,448.16
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$78,365.56</b>	<b>\$79,181.82</b>

### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This year we honored **Nancy Osgood**, whose decades of service include years as a board member and president and, most recently, as chief curator of the collections. Thank you Nancy!

We also recognize the consistent support of **Bill Aldrich**



and **Roger Blake**, without whose unassuming assistance we could not function. Finally, to all those volunteers who help with everything from the garden tour to school programs to writing articles for this publication, hats off! We couldn't do it without you.

### IN MEMORY OF NANCY BECK HOGGSON

The Norwich Historical Society wishes to thank all those who chose to remember the late Nancy Hoggson with memorials gifts shortly after her death in January. Nancy led the Norwich Historical Society for many years, first as consultant, then trustee, and for five years as President, and she was committed to many other worthy causes in the community. Her presence, spirit and good humor will be sorely missed.



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We wish to thank our generous Norwich homeowners for offering their beautiful home and gardens for last year's amazing Tour:

Karin Dwyer and Evan Pierce

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