



Norwich Historical Society

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Summer 2015

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10:00am – 4:00pm all year

Saturday 10:00am – Noon
June through October

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Sunday Walking Tours

June 21 and July 19, 3pm:

Historic Main Street

August 23, 5pm:

Waterman Cemetery

September 20, 1pm:

Lewiston: Norwich's Ghost Hamlet

Cost: \$5 (free for NHS members).

House and Garden Tour

June 27 from 10am–4pm;

Cost: \$25; \$20 for members

Ria Blaas Puppet Shows

July 4, 5, 11, 12 at 2pm; Cost: \$5

Norwich Antiques Show

Saturday, September 12,

10am–4pm; Cost: \$5

See more at www.norwichhistory.org

BOARD COMINGS AND GOINGS

We are especially grateful to retiring NHS trustees Jane Ackerman, Deb Van Arman, Priscilla Vincent and Mike Woods for their years of service on the board.

We welcome Alan Berolzheimer, David Callaway, Lois Porter Green, Corb Moister, Jr. and Jonathan Streeter to the Board.

This has been an eventful year at the Norwich Historical Society. Over 3000 visitors—the most ever—have come to the restored Lewis House to enjoy the photo/video/oral history exhibit “Cycles of Change: Farming in Norwich,” to research the histories of their families or homes, or to meet with local groups in the welcoming community space. The annual House and Garden Tour and Antiques Show drew large numbers of enthusiastic patrons; a new workshop series taught research skills; the Lewiston Walking Tour made history tangible.

These accomplishments represent, in no small part, the efforts of our President Nancy Hoggson, who died in January 2015. Nancy's death reminds us what a difference one person can make in the life of a community. A large, energetic board is now working to preserve her legacy and expand our service to the



Norwich's old horse-drawn hearse arrives at NHS, a gift from the Norwich Cemetery Commission

town. NHS this year is offering a series of five Summer Sunday Walking Tours featuring Lewiston (May 31, September 20), Main Street (June 21, July 19) and the Waterman Cemetery (August 23). A workshop series about preserving family history and a linked history book discussion group is planned for the fall. A new exhibit showcasing interesting and perhaps unexpected items from our own collections will open in the fall. The Lewis House barn will welcome kids and families for treats and surprises on Hal-

loween; we will celebrate the holiday season with a special talk on November 19 (“The History of Christmas in New England”) and festive, historical decorations throughout. 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 2015

Saturday, June 27, 2015, 10am – 4pm

Now in its sixth year, Norwich Historical Society's House and Garden Tour has become a perennial favorite in the Upper Valley. The 2015 tour features five beautiful properties that illustrate the town's change over time. The large Federal on Turnpike Road, built when the

modern family with elegance and charm. The “Moongate House” uses its long frontage on the Connecticut River as the backdrop for carefully planned gardens, statuary, walks and gathering spaces. Freed from the limitations of road- and water-ways, two houses from the 1990's show how



road was the main thoroughfare to Montpelier, is an excellent example of the common practice of expanding a modest early cottage by the addition of an impressive Federal front and the later incorporation of sheds and barn into the living space. An unassuming 1880's worker's home on Main Street shows how intimate spaces indoors and out can serve a

modern architects can design homes to maximize the impact of natural features and long views. This year's tour is dedicated to Nancy Hoggson, who had the idea in the first place. Please join us for this tour through Norwich's architectural and horticultural delights. The tour is a fundraiser for the Historical Society.

11TH ANNUAL NORWICH ANTIQUES SHOW

Saturday, September 12, 10am – 4pm



Steve Lajoie

Don't miss this wonderful show that attracts some of the region's finest antiques dealers, showcasing fine country to formal antiques on the lovely grounds of the Norwich Historical Society in the heart of the village. Something for everyone! As in the past, auctioneer Bill Smith of William A. Smith, Auctioneers and Appraisals, will offer an informal appraisal session in the barn from 2 – 4pm. We also wish to thank Bill for lending his amazing marquee tent to make this a rain or shine affair. Good food, special art raffle—mark your calendar now! Admission is \$5 (children 12 and under free).

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL PURPOSE GIFTS

January 1 – December 31, 2014

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New donations to the collection included this Pattersonville doll's rocking chair donated by Barbara J. Merrill

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Sue Cain shows Marion Cross School students how to spin wool

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A poetry group enjoys a sunny day on the Lewis House lawn



Jay and Deb Van Arman's historic Meeting House Farm was featured on the 2014 House and Garden Tour

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Marion Cross School students learn about historic postal service from Mrs. Nelson

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**posthumous donations in Nancy Hoggson's memory made in 2015 appear on our web site and will appear in our annual report for 2015.*

Emily and Gibb Zea

Molly King

Donations to the Collection 2015

Bill and Betty Ann Aldrich
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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.



Sandy Virginia instructs students in felting

Norwich Historical Society

Condensed Balance Sheets:

	9/30/2014	9/30/2013
Assets		
Cash & Equivalent	\$ 54,759.05	\$ 41,943.80
Property, Plant & Equipment	\$596,207.47	\$616,824.47
Restricted Gifts	\$ 3,409.00	\$ -
Total Assets	\$654,375.52	\$658,768.27
Liabilities & Equity		
Current Liabilities	\$ 21,773.25	\$ 14,246.47
Retained Earnings	\$545,667.49	\$545,667.49
Unrestricted Retained Earnings	\$ 98,854.31	\$107,207.64
Net Income	\$(11,919.53)	\$ (8,353.33)
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$654,375.52	\$658,768.27

Condensed Profit & Loss Statement for Years ending:

	9/30/2014	9/30/2013
Revenue		
Annual Campaign	\$18,215.38	\$18,155.05
Membership	\$ 7,725.00	\$ 9,167.95
Town appropriation	\$ 8,000.00	\$12,000.00
Special Events	\$26,904.86	\$18,154.39
Grants	\$ 3,409.00	\$ 1,815.25
Other	\$ 3,008.05	\$ 4,071.16
Total Revenue	\$67,262.29	\$63,363.80
Expenses		
Office Operations	\$35,501.86	\$31,869.35
Grounds and Maintenance	\$12,614.80	\$ 8,417.95
Depreciation	\$20,617.00	\$20,617.00
Other	\$10,448.16	\$10,812.83
Total Expenses	\$79,181.82	\$71,717.13

NHS has just completed its sixth year as co-sponsor, with the Norwich Public Library, of the Vermont Humanities Council's popular First Wednesdays lecture series. Held the first Wednesday of each month from October through May at the Congregational Church, the series this year drew over seven hundred regional listeners to a wide variety of intellectually challenging and entertaining talks. Next year's line-up promises to be as lively and varied as ever, with topics like E. B. White, Picasso & Stein, Walking with the Great Apes, the Examined Life, Costumes of Downton Abbey and more.

We thank our generous sponsors without whom First Wednesdays would not be possible: Friends of the Norwich Public Library, The Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, Ledyard National Bank, Mascoma Savings Bank, and the Norwich Historical Society.

1st Wednesdays Humanities Lecture Series

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This year's Volunteer of the Year Award was made (posthumously) to Nancy Hoggson, who for the last decade, devoted her full energy and creativity to making the Norwich Historical Society intellectually vigorous, socially relevant and financially secure. We are grateful to have had her leadership.



Sam Webel, Vermont Department of Agriculture; Nancy Hoggson; Laura Trieschmann, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation; Peter Brink, Norwich Historic Preservation Commission at the opening of Cycles of Change: Farming in Norwich exhibit in June 2014.

We also recognize the consistent support of Bill Aldrich, Roger Blake, and Nancy Osgood, 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.



Thanks to Joe Porter, third from the right, who for his Eagle Scout community service project built a new floor in the NHS tool shed.

HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR 2014

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

Dottie and George Dorion
Karen and Jeffrey Lubell
Bill Noble and Jim Tatum
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Deb and Jay Van Arman



Courtney Dobyns

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