

Manchester Historic Association

2015 Annual Report





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FROM THE PRESIDENT



What a great year it has been! We continue to move forward and have brought the organization to a new level. We could not be more proud to have John Clayton as our new Executive Director. John's experience, illustrious career and passion for history make us feel that John is truly a perfect fit for the Manchester Historic Association. In his first year, John has already raised the profile of the organization and helped to make the Millyard Museum the spotlight destination it should be.

We have come so far in the past year but we still have quite a ways to go. We had our most successful Preservation Awards, raising more than we ever have before and look to top that this year. The Museum saw the opening of our Manchester Wall of Fame and a very special Primary Exhibit. John's strength in the media field has brought us attention from around the globe as he continues to put a face to the organization and build our presence in our community. The exposure that we have had has been tremendous, from radio and television spots, community affairs, speeches and talks as well as being an emcee at several events. The staff is a machine that is well oiled and understands the balance of putting forth our great product while realizing our specific outreach needs.

Our need to drive development growth continues to be our foremost concern. The development committee's plate is full of agenda items that include our annual appeal, fundraising events, corporate programs, grants and membership cultivation. We continue to strive to operate with as little reliance as possible on our endowments. We must ensure that our history is preserved for those who come after us. Each and every day history is made and it is the fabric that weaves time together. I look forward to continuing the roll we are on and making the MHA one of the premier organizations in the city.

Matthew J. Kfoury, President, Board of Trustees



The Amoskeag Children's Playground near Canal Street, 1911

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It is well known that the mission of the Manchester Historic Association is to collect, preserve and share Manchester's history, but it's another thing altogether when the MHA itself is making history.

For the calendar year 2015, attendance at the Millyard Museum shattered the previous high mark established in 2013, and better yet, the numbers for January and February dwarfed those of previous years, which bodes well for all of 2016.

There is no question that our exhibit, "Manchester, the Primary & the Presidency," was a driving force behind that attendance surge, and, the attendant interest brought unprecedented media coverage to the Millyard Museum. While the local publicity – through vehicles such as the New Hampshire Union Leader and WMUR-TV's "Chronicle" – helped draw visitors, the exhibit drew the attention of major media outlets, leading to segments on ABC, CBS, C-SPAN, NPR and the BBC, thereby enabling the splendor of the

Millyard Museum to be viewed far beyond our borders.

Our museum was also in the spotlight with the unveiling of our "Manchester Wall of Fame," upon which 48 extraordinary individuals with Queen City ties received a place of honor. That, and the unveiling of the expanded exhibit on the history of Amoskeag's production of Steam Fire Engines, apparatus inventor Nehemiah Bean and our splendid Ashland No. 1, made for an extraordinary evening last October.

Our current exhibit, "Manchester's Immigrants: Then and Now," showcases photographs celebrating immigrants from all ethnic backgrounds who have settled here, from the earliest Irish, French-Canadian and German mill workers to the more recent Bosnian, Sudanese and Bhutanese arrivals.

Come June, we will partner with the Currier Museum of Art on an exhibition entitled "Urban Landscapes: Manchester and the Modern American City," in which our historic photos will help show how artists celebrated the rise of urban communities by way of those elements that defined a modern city in the early 20th century.

We are also fast approaching our busiest time of the year for educational school visits, and, along with an intriguing array of historic walking tours and lectures, we want to keep the MHA and our Millyard Museum at the forefront of the Queen City's cultural scene.

As a Manchester native, I am delighted to be the Association's executive director during these exciting times. I am blessed with a small but gifted staff, a committed board of directors and the job of my dreams. I thank those of you who helped us honor those who came before us by supporting the MHA and our efforts to collect, preserve and share the history of this remarkable community. Now let us make even more history in the coming year.

John Clayton, Executive Director

2015 PROGRAMS, EVENTS, AND TOURS

School Programs

In 2015, the Manchester Historic Association served students and educators ranging from preschoolers to undergraduates, from homeschoolers to charter school students to City Year members. Through a generous grant from the Kiwanis Club of Manchester, the MHA was able to bring the entire 4th grade from McDonough Elementary School into the Millyard Museum, furthering our goal of bringing all Manchester 4th graders through the museum to learn about the rich history in their own backyard. Programs participated in by school groups included:

- Gallery Programs
- Millyard Walking Tours
- Time Trunk Rentals
- In-class visits

Adult Public Programs & Events

Lindencrest

An illustrated talk by local historian Ed Brouder about Lindencrest, an elegant mansion built on a hill overlooking Manchester. (January 17)

Family Day

A day of crafts and games at the Millyard Museum (February 21)

Manchester Public School Buildings 1785 to 2014

A presentation by Jeff Myrdek highlighting the history of the public school buildings that have served the citizens of first Derryfield and later the City of Manchester. (March 14)

STARK: The Life and Wars of John Stark

A book signing and lecture with authors John and Richard Polhemus about their book *STARK: The Life and Wars of John Stark, French and Indian War Ranger, Revolutionary War General*. (April 11)

2015 Annual Meeting

Featuring annual business meeting and short talk by MHA staff members Jeffrey Barraclough, Suzanne DiBella-Olson, and Eric Berger giving a behind-the-scenes look at the MHA collection. (April 22)
Recipient of 2015 President's Award: Carlton Ekdahl

Open Doors Trolley

The Millyard Museum participates yearly in this popular community program of open houses at cultural organizations throughout Downtown Manchester. (April 30, July 23, and October 15)

23rd Annual Historic Preservation Awards

An event honoring individuals, organizations, and businesses that preserve Manchester's history. (May 14)

Manchester Water Works

Watershed Forester John O'Neil gave a talk on the history of the Manchester Water Works and the Massabesic watershed. (June 13)



Students from the McDonough Elementary School in Manchester visit the Millyard Museum through a generous grant from the Kiwanis Club of Manchester



Recipients of the 2015 Historic Preservation Awards



*Honorary Chair Arthur Sullivan
addresses the 2015 Historic
Preservation Awards*

Weaving demonstration

League of NH Craftsmen juried weaver Ruth Ward demonstrated the steps taken to prepare a loom including winding the warp, getting it on the back beam, threading the heddles, and putting the yarn in the reed. (July 25)

Model A Ford Club at Millyard Museum

A visit to the Millyard Museum from the White Mountain Region Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. The public had the chance to check out the Museum's parking lot for an up-close look at some beautiful Model A's. (August 1)

Genealogy Workshop

Led by Muriel Chabot Normand of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society, this workshop taught the basics of conducting genealogical research. (August 29)

Book Signing and Lecture: The Amoskeag Manufacturing Company

The new book by local author Aurore Eaton, *The Amoskeag Manufacturing Company: A History of Enterprise on the Merrimack River*, tells the story of the powerful corporation that created the vast mill yard that stretches for over a mile along the banks of the Merrimack in Manchester. (September 19)

Weston Observatory Foliage Viewing

In partnership with the Manchester Parks & Recreation Department, a rare opportunity to climb to the top of the Weston Observatory and enjoy the views. Also featuring historic talks and tours by Ed Brouder and Bob Perreault. (October 3-4, 10-11)

Night at the Museums

This fun costume event included silent auctions, raffles, costumed reenactors, music, dancing, food, and access to both the Millyard Museum and the SEE Science Center's Dinosaur Exhibit. (October 30)

Holiday Open House

The MHA's annual holiday event featuring raffle prizes, children's crafts, holiday music and refreshments. (December 5)

Exhibits

Manchester Wall of Fame (part of permanent exhibit)

The Manchester Wall of Fame is an interactive exhibit that showcases 48 individuals from Manchester who have had a lasting impact. The individuals were chosen with input from the public. Unveiled October 14.

Ashland No. 1 Steam Fire Engine (part of permanent exhibit)

In August 2014, the Ashland No. 1 Amoskeag Steam Fire Engine became a part of the permanent exhibits at the Millyard Museum. Now, through the generosity of the Bean Foundation, new exhibit panels have been unveiled that tell the history of the Amoskeag's production of Steam Fire Engines and their inventor Nehemiah Bean, as well as the interesting story of the Ashland No. 1. Unveiled October 14.



The Manchester Wall of Fame at the Millyard Museum



The Ashland No. 1 in front of the new exhibit panels at the Millyard Museum

Manchester, the Primary, & the Presidency (temporary exhibit)

This exhibit featured over 100 images of candidates through the years as they engaged with Manchester voters in their homes, on the streets and in the many iconic watering holes that are the lifeblood of so many campaigns. On Exhibit December 14, 2015 through February 20, 2016.



Walking Tours

Old St. Joseph's Cemetery

Manchester historians John Jordan and Gerald Holleran visited the grave sites of Manchester's pioneer Irish citizens at the Old St. Joseph's Cemetery on Donald Street (May 30)



John Jordan leading a tour at Mount Calvary Cemetery

Mount Calvary Cemetery

This tour led by John Jordan and Richard Duckoff showcased the Mt. Calvary Cemetery, sharing the stories of local Franco-American pioneers from all walks of life. (July 11)

Honoring Manchester's Greek Community

Richard Duckoff and John Jordan explored the contributions of Manchester's Greek Community to our local history and culture as they toured the Greek section of the Pine Grove Cemetery. (August 8)

Hebrew Cemetery

Richard Duckoff and John Jordan presented their tour of the Manchester Hebrew Cemetery on Beech Street, focusing on the Jewish history and heritage of Manchester. (August 23)

Valley Cemetery

John Jordan and Richard Duckoff led this tour through Manchester's Victorian-era cemetery. Designed as a rural garden cemetery, it yields a gripping narrative about the city's rich past - from those who pioneered the growth of the city to the lesser known. (October 17)

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Thank you to all of our volunteers who help us preserve and share Manchester's history!

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The Manchester Historic Association continued to strengthen its operations and development activities in 2015, though a sharp decrease in investment returns has impacted the bottom line and reduced assets.

The staff and trustees of the MHA have made a renewed focus on the organization's fundraising activities the past several years, and 2015 brought increased success from programs, the Preservation Awards Dinner, and the Annual Appeal. While the distribution from the endowment and in-kind services were lower this year, all other revenue was up 8.4% over 2014, a healthy level of growth that has the potential to continue in 2016. Operating expenses were down 3.9% in 2015 due in large part to a transition in staff earlier in the year. After a good year for the financial markets in 2014, the organization had a large loss on its investments in 2015. The investments finished the year off \$203,000, bringing net assets at the end of the year down to roughly \$5.7 million.

2016 has the potential to be better still for the MHA. With a new executive director in place, a seasoned staff, energized board, and growing numbers at programs and events, the organization has a bright future ahead.

Christopher C. Pappas, Treasurer



View of Elm Street looking north from Stark Street, 1962



Ice Skating at Dorr's Pond, 1958

Among the many donations to the collection received in 2015 was a collection of over a thousand photographic negatives taken by Manchester photographer Frank Kelly. This collection was donated by his widow, Eleanor Kelly and chronicles life in Manchester in the 1950s through 1970s. Here are just three examples of Manchester images that are now part of the MHA's photographic collection.



Passengers boarding a train at the Boston & Maine Railroad Station, 1958

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2015	2014
Public support:		
Contributions	\$ 36,572	\$ 55,511
Grants	30,285	25,817
Special events - less costs	32,615	15,965
Donated services and in-kind donations	200,734	216,210
Total public support	<u>300,206</u>	<u>313,503</u>
Other revenues:		
Program revenue	28,091	20,835
Membership revenue	28,065	23,930
Sales - less costs	6,895	10,533
Appropriation of endowment assets for operations	332,768	362,523
Other income	8,664	5,328
Total other revenues	<u>404,483</u>	<u>423,149</u>
Total public support and revenues	704,689	736,652
Operating Expenses	<u>815,825</u>	<u>848,555</u>
(Decrease) in net assets from operations	(111,136)	(111,903)
Non-operating activity:		
Investment (loss) return	(203,365)	402,713
Appropriation of endowment assets for operations	(332,768)	(362,523)
Change in beneficial interest in trust	(37,915)	86,788
Proceeds from sale of collection items	<u>0</u>	<u>5,640</u>
(Decrease) in net assets	(685,184)	20,715
Net assets, beginning of year	6,401,133	6,380,418
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 5,715,949</u>	<u>\$ 6,401,133</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2015	2014
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 92,822	\$ 85,219
Investments at market value	264,435	342,320
Beneficial interest in trust	1,563,954	1,601,869
Investments allocated for restricted purposes, at market	3,601,856	4,058,223
Financing costs, net of accumulated amortization	7,303	7,720
Land, buildings and equipment, net	924,771	1,085,581
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,455,141</u>	<u>\$ 7,180,932</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 19,849	\$ 23,748
Notes payable	<u>719,343</u>	<u>756,051</u>
Total liabilities	<u>739,192</u>	<u>779,799</u>
Net assets		
Unrestricted	(314,943)	318,694
Temporarily restricted	1,645,236	1,696,783
Permanently restricted	4,385,656	4,385,656
Total net assets	<u>5,715,949</u>	<u>6,401,133</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 6,455,141</u>	<u>\$ 7,180,932</u>

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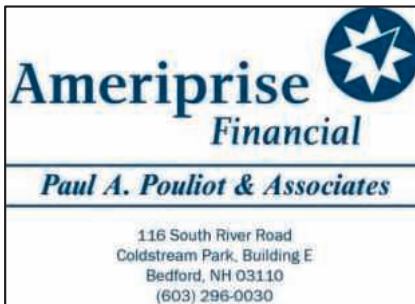
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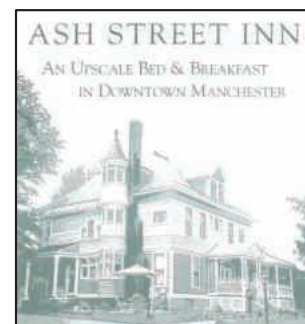
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