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President's Report



Welcome to this annual report issue. For someone in a nonprofit leadership job such as mine, it is a real pleasure to be able to report on the fantastic work of such a talented staff as ours. As you read this, I think you will share my admiration for their efforts and thanks for all they have accomplished over the past year. And we are always mindful that none of this would be possible without the generous support and interest of our members.

By the numbers…the Society served, in person, approximately 15,000 people over our last fiscal year, including library and exhibition visitors, attendees at our various programs and workshops, and kids attending our school programs. We served another 135,000 visitors to our website and online collections catalog, and over 38,000 users of our award-winning "Moose on the Loose" educational curriculum. Behind these numbers is the story and substance of what actually went on here last year.

The 2025 spring lecture series offered five talks about historic preservation projects and successes in New Hampshire, and member tours traveled to Philadelphia's Museum of the American Revolution, Winterthur, and Sanborn Mills Farm in Loudon. Other programming highlights include a variety of in-person and virtual talks throughout the year on topics such as maple sugaring in New Hampshire, the islands of southern Lake Winnipesaukee, and witches in New Hampshire.

Three new exhibitions were presented over the past year. *A Legacy of Landscapes: Selections from the Linda and P. Andrews McLane Collection, Parts 1 and 2*, showcased 109 White Mountain landscape paintings by more than 40 artists. The exhibition *If You Had to Choose: Patriots and Loyalists in Revolutionary New Hampshire* shared the stories of 11 people and the decisions they made to support Britain or America. And *Lafayette's Visit to New Hampshire* recalled the Marquis de Lafayette's remarkable life, his commitment to democracy in America, and his visit to New Hampshire in 1825.

The Society remains committed to the printed word and to *Historical New Hampshire*, our signature publication since 1944. The next issue will feature articles on Charles Eastman, a Santee Sioux with significant connections to New Hampshire, and President Dwight Eisenhower's 1955 visit to the Granite State.

Last year the Society continued our longstanding program of hosting school field trips. A rite of passage for thousands of New Hampshire fourth-graders is a field trip to the New Hampshire Historical Society, often combined with a State House visit.

At the core of the Society's mission is our collection, which provides the foundation for all that we do. Over the past year a wide range of additions to the collection came to us through gifts or by purchase using endowed funds, including several pieces of notable early New Hampshire-made furniture, period photographs of the Boston and Maine Railroad, and historic postcards. Letters from Franklin and Jane Pierce, Daniel Webster, and Meshech Weare, our state's first chief executive, as well as the letters of many less-famous individuals, joined the Society's archives. These examples are just a fraction of what was added to the collections last year. Some additions are more charismatic than others, but all help to further our record of major events—and daily life—in New Hampshire over its lifetime.

The Society has a stable financial foundation. Our strong endowment, the result of the generous philanthropy of our members over many generations, provides us with a good financial head start every year. Last fiscal year we again had a balanced budget, with revenues and expenses both totaling about $2 million.

In addition to the draw from the endowment, we depend on membership revenue and annual fund gifts given by our members to fund much of the work we do each year. Rounding out our revenue picture are grants for specific projects and "earned income" such as museum admissions and online store receipts. Maintaining our strong financial position is a top priority for our staff and me personally; without adequate financial resources a nonprofit is not able to fulfill its mission.

What's in store later in 2026:

- 603 History Hunt, American Revolution version
- Open house on the Fourth of July to commemorate the nation's 250th birthday
- *Witness to War: Treasures from the American Revolution*, a new exhibition that will showcase rare Revolutionary-era objects and documents from the Society's collection
- Member Tour to Bennington and Saratoga battlefields

Your New Hampshire Historical Society is a vibrant, thriving presence in New Hampshire and beyond. We are well positioned for the future, with an engaged and generous membership, a talented and hard-working staff, and a meaningful mission that provides a public good for the citizens of New Hampshire.



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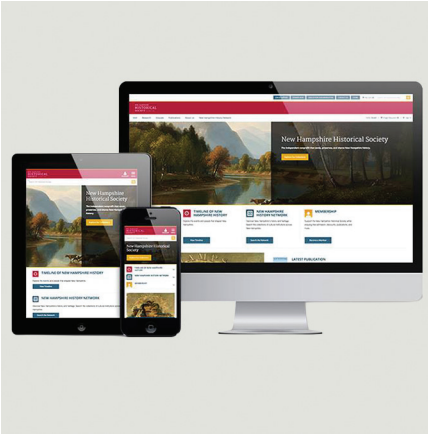
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Capital campaigns for nonprofit organizations such as the Society are a way to take leaps forward, above and beyond typical annual operations. When we recently reached the rare milestone of our 200th anniversary, the time was right to launch the Third Century Campaign to help sustain the progress we have made in recent decades and propel us into the future. The overall goal of the Third Century campaign is $5.75 million, and we have received gifts and pledges of almost $4.3 million to date.

The main focus areas are:

- A new climate control system at the Hamel Center, our collections management facility, to ensure the continued well-being of our nationally significant and irreplaceable collections. The current system is about 10 years beyond its projected useful life. Installing a new state of the art system to continue to take the best possible care of the collections is a top priority.
- Expansion of our award-winning educational initiative, “Moose on the Loose: Social Studies for Granite State Kids,” to benefit schools and students throughout the state. This will allow us to reach even more kids, educating them about our history, democratic system of government, geography, economic system, and the values and norms of civil society.
- Essential updates to our technology, which is the foundation of our website, digital collections catalog, virtual public programming, and “Moose on the Loose.” Technology is not static; it evolves and constantly changes. We must make significant investments in our IT systems and software to continue to operate at a high level.
- Repointing our iconic National Register-listed building on Park Street in Concord.
- Renovations at both of our buildings, creating new gallery and collections storage spaces (completed).
- Adding to the endowment.

Our membership is exceedingly generous every year through gifts to the annual fund, and for that, we thank you. This ongoing support allows us to balance our annual budget and fulfill our mission year-in, year-out. Gifts to a capital campaign are above and beyond annual fund gifts. These capital gifts made by previous generations of our members have gotten us to where we are today. For those so inclined, making such a gift to the current campaign—the Third Century Campaign—will enable the Society to continue on its trajectory of growth and innovation in the years ahead.

Third Century Campaign

The Society has launched the Third Century Campaign to raise philanthropic support for several important initiatives. Generous capital campaign gifts from the donors acknowledged below are helping to sustain the significant progress the Society has made over the past several decades and propel it into the future. To learn more about the campaign and how you can contribute, contact President Bill Dunlap at 603-856-0601 or bdunlap@nhhistory.org.

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Portrait of Marie Selinger Warren (1891–1978) by her uncle, Jean Paul Selinger (1850–1909), 1908. Jean Paul Selinger was a noted painter of landscapes and portraits. He and his wife, Emily (1848–1927), also an artist, summered in the White Mountains, first at the Glen House and later at the Crawford House. New Hampshire Historical Society, gift of the Eleanor Anne Marchak Trust.

Since the 2019 launch of "Moose on the Loose," the Society has trained over 800 educators from 77 school districts around New Hampshire. Participants in last summer's workshop, "New Hampshire and the American Revolution," spent two days learning about New Hampshire's contributions to American independence and how to integrate the primary sources, student readings, virtual field trips, and many other resources offered in the "Moose" into their classrooms.

Thanks to the generosity of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire, the workshop was offered free of charge. Teachers also received a stipend and continuing education credits.



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Glass beer bottle for the Portsmouth Brewing Company, 1904–17. The brewery was established on Bow Street in 1870 by Arthur Harris. New Hampshire Historical Society, gift of William W. Upton.

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Participants in the June 2025 member tour traveled to Philadelphia to see the Society's rare Revolutionary War flags on view at the Museum of the American Revolution. The flags were on loan to the museum for *Banners of Liberty*, an exhibition which brought together the largest collection of Revolutionary War flags since the Battle of Yorktown in 1781. While we were proud to share these treasures with a broader audience, we were happy to welcome them home. The flags are once again on view side-by-side in the grand staircase of the Park Street building, thanks to the assistance of a team from Milestone Construction, pictured here with Society staff.

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Lake Winnipesaukee from the road to Garnet Hill, circa 1910, New Hampshire Historical Society, gift of Robert P. Fuller.

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The Edward & Julia Tuck Society honors the legacy of Edward Tuck and his wife, Julia, and recognizes those who have included the New Hampshire Historical Society in their estate plans. The vision and generosity of Edward and Julia Tuck resulted in the creation of the Society's landmark Park Street building and the establishment of the endowment to help ensure the Society's long-term stability. Members of the Edward & Julia Tuck Society continue to serve that legacy, leaving their own mark on the Society's history. To discuss making a planned gift to the Society, please contact President Bill Dunlap at 603-856-0601 or bdunlap@nhhistory.org.



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Photograph of Edward Tuck (1842–1938) and his wife, Julia Stell Tuck (1850–1928), by Desgranges of Nice, France, April 1928. New Hampshire Historical Society, gift of Miriam Gardner Dunnan.

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Facing page: This painting, inscribed "A view of Captain David Pratt's residence in Hebron, New Hampshire, Mary E. Barrett, Miss Pratt's School," dates from the 1830s and is one of two watercolor paintings donated to the Society by the estate of John K. Gemmill. A former Society trustee and board chair, Gemmill was the longtime director of Camp Pasquaney on Newfound Lake in Hebron. New Hampshire Historical Society, gift of the Estate of John K. Gemmill.

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Roses in Bowl, painting by Adelaide Palmer (1851–1928), 1908. Born in Piermont, Adelaide Palmer worked as an artist in Concord and Manchester before studying at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston in the early 1880s. She divided her time between Boston and Piermont, working as an artist and teacher. This painting is one of several by Palmer that descended through her family and were recently professionally conserved, thanks to the generous support of Jo Ann Winn and Janet Winn Cheney, Palmer's great-grandnieces. New Hampshire Historical Society, gift of the Winn Family in memory of Adelaide Palmer.



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Kids who attended the Society's "Aspiring Artists" family program visited the exhibition *Legacy of Landscapes: Selections from the Linda and P. Andrews McLane Collection* to learn about White Mountain landscape art and created their own landscapes using felt shapes. Other family programs this past year had kids choosing whether to be a patriot or a loyalist in the American Revolution and playing on a room-sized map of the state to explore New Hampshire geography. The Society's free family programs are generously sponsored by Concord Pediatric Dentistry.

In 2025 the Society purchased *Beauty Spots in New Hampshire*, a book of photographs by Guy L. Shorey (1891–1961). Shorey was a renowned photographer and entrepreneur whose work documented the people and places of the White Mountain region in the first half of the 20th century. His Gorham studio sold prints, postcards, notepads, greeting cards, bookmarks, and photo souvenirs. This view of Carter Notch over the Dolly Copp Campground in the White Mountain National Forest was made with a panoramic camera. New Hampshire Historical Society.



2025 Fiscal Year Financial Report

Year ended September 30, 2025

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2025 Total	2024 Total
REVENUES				
Contributed support				
Contributions and memberships	$ 391,341	$ -	$ 391,341	$ 390,220
Grants, gifts, and fundraising	89,816	1,000,670	1,090,486	144,724
Contributed goods and services	42,844	-	42,844	53,108
Total contributed support	524,001	1,000,670	1,524,671	588,052
Earned revenues				
Earned income and special events	298,575	-	298,575	264,839
Rental income, net	158,084	-	158,084	149,951
Total earned revenues	456,659	-	456,659	414,790
Investment income				
Trust income (Kimball Trust, Watson Fund, and Hubbard Fund)	126,139	-	126,139	102,552
Other investment income	48,994	15,346	64,340	66,426
Total investment income	175,133	15,346	190,479	168,978
TOTAL REVENUES	1,155,793	1,016,016	2,171,809	1,171,820
Net assets released from restrictions				
Endowment support made available for operations	357,317	554,423	911,740	893,152
For satisfaction of program restrictions	209,131	(209,131)	-	-
For capital campaign	578,413	(578,413)	-	-
Release of current year endowment draw	554,423	(554,423)	-	-
Total net assets released from restrictions	1,699,284	(787,544)	911,740	893,152
EXPENSES				
Program service expenses				
Library and museum	958,770	-	958,770	962,209
Education, publications, and exhibitions	652,461	-	652,461	676,757
Museum store	2,824	-	2,824	5,581
Total program service expenses	1,614,055	-	1,614,055	1,644,547
Supporting services and general expenses				
Administration	440,209	-	440,209	440,926
Membership, development, and public relations	201,079	-	201,079	218,432
Buildings, grounds, and security	25,209	-	25,209	51,196
Total supporting services and general expenses	666,497	-	666,497	710,554
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,280,552	-	2,280,552	2,355,101
Increase in net assets from operating activities	574,525	228,472	802,997	(290,129)
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Revenues and other support				
Gifts and fundraising	254,533	29,850	284,383	153,995
Total revenues and other support	254,533	29,850	284,383	153,995
Investment return				
Realized and unrealized investment gains	1,161,589	1,287,774	2,449,363	3,411,739
Investment expenses	(68,853)	(32,767)	(101,620)	(93,987)
Investment income	360,001	160,276	520,277	516,737
Change in present value of charitable remainder unitrust	-	(13,888)	(13,888)	(24,890)
Change in value of beneficial interest in a trust	-	(19,996)	(19,996)	218,168
Total investment return	1,452,737	1,381,399	2,834,136	4,027,767
Endowment draw for operations	(357,317)	(554,423)	(911,740)	(893,152)
Total non-operating changes	1,349,953	856,826	2,206,779	3,288,610
Increase in net assets	1,924,478	1,085,298	3,009,776	2,998,481
Net assets, beginning of year	16,742,953	11,475,854	28,218,807	25,220,326
Net assets, end of year	**$ 18,667,431**	**$ 12,561,152**	**$ 31,228,583**	**$ 28,218,807**