Report of the President

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to express appreciation to our benefactors, supporters, staff and hundreds of volunteers and members that combined their generosity and hard work to produce another exceptional year at DRHS. We ended the fiscal year in sound financial condition after a year of broad community engagement and innovative programing resulting in higher participation and growth in membership.

After 6 years, I am now concluding my board term. During this time, I have witnessed firsthand the hard work and creativity that goes on behind the scenes at DRHS. We are very fortunate to have an accomplished and capable staff that leverages itself to do the work of dozens. We are also fortified by an army of dedicated volunteers, and we continually benefit from a fully engaged and vibrant Board of Trustees who go above and beyond in their commitment of time, talents and resources. Like a symphony, these groups assemble each year to form DRHS, and as one, pursue our organizational mission: fostering understanding of the heritage and rural environment of Duxbury, and providing access and education through our historic homes, lands and collections, while elevating outcomes through the encouragement of scholarly research and published documents. I submit to you that we offer something engaging for anyone who chooses to get involved.

It has been equally remarkable to witness the passion and sense of pride with which folks in Duxbury embrace the town’s heritage; this is a permanent part in our culture and values as a community. Since the founding of the DRHS in 1883 as a “town beautification committee,” the unique and generous citizens of Duxbury have built DRHS into an exceptional organization embracing that same spirit. I have been humbled by the generous response to the now national award-winning Reimagine Bradford Campaign, as well as the major support received in the Annual Fund appeal, the many new local corporate sponsorships, estate bequests and directed donations, all of which help to defray the cost of stewardship at our historic houses and lands, vital platforms for the work we do.

Looking ahead, I encourage everyone to embrace the future of DRHS, its traditions as well as exciting new ideas. That vision is laid out in our recently published Strategic Agenda. A key element of our mission is access to our historic homes and lands; but now our ever-expanding website amplifies the term, uncovering detailed information on the historic homes, a new descriptive site on lands, date boarding your home, and upcoming events. Further, on the website you will discover the stories of thirty-two women from Duxbury who went to sea in the 19th century. Digging even deeper, you will uncover the online access to thousands of journals, letters, descriptions and photos at the Drew Archives. Many who visit the website are in scholarly pursuit, but many more are simply drawn in by the history of Duxbury, the names, places and events that make up its fascinating past. The key to our future is to continue to look forward while deepening our knowledge and understanding of our past. I feel that we have never been better positioned to accomplish that than we are today.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher P. Sherman, Sr.

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Above, the Bear family at the Maritime Festival, by Sheila Lynch-Benttinen.
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Report of the Executive Director

For me, the highlights of the year include two particular occasions: The first, in September 2018 the DRHS accepted a national award: the Award of Merit (Leadership in History) award from the American Association of State & Local History (AASLH) for our work to “Reimagine” the Bradford House Museum and I was honored to travel to Kansas City to accept the award on behalf of the DRHS. And, on November 14, the DRHS commemorated its 135th anniversary with a champagne toast in the parlor of the Nathaniel Winsor Jr. House. We were joined by many supporters who shared their favorite memories of the DRHS. I was proud to be a part of both of these occasions.

The most crucial accomplishment of 2018 was the process to create our FY2019-2020 Strategic Agenda, an important document that will guide DRHS for years, and which helped to resolve who we are and what we want to be, in addition to laying a framework for accomplishing our goals. Congratulations to the many people who helped in this project.

This was also a year of new programming: we re-established the 1807 Dateboard Society, encouraging appreciation for antique homes in Duxbury; the Sunset Picnic for Members was an astounding success; Tea by the Sea, a program for all generations, was generously co-chaired by Joy Bannon and Ashley Mohrman; Carolyn Ravenscroft’s research into Duxbury’s Women at Sea continues to unfold and find new audiences; and of course, our Maritime Event and Tavern Night took place in October. These programs continue to reach wider and more varied audiences, and we welcome these newcomers to the DRHS. These growing numbers are reflected in Annual Fund and Membership, which saw 12% and 5% increases in revenue, respectively.

The DRHS is fortunate to have many talented people who contribute hundreds of hours across a broad spectrum of work and committees. The heart of the DRHS is entrusted to these groups of people who give so much of their time and experience and the DRHS continues to flourish because of their hard work. This Annual Report marks the end of the board tenures for President Chris Sherman, Ashley Mohrman and Sarah Evans. These three long-time board members will be greatly missed and the DRHS will be forever marked by their enthusiasm, thorough involvement, and tenacity in ensuring the well-being of the DRHS. We also saw the departure of Outreach Manager Alisha Kelly and the hiring of Sabrina Kaplan. Many thanks to Alisha Kelly for her help and we look forward to Sabrina’s new ideas. I also thank the rest of the staff - Carolyn Ravenscroft, Carly Olson, Melanie Correia and Peter Donohoe - as they work tirelessly all year to ensure a high standard for the DRHS.

With our Strategic Agenda under our belt, we look forward to 2019 and know that we have big and great projects ahead of us. But as I reflect on the many faces of our board, staff, volunteers, committees and audiences, I know that the DRHS is ready for the challenge and will continue to shine.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin McGough
**Donations: Annual Fund & Special Projects**

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**AF Corporate/Matching Gifts**
- Anchor Capital Advisors
- Fidelity Charitable
- UBS

**In-Kind Donations**
- Kris Gaskins
- Dan Haas and Hannah Haas
- Anne Henning
- Ken and Marta Johnston
- Ashley Mohrman
- Harriet Nichols
- Mary Ott
- Selden Tearse
- Community Garden Club of Duxbury
- Duxbury Garden Club
- Duxbury Bay Maritime School
Corporate Sponsors

Duxbury Animal Hospital
William R. Borhek Insurance Agency
Howland Capital Management LLC
WATD 95.9
Island Creek Oysters
Empire Wine & Spirits
Boston Beer Co. & Samuel Adams
Lineal, Inc.
The Village at Duxbury
Theodore & Company
Wiemeier Dentistry
Boerger Law
Phillips Tree & Construction
WH Cornerstone Investments
Eastern Bank
Duxbury Rotary Club
The Clean Team
The Foodsmith
South Shore Bank
LuAnn Luke Designs
Rockland Trust
Duxbury Mortgage Company
Scoops Ice Cream
BC Tent & Awning
Taunton Whist Club
Foodies
Jones River Watershed Association
The Oysterman
Project Gurnet & Bug Light
Roche Bros. Supermarkets

New, Re-joined & Increased Level Members

Lifetime:
Janet Greene Trefry
John R. & Joan E. Walkey

Sustaining:
Kevin & Eileen White

Contributing:
David Corey
Megan McClure Koss
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Richard Quigley
Richard & Carolyn Wadsworth

Family:
Sue Clark
James Colleary
The Rev. Daniel Dice & Mr. Manipat Kachintagsa
Jackie Dinneen
Kathryn Dinneen
David Furlow and Lisa Pennington
Claire B. Gochal
Dawn Hadley
Kathleen Hartley
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Lee & Heather Maxey
Jill Palenstijn
Brenton Pitt
Michael & Barbara Ridpath
Sidney Rose
Alexandra Tarzia
Nicole Waters

Senior Couple:
Jon Cazeault
Maureen Gilbert
Julia Hartley
Walter & Mary Beth Hempel
Mark Kelley
Verne & Bonnie Powell
Clayton & Barbara Roberts
Susan Winslow

Senior:
Deborah Bornheimer
Holly Carr
Joan C. Kennedy
Virginia Sykes

Individual:
Kelsey Berman
Mather Cleveland
Jill Evans
Barbara Hayes
Shannon Heritage
Darryl Kaplan
Martha Popoloski
Jacqueline Vitaro
Shawna Weekly

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we look back upon this past year and realize that a number of our Members have passed away. We are grateful for their contributions and they will be remembered.

Arthur Vautrain
Dan T. Dunn
Anne (Nancy) Stewart Danna
George Parsons Fogg, III
Marjorie May Evans Bishop
James Taylor Pye
Patricia Jane Loring Garrity
Hugh Michael Taylor
Natalie Goodrich
Regina Bannerman
Richard Merrill Whitney, Jr.
Ronald Dayton Wolfe, Jr.
Robert Olin Hutchinson
Orrin Colley
Barbara Lamarche
Clarence W. Walker
Cynthia Locke
Maria Mujica Rogerson
Eugene R. Ali

We apologize for any errors or omissions. Please let us know if we have missed recognition of someone.

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Opposite: Board President Chris Sherman and Vice-President Sally Redmond lead champagne toast for DRHS’ 135th Anniversary, November 7, 2018.
Your DRHS is well managed and financially sound. Financials for FY 2018 were audited by Blum-Shapiro, whose review resulted in no material deficiencies and confirmed that our internal controls are effective. The year-end balance sheet shows net assets of $8.2 million, down $78k from a year ago. (This less than 1% drop is primarily related to the sharp drop in the stock market in October). Liabilities at $72k compare to $79k at end of FY 2017. Our Investment managers had net losses of $44k at the end of October 2018 compared to a gain of $46k in the prior year. Our portfolio at year end was $6 million, down $46k from a year ago, after accounting for cash withdrawals of $226k for DRHS operations and $49k of investment expenses. The allocation of investments to equities and fixed income securities is consistent with prior years, and Common Stocks represent 66% of our portfolio. There were no other significant changes to the book value of DRHS properties during the Fiscal Year.

The Statement of Activities, the equivalent of an income statement, shows total operations revenue of about $500k for year. The DRHS had substantial income increases in Corporate Sponsorship, Annual Fund, and Membership. Income from operations was at 100% of budget and operating expenses were $502k, resulting in a very small operating loss. With other changes in net assets, primarily capital expenditures, dividends, interest, net losses from investments, and the transfer of the budgeted $236k from the endowment for operations, DRHS Operations is reporting a decrease in net assets of $70k for FY18.

The DRHS is able to fulfill its mission in the community because of the continued support of its members in terms of volunteer participation and donations. Notes for the financial statements are available at the DRHS Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Bear, Treasurer

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DUXURY RURAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
OCTOBER 31, 2018 AND 2017

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| **LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** |       |       |
| Liabilities               |       |       |
| Deferred membership income | $15,160 | $15,370 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 57,041  | 63,965  |
| **Total liabilities**     | $72,201 | $79,335 |

| Net Assets               |       |       |
| Unrestricted             | 5,889,302 | 5,907,139 |
| Temporarily restricted   | 1,462,192 | 1,514,811 |
| Permanently restricted   | 755,368   | 755,368   |
| **Total net assets**     | 8,106,862 | 8,177,318 |

| **Total Liabilities and Net Assets** |       |       |
| **Total Liabilities and Net Assets** | $8,179,063 | $8,256,653 |
**DUXBURY RURAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2018 AND 2017**

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| Expenditures                  | 416,797 | -                   | -                     | 416,797 | 409,897 | -                   | - | 409,897 |

**Support expenses:**
- Management and general: 55,378
- Fundraising: 29,332
- Total support expenses: 84,710

**Total expenditures:**
- 501,597
- 484,413

**Change in Net Assets from Operating Activities:**
- (1,917) (40,852) - (42,769) 13,027 (11,682) - 1,345

**Other Changes in Net Assets:**
- Capital and other contributions, net: - 16,400
- Dividends and interest: 94,335 56,796
- Realized and unrealized gains on investments, net of fees: 19,174 11,544
- Endowment income used for operations: (170,142) (55,794)
- Net assets released from restriction for capital improvements: 40,713 (40,713)
- Net other changes in net assets: (15,920) (11,767)
- **Change in Net Assets:** (17,837) (52,619) - (70,456) 509,349 61,804 - 571,153

**Net Assets - Beginning of Year:**
- 5,907,139 1,514,811 755,368 8,177,318 5,397,790 1,453,007 755,368 7,606,165

**Net Assets - End of Year:**
- $5,889,302 $1,462,192 $755,368 $8,106,862 $5,907,139 $1,514,811 $755,368 $8,177,318
Nominating Committee

At the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee nominated the following people for election to the Board of Trustees.

Patricia Loring was nominated for a term expiring in 2022. Pat is a veteran Massachusetts conservation professional with a background in open space planning, project administration and fundraising. She has worked for state and local governments and non-profit conservation organizations, receiving awards for her work. Among Pat's Duxbury projects are the permanent protection of the O'Neil Dairy Farm and the Town Green. She is currently a member of the Wildlands Trust Board and serves on several municipal committees. Pat has been a long time member of DRHS and is currently serving on the Lands Committee.

Peter Rapelye was nominated for a term expiring in 2022. Peter retired in 2012 after 40 years as an independent school educator, AP history teacher, and administrator, most recently as headmaster of the Princeton Junior School. Peter is an Army veteran and has pursued additional studies in history at Brown University, Harvard University, Princeton University, University of Massachusetts, and University of Oxford. Peter’s board experience includes trustee of UNOW Day Nursery (Board Chair) in Princeton, French American School of Princeton, Green Mountain Valley School (VT), NJAIS (NJ Association of Independent Schools), and Director of Duxbury Yacht Club. Peter is a long time member of DRHS, a volunteer for 3rd grade tours, and currently serves on the Education Committee.

Barbara Hayes was nominated for a term expiring in 2022. A proven strategic leader and collaborative partner for over 25 years, Barbara is currently Principal & Founder of Integrated Insights Consulting and works closely with a wide range of nonprofit clients to build mission-focused organizational cultures and effective, high-impact strategies for growth. Prior to consulting, Barbara was Executive Director of Beyond Conflict, an global conflict resolution organization, Director of Development and Strategic Partnerships at Wellesley Centers for Women, and was the Director of External Relations at Bay Farm Montessori Academy where she also served as President of the Board of Trustees for many years. A long-time resident of Duxbury, Barbara raised her three, now adult children here. She is looking forward to working with the board and members at this exciting time in the organization's history.

Trustee for Re-election: Sally Redmond was nominated for a term expiring in 2022.

The above nominees have demonstrated a genuine commitment to the well-being of the Society and the greater community. They are exceptionally talented, knowledgeable and will be outstanding additions to the leadership of the DRHS.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Mohrman, Chair

Lands Committee

In 2018 the Lands Committee (with the patient and steady-handed guidance of the DRHS Executive Director Erin McGough) continued in its effort to improve the stewardship of the many parcels in the DRHS portfolio. Last year the Lands committee made progress in developing updated policies and procedures for managing these lands including a thorough understanding of the easements and restrictions associated with each parcel. We have begun work to implement those policies, developing a management system that aligns each parcel with the overall mission of DRHS. At the same time the Committee is focused on achieving its goals in a fiscally conscious manner.

The Committee, in consultation with Wildlands Trust, has taken a more active role in the on-the-ground inspection and management of properties. Paul Wales deserves recognition for his work as “Lands Observer,” periodically inspecting and maintaining many of the properties that are open to the public. This year, new signs were installed at several DRHS-owned properties to inform the community of the significant role we play in preservation and access to open lands in Duxbury. This project will continue into 2019.

Behind the scenes, Erin enhanced property descriptions on the DRHS website so that those interested can readily locate them and access interesting information about their history and provenance. The Committee facilitated cleanup and removal of structures that made visiting these locations unsafe. Finally after careful consideration, and consultation with the donors’ families, the Committee recommended the transfer of two parcels of remote marshland to the Duxbury Conservation Commission. The Board of Trustees voted in favor of the transfer which was completed in 2018.

In the coming year we will continue work to develop an appropriate comprehensive land management plan and a number of projects focused on developing and improving the DRHS’ role in stewardship, land preservation and enhancing the experience of the thousands of visitors who come to our diverse portfolio of properties each year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sam Butcher, Chair

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Right: photograph of Eleanor W. Allen, 1915, Gift of Reb Bottenus (DAL.2018.061). Eleanor Allen donated the Allen Property to the DRHS in the 1980s. It consists of 13 acres of land and a house. Eleanor was a graduate of Radcliffe College, noted legal scholar and an author.

Opposite page: Members’ Sunset Picnic, July 2018, photo by Terry Reiber.
2018 Events/Programs

January
27 Women: We Get Things Done! Xmas Co-Chair event
27 Thank you event, Drew Archives, Xmas volunteers
30 Historic Clothing Gallery Talk, DFL, Mattie Ali lecturer

February
2 Historic Clothing Gallery Talk, DFL, M. Ali lecturer
2 Abolitionist talk to DHS, C. Ravenscroft lecturer
6 Annual Meeting
12 (thru 28th) 11th gr., WWII exhibit at DAL, C. Ravenscroft

March
3 Historic Clothing Gallery Talk, DFL, M. Ali lecturer
6 Historic Clothing Gallery Talk, DFL, M. Ali lecturer
7 Date Board Society, Drew Archives, C. Ravenscroft
24 Private tour for Lifetime Members, Pilgrim Hall
24 Private memorial service at NWH
27 (thru 28th) Portraits in Silhouette, hosted at the NWH

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May
5 Local Historic District Commission meeting at NWH
7 (thru 14th) 4th Gr., Drew Archives, C. Ravenscroft
18 (thru 22nd) 6th Gr., Drew Archives, C. Ravenscroft
20 Lecture, Marshfield Historical Society, E. McGough
31 AP History class Tour of KCH, C. Ravenscroft lecturer

June
2 History Camp, BH/KCH, E. McGough & C. Ravenscroft
4 AP History class tour of BH, C. Ravenscroft lecturer
5 Tour Guide Training, Drew Archives
8 Historic Clothing Gallery Talk, DFL, M. Ali lecturer
11 (thru 15th) 5th Gr. Drew Archives, C. Ravenscroft
12 Tour Guide Training, historic houses
12 Duxbury Community Garden Club Tour, at KCH
13 Duxbury Garden Club Annual meeting, at the NWH
14 Date Board event, NWH
16 Duxbury Rotary Club Duck Race, Maxwell Gardens
19 Tour Guide Training
20 Dress the Mannequin, Senior Center, Historic Clothing
26 Tour Guide Training
28 Volunteer Appreciation, Summer exhibits, BH & KCH
29 Tour Guide Training

July
3 The Village at Duxbury picnic on Bumpus Park
5 Historic Houses Open for the Season
11 Duxbury Garden Club meeting, hosted at the KCH Barn
15 Clark’s Island Picnic, Rev. Jeremy Stanford lecturer
18 Mother/Daughter Tea by the Sea, hosted at KCH
26 Private Tour of BH, C. Ravenscroft lecturer
27 Members Sunset Picnic hosted on the lawn of the KCH
30 Private Tour of BH, Alden House Docents

August
3 Historic Clothing gallery talk, DFL, M. Ali guest lecturer
5 Tony Kelso Walking Tour at Halls Corner
15 Women at Sea, Duxbury Senior Center, C. Ravenscroft

September
1 Historic Houses open for Labor Day Weekend
5 Private Tour of KCH
7 (thru 10th) 7th Grade to Archives, C. Ravenscroft
12 Private Tour at BH, E. McGough lecturer
13 Blithewold tour, Clothing/Textile Committee
17 Volunteer Appreciation, Nathaniel Winsor, Jr. House
21 Private Tour of KCH, hosted by C. Ravenscroft

October
5 Historic Clothing Gallery Talk, DFL, Kris Gaskins
13 Maritime Festival and Tavern Night, NWH
15 (thru 19th) 3rd Grade, Drew Archives, C. Ravenscroft
22 New Bedford Whaling Museum Docents, KCH & BH
24 Private Tour of NWH and BH, C. Ravenscroft lecturer
22 (thru 26th) 6th Grade to Drew Archives, C. Ravenscroft
28 Burying Ground Cemetery Tour Event, C. Ravenscroft
30 The Village at Duxbury, C. Ravenscroft lecturer

November
7 Private Bus Tour, Mary Alisa Sherman & Toni Orosz
10 Historic Houses open for the Veteran’s Day Weekend
14 DRHS 135th Anniversary, hosted at the NWH
15 Lecture, Marshfield Senior Center, C. Ravenscroft
22 Thanksgiving Interfaith Council, hosted at KCH Barn
25 Holly Days, hosted at the NWH

December
7 Historic Clothing Gallery Talk, DFL, Kris Gaskins & Suzanne Gunnarson lecturer
7 Christmas at KCH Members Party, hosted at KCH
8 (thru 11th) Christmas at KCH, Public & Private Tours
12 (thru 19th) History Department, KCH, C. Ravenscroft
Outreach Manager

Since starting as Outreach Manager in July, I have enjoyed getting to know the staff and numerous volunteers and sponsors who contribute in their own unique ways to our dynamic organization.

One of the reasons why I believe the DRHS is so beloved by its members, is because we provide a broad range of opportunities for involvement to individuals with different interests and talents. I see here, how people love to share what they are good at. In 2018, volunteers decorated rooms at King Caesar House, baked cookies for Tea by the Sea, tended to our gardens, and demonstrated boat building at the Maritime Festival. Opportunities abound for involvement at the DRHS. We are honored that our members share their talents with us, are proud to celebrate their contributions within the broader community, and we are eager to see what they will do next. Since the summer, it has been a privilege to participate in bringing many exciting events like the Tea by the Sea in July, the Maritime Festival and Tavern Night in October, and the 47th annual King Caesar House Christmas party in December to fruition.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped in events in 2018, including: Sarah Macdonald, Christine Marohn, Liz Prudente, Maureen Leese, Jackie Ruggio, Siobhan Roggenkamp, Jill Cooney, Tamara Ciocci, Karen Bellinger, Mary Alisa Sherman, Patrick Browne, Ashley Mohrman, Deb Casagrande, Peter Donohoe and Jon Daley. Thank you as well to the many other volunteers - know that we are grateful!

In the year ahead, I look forward to taking on new projects and developing more programming for the DRHS. I am particularly eager to develop and grow our educational programming for the schools. Also on the horizon, we are excited to grow our Dateboard Society program and I’d like to thank Darren and Caitlin Humphreys for hosting the first Dateboard Society meeting of 2019 at their home in January.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to the staff, board members, and volunteers for the warm welcome I received at the DRHS. Your guidance and dedication have helped ease me into my new role, and I look forward to more projects together in 2019. I believe that our organization will continue to evolve in new ways through all of our efforts, and I hope that you will reach out to me with any programming ideas you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sabrina Kaplan

Archivist & Historian

The wealth of information that is contained within the walls of the Archives never ceases to amaze me. After ten years, I still find new avenues to explore when not assisting patrons with their own questions or research. Last winter, in preparation for an exhibit at the Bradford House museum, I embarked on a project to find 19th century Duxbury wives who accompanied their husbands to sea. Using both secondary and primary sources, including letters in the Archives many collections, I uncovered the stories of over thirty women who ventured to ports around the globe. Their biographies can now be found at the DRHS’ website and this research is ongoing.

Our growing knowledge of Duxbury’s history is assisted by the continual acquisition of historic documents and photographs, both purchases and donations. I would like to make special mention of the donation by Doris Prince of her father’s many papers and hundreds of photographs. Walter Prince (1897-1990) was a Duxbury institution. He served on numerous town boards, including Selectmen and School Committee, and volunteered countless hours to various organizations, such as the DRHS. In his professional life, he owned a local auto dealership, and for many years he was also the go-to person when a building needed to be moved. The Walter Prince collection documents our more recent Duxbury history. The DRHS encourages donations of 20th century material, lest it be lost before the history can be written.

There was much use of our collections and space in 2018. We again opened our doors to hundreds of local students. As in previous years, the Alden School’s 3rd, 4th and 5th grades all made field trips to the Archives. We also hosted the 6th grade Social Studies classes from Duxbury Middle School in both the spring and fall. For the first time, Collections Manager Melanie Correia and I worked with the US History classes of Jonathan Mael. His students curated a WWII exhibit at the Wright Building that was open to the public. Teacher Jay Craft’s US History classes also visited to read depression-era correspondence. Four talented Duxbury High School students assisted with a variety of projects as part of our internship program, now in its 9th year.

Another way our collections are utilized is in the research of antique homes. Patrons often contact the Archives when they purchase a house and want to know its history. The DRHS’ “dateboard” program, initiated in 1968, has documented over 260 houses in town. The file for each house is located at the Archives. If a house has not been previously researched, much of the work can be conducted at the Archives with our collection of local maps and family histories.

Finally, I would like to especially thank volunteer Linda Pisani and Duxbury High School interns Caroline Vitaro, Charles Rubin, Beau Bouthillier and Sergio Martinez.

Respectfully Submitted
Carolyn Ravenscroft
Collections Manager

I’m delighted to share with you everything that’s been happening within the Collections Department this past year. Jumping off of the exciting changes of the Bradford House in 2017, we kept the ball rolling with a number of new installations and acquisitions in 2018.

In keeping with the theme of the Bradford House, we installed the “Women at Sea” exhibition in the changing gallery alcove on the second floor of the Bradford House. The exhibition highlighted the stories of a number of local women who went to sea and included portraits, memoirs, logbooks, ship paintings, photographs, trinkets, and more. A very popular exhibition, the research led to a website dedicated to these women and their stories and so the installation will live on digitally.

At the King Caesar House, inspired by the exciting purchase of the King Caesar Partners Desk, we installed the Counting Room exhibition in the Potter Gallery. This exhibit highlights the business aspect of Ezra Weston’s empire and showcases Weston firm account books, maritime tools, and personal effects belonging to Ezra Weston and his family.

The inside of the house saw two major changes this year as well, reverting the first floor library to a bedroom, as it was shown to be in the original 1809 house plan. Upstairs, in the east chamber we “updated” the style of décor from Federal to a later, Victorian-inspired mode of decoration as a way to expand the story to the house’s second owners, the Knapps, who operated the Powder Point School from the King Caesar house. We used original 1910 photographs of the interior as inspiration, and some of the exact items that are shown in these photographs are now reinstalled. In addition to the installations, we’ve acquired a number of wonderful items this year into our permanent collection, including the aforementioned King Caesar desk, clothing, Duxbury paintings, housewares, and a monopoly-inspired board game, “Duxburyopoly.” I’d like to thank all of the donors and volunteers we’ve had this year, and please consider the DRHS for any items relating to Duxbury and its history.

A special thank you to the Historic Textiles & Clothing Committee, especially Chair, Kris Gaskins and long-time member, Mattie Ali. This large, working committee continues excellent work in caring for, cataloguing, storing & preserving our collections, even while they participate in a number of outreach and programming endeavors.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Correia

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Right: DRHS accepted an Award of Merit (Leadership in History Award) from the American Association for State & Local History (AASLH), September, 2018. Executive Director Erin McGough traveled to Kansas City to accept the award. Photo credit: Max van Balgooy.

Opposite: King Caesar House, December 2017. Photo by Chris Ruggio.
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