

# Norwich Historical Society

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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#### LOOKING FORWARD AT NHS

In 2018 the Norwich Historical Society board of trustees continued discussions around facilities needs and strategic planning. We are grateful to Nick and Gail Sanders for finding us the funding to install exhibit lights on the first floor of the Lewis House.

A major accomplishment in 2018 was the creation of a disaster plan. After months of trainings and work, we now have not only a plan, but just about every artifact tagged, relocated, and prioritized for attention in case of a disaster. Many thanks to the NHS "Monday Morning Collections Crew" for their detailed attention to this project.

Thanks to a grant from the Norwich Women's Club, we were able to hire summer intern Kevin Hybels to digitize our collection of Norwich school photos and write what have become very popular online history posts. All the digitized photographs are now available on flickr.

We continue a thematic approach to exhibits and programs in 2019 with a focus on

Norwich's school history. School district maps and photographs tell the story of Norwich's many small schools and their consolidation to Marion Cross in the 1950s. Norwich University's history is also highlighted with photographs and archaeological fragments from

the green across the street that was once the school's parade ground.

2019 has also seen the launch of pop-up exhibits in town. We've been at the Grange, Memorial Day parade, Summer Revels, Beaver Meadow Schoolhouse, and the Prouty. Two exhibits on school history at the Library have engaged many library patrons, young and old. We're taking Norwich history out to Norwich!

Norwich Historical Society meets its operations budget through memberships, annual gifts, grants, fundraising events, and a town appropriation. Thank you for the many ways you support your community's historical society and history. Please check out our website or the listsery for the rich calendar of events offered in 2019.



A one-room schoolhouse was recreated for our focus on education in Norwich and may be visited during open hours through November.

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. New this year will be a "Doctor is In" tent where experts will be available to look at your

antiques and answer your questions about storage, repair, and care. Many thanks to Gail Torkelson and Liz Tuggle from Spencer-Julian Antiques for organizing the show. It is a very generous gift they give to NHS.



#### **FIFTEENTH ANNUAL**

## NORWICH ANTIQUES SHOW

### Saturday, September 14, 10am - 3pm

at the Norwich Historical Society Admission: \$5 (12 and under free) Great Food, Live Music and Raffle!

"The Doctor Is In:" Expert advice on care and repair of your heirlooms, 11am-1pm

Informal Appraisals by Andrew Katz, Windham Antiques Appraisal Service, 1-3pm Limit of 3 items

TO BENEFIT THE NORWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### **ANNUAL FUND**

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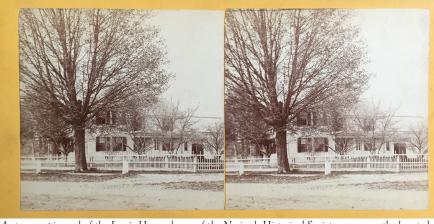
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A stereoscopic card of the Lewis House, home of the Noriwch Historical Society, was recently donated by Phil and Betsy Zea.

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It was standing room only for Marlene Heck's talk on Norwich architecture.

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The Historical Society is grateful to our sponsors who underwrite our programs and events.

#### Level 1: \$500+ Marvin Design Gallery

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#### Level 2: \$250

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#### Level 3: \$100

Norwich Bookstore

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Bushway Insurance
Crossroad Farmstand at Norwich
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HP Roofing
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#### In-kind:

Bennington Museum
GIS GPS Mapping
Historic New England
Killdeer Farm
Leahy Press
Longacre's Nursery
Main Street Kitchens
Norwich Bookstore
Shepard Butler Landscape Architects
Spencer-Julian Antiques
W.A. Smith Auctioneers



This 18th-century account ledger, donated by Rose Ladd Bender, reveals a thriving spirits business, mostly whisky. Below: Volunteers photographed and re-wrapped NHS's collection of quilts.



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Emma Lubell, 2018 summer research volunteer

#### **2019 EXHIBIT**

## Develop them into Noble Men and Women: Schooling in Norwich

Old photographs, stories, and a re-created schoolroom tell the stories of Norwich's district schools, female academies, and Marion Cross School.

## The Education of Citizen Soldiers: Norwich University

Norwich University celebrates its Bicentennial year in 2019. Learn about Captain Alden Partridge's vision for citizen soldiers, find out about the cadets and the "darties," and why Norwich University moved to Northfield after the Civil War.





#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Sunday, September 8

Mid-Century Modern Walking Tour; 3:00 pm

#### Saturday, September 14

Norwich Antiques Show, 10am-3pm

#### Sunday, September 15

Dine at the Norwich Inn and support NHS

#### Saturday, September 21

Norwich Lions Club Parade Schoolhouse Float

#### Saturday, September 28

Norwich University Bicentennial Celebration

Note: Our tours fill fast; reserve your space ahead of time by emailing: info@norwichhistory.org

#### NHS COMINGS AND GOINGS

We thank **Jane Kore**y for her hard work and dedication as president of the Board of Trustees, and welcome **Donald Bartlett** and **Carla Vincent** to the board.



We are pleased to welcome back NHS intern, **Kevin Hybels**, on-board for the summer of 2019, thanks to a grant from the Norwich Womens Club. Kevin made possible the digitization of street and school photos in our files, contributing to our exhibits.

#### **HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR 2018**

Thank you to our generous Norwich homeowners for offering their beautiful homes and gardens for 2018's House & Garden Tour. We look forward to another tour in 2020.

Henrike Frowein & Daniel Benjamin Rachael, Ciaran & Norah Geraghty Wendy Thompson Christine and Donald Bartlett Paula and Dorian Alexandrescu Lily and Omer Trajman Saint Barnabas Church



#### **COLLECTIONS HIGHLIGHTS 2018**

NHS is the grateful recipient of numerous donations to our collections, each considered for its unique value to our history and heritage. Once accepted, items are entered into our museum database and stored carefully for future research and exhibits.





Clockwise from left: Broadside, gift of Ohio History Connection; early woodworking tools, gift of Bill Aldrich; 1823 sampler gift of Corb Moister and Nancy Osgood.



#### **Norwich Historical Society**

Condensed Balance Sheets		
	9/30/18	9/30/17
Assets		
Cash & Equivalent	\$55,625.44	\$71,655.84
Property, Plant & Equipment	\$543,601.47	\$544,989.47
Total Assets	\$599,226.91	\$616,645.31
Liabilities & Equity		
Current Liabilities	\$727.00	\$175.00
Retained Earnings	\$544,306.80	\$520,845.65
Unrestricted Retained Earnings	\$57,727.70	\$61,171.08
Restricted Funds	\$14,470.81	\$27,931.96
Net Income	-\$18,005.40	\$6,521.62
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$599,226.91	\$616,645.31

#### Condensed Operating Profit & Loss Statement for Years ending

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	9/30/18	9/30/17
Revenue		
Annual Campaign	\$15,613.00	\$16,667.00
Membership	\$13,130.00	\$12,055.00
Business Donors	\$7,700.00	\$7,250.00
Town Appropriation	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Special Events	\$10,852.00	\$12,804.95
Grants		\$1,500.00
Other	\$4,467.06	\$4,155.98
Total Revenue	\$59,762.06	\$62,432.93
Expenses		
Office Operations	\$37,649.07	\$40,044.13
Buildings and Grounds	\$8,624.00	\$8,540.39
Depreciation	\$21,648.00	\$21,119.00
Other	\$6,645.24	\$8,507.07
Total Expenses	\$74.566.31	\$78.210.59