



Jamestown Historical Society

HERITAGE

Spring 2022

To collect, preserve, and share with others the heritage of Jamestown, Rhode Island.

New Endeavors

Golf Club Exhibit

The second floor of the new golf course building houses two rooms — one large multi-use room with a gorgeous view west across the golf course and a smaller meeting room looking east. Both rooms and the hall between are now decorated with historic photographs selected from the JHS collection by Rosemary Enright.

The photos show fifty years of Jamestown sporting events and venues. The earliest photograph (below) from 1896 shows golfers relaxing after playing a round of golf at the long defunct Conanicut Golf Club at Walcott Avenue and

Blueberry Lane. Other photos show people swimming, boating, fishing, horseback and bicycle riding, playing tennis and croquet, and simply enjoying summer in Jamestown.

The exhibit was mounted with the help of a legislative grant sponsored by State Representative Deborah Ruggiero.

Rose Garden

Late last year, the historical society received a \$15,000 grant from the Vivian J. Palmieri Charitable Trust to create and support gardens containing roses at any of the sites that are open to the public. Planning for use of the funds has begun under the guidance of Judy Knight.

An initial analysis determined that the area around the museum did not get enough sun, so attention has focused on Windmill Hill. One of the earliest decisions was to use the grant to tie together the windmill and the meetinghouse by planting the same flowers in similar configurations at the two sites.

Selection criteria for the plants are still under discussion. Maintenance, deer resistance, and drought tolerance are three major concerns. Local species are desired.

Although low maintenance is desirable, some of the grant will be put aside for long-term professional care.



Golfers at Bleeker House on Walcott Avenue, 1896

Summer/Fall 2022 Program Calendar

Saturday, May 21

Battery Day

11 AM

Conanicut Battery Historic Park, Battery Lane
Public parking at Mackerel Cove with free shuttle to the park.

Thursday, May 26

Video: Stories in Stone

6:30 PM

Jamestown Philomenian Library
26 North Rd

Showing of the video of last October's Cemetery Tour *Stories in Stone*.

*Friday and Sunday
June 10 and June 12*

Museum and Windmill Docent Orientation

Museum: June 10 at 11 AM and June 12 at 1 PM

Windmill: June 10 at 1 PM and June 12 at 11 AM

Learn about the exhibit and new opening/closing procedures.

Friday, June 17

Exhibit Opening Reception

5 to 7 PM

Join other JHS members for the opening reception of this year's museum exhibit "The Jamestown Museum at Fifty: A Retrospective."

Saturday, June 18

Quaker Meetinghouse Open House

1 to 4 PM

North Road and Weeden Lane
Explanatory tours of the Quaker Meetinghouse.

Saturday, June 18

Opening Day for the Museum and Windmill

1 to 4 PM

Self-guided tours.

Friday, July 22

Annual Members Gala and Fundraiser

5 to 7 PM

Jamestown Windmill
278 North Road

Join other members of the society for a fund-raiser and cocktail party.

Tickets: \$50

Saturday, July 23

Windmill Day

10 AM to 2:30 PM

Jamestown Windmill
278 North Road

Fun for all. Sails turn in the wind. Children's games. Music. Food and soft drinks.

Tuesday, August 9

Annual Meeting

7 PM

Golf Course Meeting Room

Annual report of society.

Election of officers and directors for 2022-2023.

Guest speakers: Bob & Lynda Sutton, Jamestown Community Farm.

Saturday, September 17

House Tour

10 to 2 PM

Watch for detailed information in August.

Saturday, September 24

Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day

11 AM - 4 PM

Museum, meetinghouse, and windmill open longer hours to support RI Historic Sites Coalition participation in National Museum Day.

Monday, October 10

Jamestown Museum and Windmill Close

Last day to visit the museum or windmill.

From Your President

Dear Friends,

It's been an exciting and productive winter. Seven presentations and videos about widely different aspects of Jamestown history were shown during our winter webinar series. An exhibit of historic sports photographs - many of them over 100 years old - has been mounted in the second floor of the new golf course building. Landscaping of the Quaker meetinghouse grounds is ongoing, and Peter Fay, a recently elected member of

Summer Hours

Jamestown Museum

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays
1 to 4 PM

Saturday, June 18 through Monday, October 10

Museum exhibit:
"The Jamestown Museum at Fifty:
A Retrospective"

Windmill

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays
1 to 4 PM

Saturday, June 18 through Monday, October 10
[weather permitting]

Quaker Meetinghouse

Historic Tours
Saturday, June 18
1 to 4 PM

Services of Religious Society of Friends
Sunday, May 1 through Sunday, October 23
9:30 AM

Conanicut Battery

Dawn to Dusk
Every Day All Year

Vault

Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 AM to 12 PM
Every week
(visitors by arrangement only)

Visits to any JHS site may be arranged at any time by emailing your request to info@jamestownhistoricalsociety.org.

the Board, has joined Rosemary Enright and Sue Maden to continue to produce interesting monthly articles for *The Jamestown Press*.

Summer is shaping up to be even more exciting. We have some fun in-person activities planned, as you can see from the calendar on the opposite page. You will learn more about these events on the following pages.

However, our mission at the historical society is not to have celebrations and parties, even though we enjoy them very much. Our mission is to preserve and share the history of Jamestown. We collect objects, photographs, and archives and share information about them through a database that can be searched from our website.

The pandemic put us way behind with cataloging our collection. We have lost "vaultarians" who have moved away or suffered health upsets that keep them out of the vault. *We need more vault volunteers.*

I promise you it is the most wonderful job. The vault is open two mornings a week. Some volunteers come one day, some both. Collections chair Dianne Rugh will help you find a task you enjoy and guide you through it.

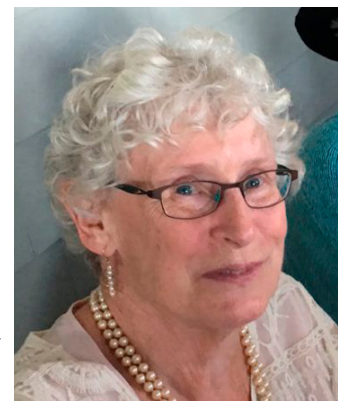
Join us and before you know it you will be remembering the details of all sorts of things from the past. Not long ago Peter Janaros, Project Manager during the building of the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge, donated his records of the bridge. I had forgotten just how many problems had beset that project.

To volunteer, drop by the vault in the basement of Town Hall on Tuesday or Thursday morning or send an email to info@jamestownhistoricalsociety.org.

Reminder: Our dues year is July 1 to June 30. You'll be getting a formal reminder closer to the date. Renew early using the renewal form on page 11 or renew [online](#) or at one of our summer events.

But please renew. Our activities depend on you.

Gabe Highstein



Exhibits

The most significant exhibit mounted this winter was the display of sports photographs from the Jamestown Historical Society collection in the new golf course building (see page 1). The photographs are now a permanent part of the building's decor.

The Jamestown Museum at Fifty: A Retrospective

The museum exhibit this summer celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Jamestown museum.

The building that houses the museum was built on Southwest Avenue as a primary school in 1885. Only 13 years later, a larger building to house all elementary and middle school grades opened on Clarke Street. The small primary school building was moved to the Artillery Grounds/cemetery lot across from Town Hall to serve as the town library.

In November 1971, at the time the current Jamestown Philomenian Library was built on North Road, the Town Council agreed to rent the old building to the Jamestown Historical Society. The historical society had been looking for a facility to use as a museum almost since its founding in 1912.

The members renovated and reorganized the interior in time for the first exhibit in 1973. The Ferry Room was established that first year and has been a permanent part of the museum ever



Photograph by Barbara Simon

Sewing tools displayed in the 1973 exhibit Needlework. At left, a sewing kit with pin cushion and spindles for spools of thread. At right, a sewing box.

since although it has been moved and updated from time to time.

Forty-three unique exhibits, some of them running for two summers, have been mounted in the museum over the years. Sue Maden, the Exhibit Committee chair, organized the exhibit around eight themes: *Transportation, Farming, Architecture, The Arts, Serving Our Town, Serving Our Country, How We Lived, and Special Events*. Rosemary Enright, the exhibit curator, choose one exhibit for each theme to reprise.

Photographs, art, and objects from the chosen exhibits will be on display.

Library Exhibits

Each month, the Exhibit Committee mounts an exhibit in the JHS display case in the library foyer. The exhibits over the last six months were:

- November: "Boxes and What They Hold," which featured small boxes, such as the silver stamp box that belonged to Dr. Bates.
- December: "Fire Engine and Equipment" with model fire equipment borrowed from the Valmont "Bucky" Caswell Museum of the Jamestown Fire Department.
- January: "When Candles Lit the Way," which included a form for making candles and a bull's eye lantern that held a candle.
- February: "Signs and Plaques." Small signs from the ferries, bridges, and forts. The JHS collection has many larger signs, most of which hang in the basement of Town Hall.
- March: "Baseball Caps" advertising a number of Jamestown concerns.
- April: "You Are Invited." Invitations to everything from the opening of the Jamestown Bridge to the JHS 100th anniversary gala.

The May exhibit showcases the recently received Shatzer collection.

School Exhibit

The exhibit in the Lawn Avenue School for the spring semester is on the importance of farming to Jamestown from before colonization to the present day.

About 25 percent of Conanicut Island is protected from development, but only a portion of that is currently productive farmland.

At the Quaker Meetinghouse



Meetinghouse before removal of diseased hemlocks.

Removal of the diseased hemlocks along North Road at the meetinghouse has been planned for several years. This spring it was decided that waiting any longer was not possible.



Photographs by Marcia Lindsay

Meetinghouse after removal of hemlocks.

Atlantic Landscaping was retained to cut the trees and grind the stumps. New landscaping will highlight rather than hide the vernacular architecture of the 1786 Quaker Meetinghouse.

Members of the Conanicut Friends Meeting do much of the maintenance of the 1786 Quaker Meetinghouse and its grounds. In early April they met for spring clean up of the meetinghouse and gardens.



Photo courtesy of Robin Garb

Left to right, Judy Mandel of Wickford, Marcie Lindsay of Jamestown, Christian Verrier of West Kingston, Sally and Sam Brown of Green Hill, John Drotos of Newport, Mary Forman of Jamestown, and Linda Garb of North Kingstown.

At the Windmill

The new windshaft is in place and the sails will be back up soon! We will celebrate both by putting cloths on the sails and watching them turn in the wind on Windmill Day (see page 7).

We'll also be celebrating the installation of Roger Marshall's model of the windmill. Marshall has been working on the model, which replicates the mill at 1/4 inch to the foot, for several years. Judy Knight made the cloths for the sails, and Ted Baldwin and Fred Brown did the work of getting it in place.

This summer as part of the Jamestown Art Center biennial exhibition "Outdoor Artwork 2022," the JHS is hosting the artwork "Poppies" by Eileen Travis. "Poppies" is crochet work on plastic netting and is roughly 20 feet wide by 40 feet long. In mid-June, before the mill opens to the public on June 18, it will be laid on the windmill lawn along the back wall.



Roger Marshall's model of the windmill added to the permanent display at the mill this summer.

Winter Webinars

More than 360 people attended the webinar series that ran from January to March on alternate Tuesday evenings. The topics were varied and all were very interesting.

- “Sex & Punishment in Jamestown: Illegitimacy, Whippings, and Prostitution” with JHS Board member Peter Fay.
- “Ice Harvesting in New England” with Jane Hennedy, the Historic New England Site Manager for southern New England.



Currier & Ives print "Winter in the Country: Cutting Ice" used in Jane Hennedy's webinar "Ice Harvesting in New England"

- “A Furious Sky: The Five-Hundred-Year History of America’s Hurricanes” with author Eric Dolin.
- “War on Conanicut: The King Philip War and the Making of Jamestown” with JHS Board member Peter Fay.
- *We Took the Ferry*, a reprise of the 2014 video about the teens who took the ferry to high school in Newport before the Newport-Pell Bridge opened in 1969.
- *Stories in Stone*, a video of the JHS 2021 tour of Cedar Cemetery and the adjacent Quaker and Hazard family graveyards.
- “Wampum, Then and Now: The Saga of the Shell Across the Centuries” with JHS Board member Peter Fay and Allen Hazard, a Narragansett wampum craftsman.

The talks by Fay and Hennedy were recorded and will be available through the JHS website when technical issues are resolved.

Upcoming Events

Battery Day, May 21

The JHS summer activities begin with Battery Day on Saturday, May 21, at Jamestown’s Conanicut Battery Historic Park off Battery Lane on Beavertail. The day celebrates the small earthwork fortification that the colonial government built by 1776 to guard against British invasion up the West Passage.

The 2nd Rhode Island Continental Regiment, Kingston Reds, Newport Artillery, and English 54th Regiment of Foot will demonstrate Revolutionary War tactics. British, French, and American flags will be raised to acknowledge the roles these countries played in the building and defense of the 1776 earthworks.

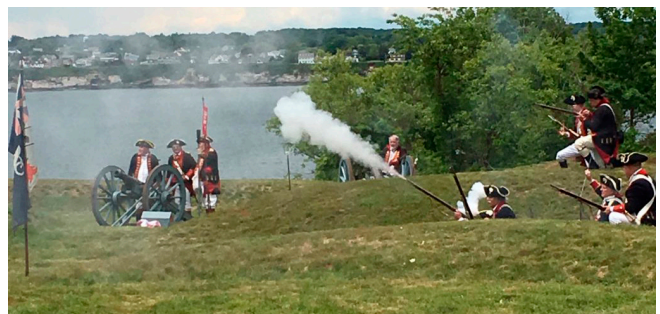
The Jamestown Community Band will provide rousing music. Refreshments will be served. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket if you’d like and relax in the park field.

Battery Day ceremonies begin at 11 AM. But come early. Only participants and those with a disability placard will be allowed to park in the lot at Battery Park or on Battery Lane. Public parking will be at Mackerel Cove; a free shuttle will bring you to the park entrance. The battery proper is about 300 feet from the entrance.

The event is free. Donations are welcome.

If you would like to immerse yourself in the Revolutionary War era, on the previous Saturday, May 14, the Chamber of Commerce is celebrating George Washington’s only visit to Conanicut Island. On March 6, 1881, General Washington, his aides and escorts were ferried to Jamestown from Saunterstown and rode across the island to be taken to Newport on a French barge.

A parade emulating Washington’s ride from West Ferry to East Ferry will begin at 11 AM. A craft fair and festivities at East Ferry will follow.



The last Battery Day celebration was in 2019.

Upcoming Events (continued)

Video of *Stories in Stone*, May 26

Last October 2, during the *Stories in Stone* cemetery tour, re-enactors told the stories of eight Jamestown residents. Attendance was limited, so only 90 people were able to visit the graves in Cedar Cemetery and the adjacent Hazard family and Quaker burial grounds. The tour was amazingly successful and many who could not attend expressed their disappointment.

A one-hour video of the day's activities will be shown at the Jamestown Philomenian Library on May 26 at 6:30 PM. The video was shown on our webinar on March 15 to outstanding reviews. At this showing, co-sponsored with the library, some of the creative people who put this project together will be on hand to answer questions.

Registration on the Jamestown Library website is required due to limited capacity. Refreshments will be served. Donations are welcome.

Museum Opening Reception, June 17

The 2022 museum exhibit, *The Jamestown Museum at Fifty: A Retrospective*, opens to the public on Saturday, June 18. Members are invited to a preview showing and reception on the previous Friday, June 17, from 5 to 7 PM.

Celebrate 50 years of JHS museum exhibits with wine and appetizers. Greet old friends after a long, isolated winter.

This is also the perfect time to renew your membership.

JHS Gala at the Windmill, July 22

The annual JHS gala and fundraiser will be held at the Jamestown Windmill on Friday, July 22, from 5 to 7 PM. Enjoy summer breezes and beautiful views of the Newport Pell Bridge while sipping wine, nibbling on yummy appetizers, and socializing with friends old and new.

This is the first evening event we've had at the windmill since lighting was installed in 2015.

Parking will be in the Dutra field off Weeden Lane next door. Entry will be over the stile across the stone wall, so casual dress is encouraged. Parking for those with disability placards will be set aside on the windmill property.

Members will receive an invitation in late June with more details and instructions for making reservations. Tickets are \$50.

Windmill Day, July 23

The first Windmill Day since 2018, will be celebrated on Saturday, July 23 from 11 AM to 2 PM.

It's a day of family fun. Both the 1787 windmill and the nearby 1786 Friends Meetinghouse will be open for tours. The "To Be Continued Band" will play their signature mix of bluegrass, country, and folk. Old fashioned children's games and crafts such as quoits, corn hole, ball-in-cup, stilts, and pinwheel-making are planned. Cornbread, windmill cookies, and lemonade will be provided or pizza and gelato can be purchased from the A-Mano Food Truck.

Some tables and chairs will be available or bring a picnic blanket.

Parking will be in the Dutra field, which is entered off Weeden Lane. There will be signs and volunteers to direct the parking. A stile crosses the stone wall between the parking area and the windmill. Parking in the Windmill field is reserved for those with a disability placard.

JHS House Tour, September 17

After a two year hiatus, the house tours are back! Several Jamestown residents have offered to open their historic homes to visitors on Saturday, September 17 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Tickets for the tour are \$20. Look for more details in August.



The "To Be Continued Band" will play on Windmill Day.

Collections

Two large family collections were donated this spring.

Members of the extended Caswell family — Dorothy Richardson Blythe, Edith Boone Waddicar, Donald Richardson, Ken Caswell, and Donna Richardson Peckham — together and individually donated objects and photographs that members of the family had collected in the 120 years since John Robert Caswell and his wife Isabella came to Jamestown. Donna Richardson Peckham, who has been working on the family genealogy, spurred the family to come forward with the treasure trove of Jamestown memorabilia.

The story of John Robert Caswell, the founding member of the Jamestown family, was told in the April history column in *The Jamestown Press*.

Harry Shatzer Sr. came to Jamestown on a seasonal basis as early as 1906. He later owned a livery stable and garage. His wife Lulu ran Lulu's Kitchen on Narragansett Avenue. Their granddaughter Ginny Shatzer Taylor, prompted by questions from Dianne Rugh and Sue Maden, sent the society objects reflective of the lives of both her grandparents.

The Shatzer collection was featured in the April "From the Collection" and is on display in the exhibit case in the Jamestown Philomenian Library for May.

These and the other donations listed on the next page, as well as archives and objects gathered by Collection Committee members, all need to be researched, cataloged, and carefully stored. The tasks are addressed every Tuesday and Thursday morning by the vault volunteers who work in a room next to the JHS vault in the basement of Town Hall.

More "vaultarians" are desperately needed. If you can spare three hours a week to help, the current volunteers would welcome you gladly. Come by during vault hours or send an email to info@jamestownhistoricalsociety.org. All vault volunteers must be vaccinated; however to be on the safe side, masks are still required.

Even if you cannot come to the vault, you can help to improve our collection. When you look at a record on the website and see an error or know something that could be added to the information there, please send an email to info@jamestownhistoricalsociety.org.

Some Things We Learned From You

Valerie Southern is a Navy child who grew up in Jamestown. She is an expert in the planning, management, engineering, and design of public transportation systems. Southern devotes her spare time to researching Jamestown's Black community in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. She is intent on promoting recognition of the community's contributions to Jamestown development and ensuring their place in Jamestown history.

In pursuit of information about voting by members of the Black community, Southern uncovered the list of eligible voters for several years, including 1885, in the Town Clerk's office. The Town Hall was built in 1884 and this would have been one of the first voters' lists reviewed there.

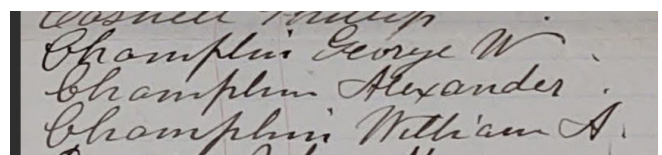
The 1842 Rhode Island Constitution then in effect established several ways for a male citizen over 21 to become a voter. (Women could not vote.) All involved taxation. The 95 men on the 1885 voting list are listed in three groups according to the method used.

The largest group includes 58 men who "really and truly possessed in his own right of real estate . . . of the value of one hundred and thirty four dollars" or paid at least \$7 a year in

rent. (The \$134 would be about \$4,000 today.) The Black Champlin men — Alexander, George, and William — who owned the farm that later became an extension of Cedar Cemetery are in this group on the 1885 voters list.

The second group lists 24 men who had been assessed at least \$1 in taxes during the year. Payment is marked with a plus or minus sign after the name. Interestingly 21-year-old Adolphus C. Knowles, who later built the Bay View Hotel, is the only name with a minus. He had evidently not paid his taxes and thus lost his right to vote.

The third group comprises 13 men who did not fall into either other group, but who had registered at Town Hall and voluntarily paid the sum of \$1 — about \$32 in modern terms — "for the support of public schools" in Jamestown. All had paid the assessment, as indicated by a plus sign after each name.



George, Alexander, and William Champlin on the 1885 voters list.

Additions to the Collection: *October 1, 2021-April 30, 2022*

Donations

Rita Antine: copy of "The Peacemakers," 1868 painting by George P.A. Healy.

Dorothy Richardson Blythe: helmet worn by Alfred Richardson in the American Legion band.

Dorothy Richardson Blythe and Edith Boone Waddicar: two St. Matthew's note cards; Richardson Family information; US flag and RI flag that flew on *Governor Carr*; copy of letter Harriet Richardson Inken to Dorothy Richardson Blythe; copies of newspaper clippings 1917-1925.

Elliott Browne: *The Stone Arithmetic*, 1929. Public Schools Carr School on front book wrapper.

Ken Caswell: Fire Department Memorial Museum cap.

Archie Clarke: photo album.

William Dutton: *Standard Times* article with photo of first Jamestown Junior Women's Club Softball Team.

Rosemary Enright: "The Fool's Rules Regatta was a Mad Armada," *Standard Times*, August 19, 1982; Phohoqualine Fish Association, article with information on John Price Wetherill; two photos of Wetherill & Brother business.

Jane Hennedy: Summary Report on Archival Research on the Thomas Carr Watson Farm Jamestown, RI, 1992.

Lynn and David Lawson: photo of etchings of Cajacet and Carr House from 1882 book.

Sue Maden: Curiosity & Co. coaster; *City Guide 2022* (Newport), *Jamestown Locals We Love*, which includes article about Bill Piva Jr and "My Jamestown" by Sue Maden.

Barbara Magruder: Humane Society of Jamestown Pet Calendar, 2022.

Frank and Jill Meyer: photos on disc of Quononoquott Garden Club's "Fall into Jamestown Garden Tour," 2005.

John Murphy: complete run of 02835 newspapers.

Donna Richardson Peckham: photo of Carl Richardson, Ida Peckham, Aaron Richardson, Alfred Richardson, Bertha Bragger, Mable Broderich to scan and return; photos of George Washington Peckham Jr., John B. Foley, John Robert Caswell, Alfred Richardson and Bartram Shee-

han, 1930; Caswell siblings; John E. Watson Grocery Store; John Robert Caswell with Valmont, Betty Lou, and David Caswell; photocopies of Aaron Richardson census records, ancestry entries, and Jamestown Directory 1912; Donna's handwritten notes of Richardson genealogy.

Candy Powell: Jamestown related newspaper clippings.

Donald Richardson: photos of Goat Island and Howland Avenue; photo of last bolt on old Jamestown Bridge.

Nick Robertson: Aaron Richardson's Garage journal.

Ginny Shatzer Taylor: copy of Harry Shatzer's RI driver's license; copy of invitation to Harry and Lulu Shatzer's wedding, 1907 in Baltimore; copy of photos: wedding photo of Elinor and Harry Shatzer Jr., Harry Shatzer, Harry and Lulu Shatzer, Harry and Lulu Shatzer and Harry Jr., Lulu Shatzer in nurse's uniform; copy of newspaper article about Harry Shatzer Jr.; copy of business card for Lulu's Kitchen on Narragansett Avenue; Lulu Shatzer's Fanny Farmer Cookbook; Lulu Shatzer's waffle recipe written on her stationery; box of Lulu Shatzer's cake decorating tips; Lulu Shatzer's Composition Book containing her recipes.

Paul Vieira: Town of Jamestown Proclamation honoring David Vieira, May 17, 1985.

Edith Boone Waddicar: Bay View Hotel, aerial view 2 ferries at East Ferry, 4 photos of *Jamestown*, aerial view of East Ferry, *Narragansett* and *Conanicut* at East Ferry, Shatzer Jr. in engine room, 2 photos East Ferry dock after crash, US Navy vessel YFB116 3, 2 photos of *Governor Carr*, 2 photos of *Mohegan*, *Governor Carr* docked in Providence 1960, 2 photos of West Ferry after 1975, Captain Clay Evans, John Brazil engineer, *Hammonton's* Pilothouse.

Harry Wright: Meetinghouse History, ca. 1650-1997; *What is Quakerism*; "Conanicut Friends Meetinghouse, Conanicut Island Jamestown" from Driemeyer's *Early Architecture of Narragansett Basin*; "Old Conanicut Meeting" from *Friends Intelligencer*.

Acquisitions

1922 postcard of the Lukens house, which was in the Dumplings.



Etching of Cajacet, 1882



Etching of the Samuel Carr House, 1882

Outreach

The JHS website at jamestownhistoricalsociety.org continues to be the society's primary public outreach. From the website, you can reach the catalog of the JHS collection, read about upcoming events, learn about past events, and join or renew your membership. Stephanie Amerigian keeps the site up-to-date with society news.

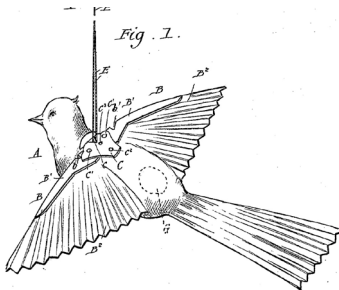
The society's reach on social media is increasing. Betsy Baldwin regularly posts JHS news to the Jamestown, RI Facebook page. Carol Nelson-Lee has taken on the task of boosting traffic on JHS's own Facebook and Instagram accounts.

The monthly "From the Collection" continues to be the most popular email sent to members. If you have missed any, they can all be found on the JHS website under the "[News and Events](#)" tab. If you are not receiving them, be sure that the society has your correct email address AND that messages from info@jamestownhistoricalsociety.org are allowed through your spam filter.

Since 2012, Sue Maden and Rosemary Enright have been writing monthly columns about Jamestown history for *The Jamestown Press* — 123 columns over the 10-year period. The duo is now a trio. In November, Peter Fay took his place in the rotation with his column "Jamestown Inher-

ited Two Thanksgiving Traditions." Fay will be writing four columns a year.

Mechanical toy patented by African-American inventor Abraham Pugsley featured in Fay's February column.



Volunteers Needed!

Thank you for responding so quickly to the call for docents at the windmill and museum this summer. The lists filled up immediately and some members were disappointed not to be assigned a day. We still need help with the summer events.

Battery Day, May 21

- Parking attendants
- Refreshment servers
- Set up crew for small tents, chairs
- Clean up crew

JHS Gala/Fundraiser, July 22

- Parking attendants
- Check-in supervisor
- Set up crew/Clean up crew
- Catering tent manager

Windmill Day, July 23

- Bakers (we'll give you a cornbread mix to make into mini cornbread muffins for the event)
- Set up crew
- Parking attendants
- Helpers to get people over the stile
- Supervisors for the games, crafts, and JHS info and donations tables
- Tour guides
- Clean up crew

House Tours, September 17

- Docents for homes
- Registration desks at each home
- Parking attendants

If you are interested in volunteering, send an email to info@jamestownhistoricalsociety.org or talk to one of the board members listed below.

Jamestown Historical Society Board

Officers 2021-2022

President	Gabrielle Highstein	<i>Outreach</i>
Vice President	Betsy Baldwin	<i>Programs</i>
Secretary	Delia Klingbeil	<i>Collections Liaison</i>
Treasurer	Rosemary Enright	<i>Maintenance</i>

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Elizabeth Di Censo	<i>Collections</i>

Directors to 2023

Fred Brown	<i>Buildings & Grounds</i>
Judy Knight	<i>Volunteers</i>
Marcia Lindsay	<i>Meetinghouse</i>
Larry McDonald	<i>Conanicut Battery</i>
Debby Swistak	<i>Memories</i>

Directors to 2024

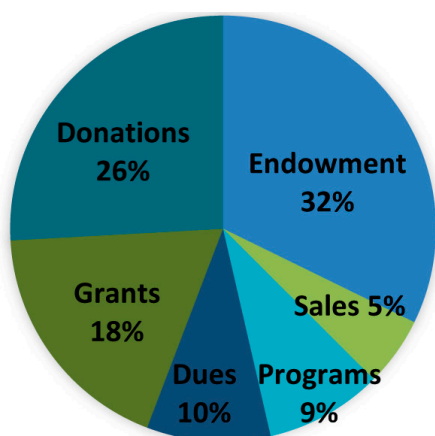
Peter Fay	<i>Research</i>
Sue Maden	<i>Exhibits</i>
Leo Orsi	<i>Finance</i>
Dianne Rugh	<i>Collections</i>

Treasurer

Operating Budget

Jamestown Historical Society operating income for 2021 was \$87,695. An additional \$7,500 was received for deposit in the endowment. The chart below shows the sources of this income. Distribution from endowments was the largest source. Donations, which often accompanied annual dues, were also significant. Much of the grant money received was for a project that could not be completed in the current year and will carry over to 2022.

Expenses for the year were \$75,157. The largest expenditure was for site maintenance. The repair of the windmill accounted for approximately 60 percent of the site maintenance budget.

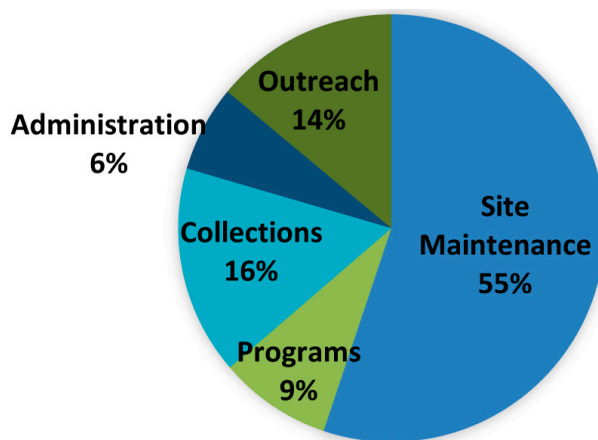


2021 Operating Income

Endowments and Investments

The difference between investments and endowments is that the society does not have access to or control of the principal in the endowments. An annual distribution based on the total value of the endowment over a five-year period is calculated by the foundation holding the funds; 64 percent of JHS endowment income has a designated use.

Due to the bull market, the value of our endowments and investments increased dramatically in the past year, to \$1,405,000 and \$493,100 respectively. Because we did not need to access our investments to support current activity, all dividends and capital gains were reinvested.



2021 Expenses

RENEW TODAY

Name: _____

Primary Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Seasonal Only ☐ from _____ to _____

Alternate Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE: Annual: Student (\$15) _____ Life: Patron (\$500) _____ Donation: \$ _____
 Individual (\$25) _____ 1657 Society (\$1,000) _____
 Family (\$40) _____

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Volunteer Interests

- ☐ Work with Collection
- ☐ Volunteer and Member Solicitation
- ☐ Program Support (e.g., event parking)
- ☐ Museum Docent
- ☐ Windmill Docent
- ☐ Spring Cleanup at Battery and/or others sites
- ☐ Committee/Board Member

Committee:_____

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