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Annual Report



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Dear Friends,

2024 was an exciting year for the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society. Our membership grew by 91 households, seasonal visitation was up at all three historic house museums, we introduced exciting new programming, and we received significant financial contributions that will allow us to begin important capital projects such as a new HVAC system at the Nathaniel Winsor Junior House. Community support makes everything we do possible! We are proud to have earned your financial contributions, your interest in our programming, and your enthusiasm for volunteering.

Among the highlights of 2024 were our historic house tour in September, and our collaboration with the town to begin the Harborwalk project at the Nathaniel Winsor Junior House. The house tour was attended by over 280 visitors and featured five beautiful, historic, Duxbury homes. We were fortunate to have a spectacular day and the feedback from attendees was unanimously positive. Thank you to the homeowners who graciously welcomed our visitors!

In November, the town accepted an easement of a 10' wide strip of land at the south side of the Nathaniel Winsor Junior House property that will soon become the Harborwalk. This new pedestrian way will provide safe passage from Washington Street to the harbormaster parking lot. We look forward to opening this new public space, and we hope it will be enjoyed for years to come.

The DRHS staff and Board of Trustees strive to make our organization a hub for learning, fun, and connection in our community. We hope that you will continue to support our efforts, and we look forward to delivering new opportunities in 2025.

Sincerely,



Sabrina Kaplan
Executive Director



Sabrina Kaplan

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COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES REPORT, 2024

We received several remarkable additions to our collection in 2024. The Vose family generously donated the historically significant mantle painting of two peacocks by the artist Rufus Hathaway. The piece is now prominently displayed in the King Caesar House. Accompanying the mantle painting were three additional works donated by the Vose Family: two beautiful ship portraits—one of the Leander and another of the Lion—and a landscape depicting Snug Harbor, each contributing to the maritime legacy so integral to Duxbury’s history.

We also received three landscape paintings by 20th-century artist DeMerrit Allen Hiscoe. Hiscoe’s works add depth to our collection of 20th-century art. We hope to incorporate these paintings into an exhibit in the future.

At the Drew Archival Library, this year’s donations included valuable materials that deepen our understanding of Duxbury’s past. Among these are historic photographs of Duxbury houses, the papers of the West Duxbury Methodist Church, postcards, invitations and other ephemera. Each acquisition further enriches the archival collection and will be preserved and made accessible for future researchers.

This year’s donations reflect the trust placed in the DRHS to safeguard Duxbury’s history and make it available to the public through exhibits, research, and educational programming. We are grateful to all donors for helping us fulfill our mission to celebrate and protect Duxbury’s vibrant past.



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TEXTILES & HISTORIC
CLOTHING COMMITTEE

The Clothing and Textile Committee maintains and displays objects in the DRHS collection. This past year we have provided clothing and textiles for Tony Kelso’s talks at Duxbury Senior Center, the *Summering in Duxbury* exhibit in the Potter Gallery, and the *Threads of Duxbury’s Past* display case at Duxbury Free Library. We were very pleased to have Elizabeth Creeden, creator of the current Plymouth Tapestry Project, as a guest speaker at the gallery talk on embroidery.

–Kris Gaskins, Chair

MUSEUMS & ARCHIVES

COLLECTIONS

- 2023.022.001 Mayflower Needlepoint, Tom and Donna Wood
- 2024.013.001-002 Coverlets, Jenney Whittier
- 2024.014.001-003 Paintings by DeMerrit Allen Hiscoe, Frederick Achin
- 2024.015.001 Rufus Hathaway overmantle, Terry & Judy Vose
- 2024.015.002 Watercolor of Snug Harbor, Terry & Judy Vose
- 2024.015.003 Painting of Brig Leander, Terry & Judy Vose
- 2024.015.004 Watercolor of Brig Lion, Terry & Judy Vose
- 2024.016.001 Ditty Box, Jon Mendlovitz
- 2024.017.001 Child’s Breeches, Janet Ritch
- 2024.018.001-013 Vintage Clothing, Jenney Whittier

ARCHIVES

- DAL.2024.001 Tourist Map of Duxbury, 1937, Paula Knight
- DAL.2024.002 West Duxbury Methodist Church papers, c. 1868–1990, Susan K. Johnson
- DAL.2024.003 Glass Family Photograph Album, 19th cent, Tammie Glass
- DAL.2024.004 Wadsworth house photographs, 1920s Scotia Ryer
- DAL.2024.006 Invitation to Duxbury 250th, 1887, Patricia Kimball Cyr
- DAL.2024.007 Duxbury Parade slides, 1971, Bayanne Herrick Hauhart
- DAL.2024.008 Snug Harbor Restaurant material, c. 1945–2000, Sandra Sweetser
- DAL.2024.010 Odd Fellows Hall postcards, c. 1920s Edward O’Leary
- DAL.2024.012 62 Washington Street photos, c. 1880s Connie Ennis

Education Partnerships

Over the past year, DRHS continued to model our values of Respect, Learning, and Community to some of Duxbury's youngest residents. Through presentations at Chandler Elementary and multiple Alden Elementary field trips, students were given opportunities to explore diverse perspectives, discover new ideas, and think critically about our past, all while developing a better understanding of themselves and the local and global community in which they live.

A highlight of the educational programming in 2024 was the creation and implementation of a new fifth grade field trip to the Bradford House Museum. In late winter, a group of DRHS staff and volunteers met to brainstorm ways to get more visitors to the Bradford House. By early May, over 200 fifth grade students, teachers, and parents had toured the museum and left with a much greater understanding of not only the Bradford sisters, but the role women played in the Civil War and in reform movements, such as abolition. Students also explored Duxbury connections to the Revolutionary War, viewing an amazing artifact from the DRHS collections, a blanket, found on the Boston Common, that once belonged to a British soldier. Additionally, students viewed and discussed exhibits on 19th century medicine, daily life, and education, all relatable topics for anyone in any time period. This trip would not have been possible without the generosity of the Duxbury Yacht Club, who permitted the entire fifth grade to walk across its property over the course of two days. This allowed for an enjoyable, safe, and free way for students to visit the Bradford House. That this trip came together so quickly speaks to the resourcefulness of the DRHS staff and volunteers and to the commitment and flexibility of Duxbury teachers and administrators.

As well as elementary programming, DRHS continued to connect with middle and high school students through presentations and opportunities for internships. As students progress through the Duxbury Public Schools, these layered experiences help them establish a sense of place and belonging in our community that will ground them

as they grow into thoughtful, participating citizens. As an educator, parent, and DRHS volunteer, I look forward to continuing these efforts, bringing meaningful educational programming to our local students.

Rachel Ezell
Education Committee



The fifth grade field trip to Bradford House.



2024 Outreach

JANUARY

- 18 Thank you Reception at the Nathaniel Winsor, Jr. House for Holidays at King Caesar House volunteers

FEBRUARY

- 8 Love Letter Reading at Drew Archives
- 13 DRHS Annual Meeting at the Nathaniel Winsor, Jr. House
- 14 C. Ravenscroft lecture on *Abolition in Duxbury* to DHS 11th grade students

MARCH

- 6 Dateboard Reception at Winsor House at Island Creek Oyster Farm
- 8 K. Gaskins Gallery Talk at DFL
- 20 Embroidery Workshop at Nathaniel Winsor Jr. House
- 28 *Irish in the American Civil War* Lecture with P. Browne at DFL

APRIL

- 2 C. Ravenscroft lecture to Marion Garden Club
- 14 T. Kelso Lapham Woods Walking Tour
- 27 C. Ravenscroft *Mariners in Mayflower* Cemetery Tour



Love Letter Reading



Irish in the American Civil War Lecture



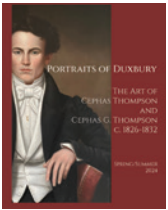
Mariners in Mayflower Cemetery Tour



Women at Sea Lecture

MAY

- 1 & 3 5th Grade Field Trip to Bradford House
- 8 Duxbury Garden Club meeting at NWJ
- 13, 14, 15, 16 & 23 DPS 3rd Grade field trips to King Caesar House
- 14 C. Ravenscroft and S. Uitti present to Chandler School 2nd Graders on Immigration in Duxbury
- 16 C. Ravenscroft lecture, *Women at Sea*, Duxbury Yacht Club
- 23 Lifetime Donor and Corporate Sponsor Reception at NWJ with remarks by C. Ravenscroft
- Ongoing May-October- *Portraits of Duxbury* exhibit at NWJ
- 25 DRHS participation in Duxbury Bay Maritime School's Opening of the Bay event



- 30 Dateboard Reception at the home of Jonathan & Josie Marston
- 31 Barre Class with C. Kilduff at Bumpus Park

JUNE

- Ongoing, Fridays and Saturdays- KCH and BH Tours
- 4 Flower Pressing Workshop at Nathaniel Winsor, Jr. House with A. Mohrman & C. Ravenscroft
- 5 Reception at Nathaniel Winsor, Jr. House with Stroll Magazine
- 12 Reception at Nathaniel Winsor, Jr. House with Greet Magazine
- 14 Barre Class with C. Kilduff at Bumpus Park
- 20 King Caesar House Potter Gallery Exhibit Opening - *Summer in Duxbury* with remarks by C. Ravenscroft
- 26 C. Ravenscroft Private Tour of KCH
- 26 C. Ravenscroft Mayflower Cemetery Tour with Duxbury Garden Club
- 26 T. Kelso Lecture in King Caesar House Barn of John Malcolm Brinnin
- 27 T. Kelso & C. Ravenscroft Historic Boat Tour of Duxbury Bay



JULY

Ongoing, Fridays and Saturdays-
KCH and BH Tours

- 8 C. Ravenscroft
Private Tour of
KCH
- 11 Family Day at KCH
- 19 Thank you
reception at NWJ
- 21 Clark's Island
Picnic
- 25 Duxbury Writers Society Event at
King Caesar House Barn



Family Day

AUGUST

Ongoing, Fridays and Saturdays-
KCH and BH Tours

- 2 Sunset Picnic at KCH
- 3 Wedding at Bumpus Park
- 9 Historic Bus Tour with The Pinehills
- 15 Storytime with the DFL at Maxwell
Garden
- 22 C. Ravenscroft and T. Kelso historic
boat tour of Duxbury Bay

SEPTEMBER

Ongoing, Fridays and Saturdays-
KCH and BH Tours

- 5 Cornerstone Ribbon Cutting
- 12 C. Ravenscroft Private Tour of
Bradford House
- 13 Barre with C. Kilduff on Bumpus Park
- 14 Historic District Commission Day
at NWJ
- 19 Senior Center Private Tours of
Bradford House and King Caesar
House with C. Senatore
- 19 Book Club at Bradford Discussion
with C. Ravenscroft
- 21 C. Ravenscroft lecture at National
Society of Daughters of the Union
- 27 Historic Duxbury House Tour
- 30 DPS 3rd Grader Field Trips to
Drew Archival Library



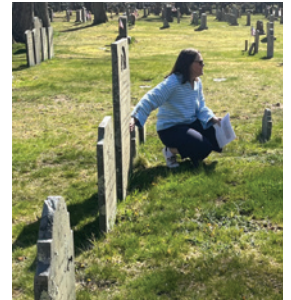
OCTOBER

- 1, 4, 7 & 8 DPS 3rd Grade Field
Trips to Drew Archival Library
- 15 Private Tour of KCH and NWJ
- 17 Rufus Hathaway Reception at
King Caesar House



Rufus Hathaway Reception

- 26 Private Tour of King Caesar House
with C. Senatore
- 29 S. Uitti and C. Ravenscroft to
Chandler School for 1st Grade
- 30 C. Ravenscroft *Old Burying Ground
Cemetery Tour*



*Old Burying Ground
Cemetery Tour*



NOVEMBER

- 14 P. Browne lecture on *Veterans of
the Civil War*
- 16 Duxbury Sundowners Friendsgiving
at the Nathaniel Winsor Jr House

DECEMBER

- 5 C. Ravenscroft lecture to Colonial
Dames in Boston
- 7 Wedding at NWJ
- 13 53rd Annual Members' Holiday
Party at KCH
- 14 & 15 & 16 & 17 53rd Annual Holiday
Celebrations at KCH decorated
house tours, public and private
bookings
- 17 Duxbury Free Library Storytime
at KCH



Decorated house tours

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HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR

This year marked our first Historic House Tour. Over 300 attendees and volunteers toured five beautiful dateboarded homes throughout five historic districts in Duxbury. DRHS Archivist & Historian, Carolyn Ravenscroft and Town Historian, Tony Kelso regaled us with stories about the history of each home and its inhabitants. It was a huge success, and we look forward to our 2nd Historic House Tour – stay tuned for more information. We are grateful to our gracious hosts for opening their homes for the tour:

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of 197 Bay Road**

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We thank you for your support and dedication to preserving Duxbury's Heritage!

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It is with sadness 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 fondly.

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For the Fiscal Year 2024

(November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024)

ASSETS	FY2024	FY2023
Cash	156,145	205,824
Investments	7,278,929	5,997,862
Pledges Receivable	14,000	21,000
Prepaid Expenses and other assets	14,432	4,815
Property & Equipment	1,041,179	1,068,606
Historical Properties & Collections	1,315,012	1,150,012
	9,819,697	8,448,119
INCOME	FY2024	FY2023
Grants & Contributions	542,532	171,768
Membership	38,835	36,074
Activities & Programs	76,256	51,688
Endowment Income for Operations	306,609	332,913
Rental Income	53,790	51,260
Other		15
	1,018,022	643,718
EXPENSES	FY2024	FY2023
Salaries & Payroll	282,702	283,386
Activities & Curatorial	20,195	15,994
Advertising & Postage/Printing	13,989	17,935
Depreciation	78,461	78,355
Insurance	27,817	24,555
Professional Services	35,618	32,582
Repairs/Maintenance	119,703	109,570
Utilities	32,603	31,927
Other	55,648	49,221
	666,736	643,525
	FY2024	FY2023
Income	1,018,022	643,718
Expenses	666,736	643,525
Net Income	351,286	193

2024 was a year of above average performance, consolidation, optimizing the returns received on cash, and greater focus on understanding our Investment Managers’ philosophy and methodology for selecting investments and strategic management of the portfolios.

We have met quarterly with our investment advisors, which has enabled us to gain a greater understanding of their investment process. The two firms that manage our assets do so with an eye towards cash flow, cash flow yield, and debt loads. While Wall Street is focused on the tech stocks known as the Magnificent 7, both firms also look to diversify their holdings to protect DRHS on the downside. Our Investment Profile Summary, drafted and put into place in 2023, is closely adhered to to mitigate against risk.

During calendar year 2024 the 60% S & P 500 index/40% US Intermediate/ Corporate Bond Index was up 14.6%.

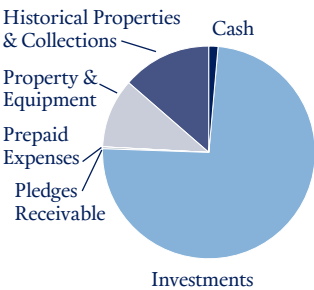
Crestwood Advisors posted gains of 11.5% and Howland Capital 12.2%.

Keep in mind that neither of these advisors owned all the Magnificent 7, thereby reducing their exposure to these high beta companies as well as their correlation to the S & P 500.

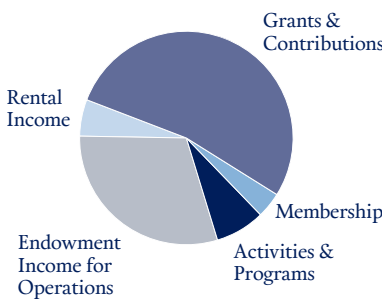
While we are in a period of change in our government and have an eye towards the risks of living in an inflationary period, we believe that our two investment accounts are built to weather the increased volatility for the long run.

–Nancy Von Stackelberg, Treasurer

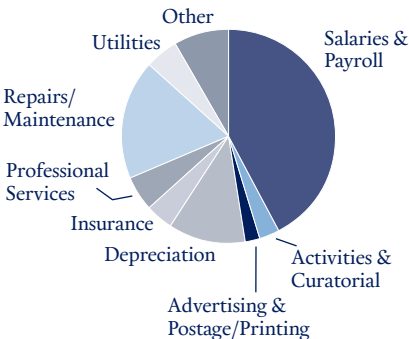
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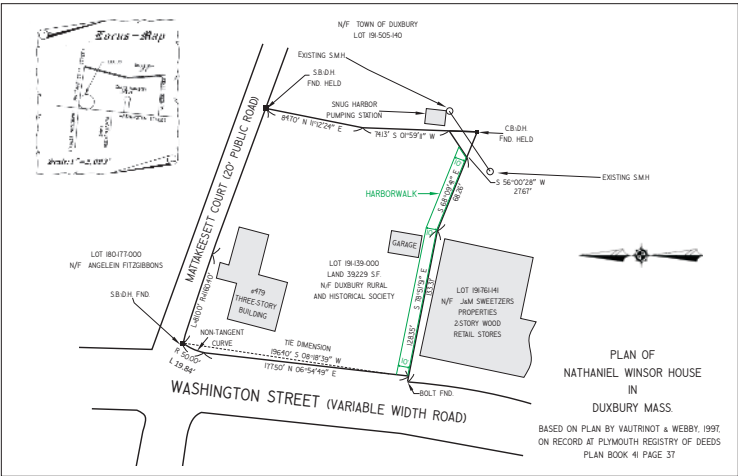


2025 at the DRHS

HARBORWALK

A look into the future of sea level rise at Snug Harbor led to an opportunity to highlight Snug Harbor’s past, by creating a “Harborwalk” that benefits Duxbury in the present.

The Snug Harbor Project was initiated to understand the implications of sea level rise in the next 50 years. While looking at possible reconfigurations of the Harbor, we also noted shortcomings in traffic flow, especially the risks to pedestrian traffic on Mattakeeset Court, and recognized a unique opportunity for the Society to contribute to a solution.



By opening up a strip of land along the southern edge of the Nathaniel Winsor Jr property, we could create a new pedestrian Harborwalk between Washington Street and the town parking lot. We also decided not to wait, and arranged to have the town accept an easement on the property. Before summer, we expect to clear the Harborwalk while preserving specimen trees, to resurface it, and to mount a series of signs featuring histories of the people and institutions of Snug Harbor. It will become a convenient pathway, a shady place to enjoy a coffee, and an educational experience.



David Corey
Lands Committee

2025 EXHIBITS

Charting Her Course: Duxbury’s Women at Sea, 1805–1890

JUNE 12, 6-7:30PM

Coming this summer, the Bradford House Museum will feature the exhibition *Charting Her Course: Duxbury’s Women at Sea, 1805–1890*. More than 40 intrepid mariners’ wives and daughters from Duxbury defied convention to travel and live aboard ship in the 19th century. This exhibit will highlight their stories through letters, artifacts, and clothing, offering a rare glimpse into their lives at sea and in foreign ports. Join us to learn more about these remarkable women who navigated uncharted waters and left their mark on Duxbury’s rich maritime history.



Refer to our website for openings and events.

2024 Volunteer Recognition Awards

ACTIVITIES – KRIS DELANO

Kris has been a dedicated volunteer for the DRHS for many years. We have seen her volunteering over the Holidays at King Caesar House weekend every year. She helped the DRHS on our first House Tour this Fall and graciously staffed the Potter Gallery this summer during our busy season. In addition to the event volunteering, Kris supports our organization by attending our lectures and parties. She is a longtime supporter of the Duxbury Rural & Historical Society. This award is long overdue but well-deserved.



NEW VOLUNTEER – KATHY TANNER

Kathy has been a welcome addition to our group of volunteers this year. You can find her pulling weeds around the King Caesar and Nathaniel Winsor Jr house gardens, arranging flowers for our events, setting out chairs for lectures, warming and plating appetizers in the kitchen, staffing rooms at the holiday celebration and house tour, and cleaning up with the staff at the end of an event. She decorated not only the summer kitchen but also the tent at the Holiday at King Caesar house event this year! She is always helpful and quick to jump in when needed. We are so grateful to Kathy for all of her help this year and look forward to seeing her face at many of our upcoming events.



LANDS AND PROPERTIES – DAVID COREY

David has a deep knowledge of many aspects of preserving historic homes, and a strong commitment to taking care of Duxbury. Over a year ago, David came to DRHS with the idea for the harbor walk, which he carefully presented with maps and renderings. This solution to the problem of unsafe pedestrian passage on Mattakeesett court was well received by the DRHS board, the selectboard, and the town.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – KAREN HOYT

Karen has helped our organization in many ways this year. She is a constant presence in and around the gardens. Her contributions to our events are too numerous to name. She staffed the Potter Gallery in the summer, the House Tour in the Fall, and the King Caesar House in the winter. Despite freezing fingers and toes, she and her committee decorated the tent for the Holidays at King Caesar House event.



The DRHS also benefitted from Karen's long career as a schoolteacher when she helped lead 3rd and fifth graders on their field trips at the King Caesar House and Bradford House.



Florence G. Ford (1860-1936) was one of our original volunteers. She helped create the Rural Society in 1883, organized its first members, and led efforts to improve and preserve Duxbury's community and history, laying the foundation for what would become the Duxbury Rural & Historical Society.

2025 Spring Calendar

MARCH

Wednesday, March 19, 5:30pm

**Bradford Lecture Series –
Folkart with Kristen Weiss**

*Drew Archival Library,
147 St. George Street &
King Caesar House,
120 King Caesar Road*

Join us for the first talk in the Bradford Lecture Series on Folk Art. Kristen Weiss is the Cape Ann site manager at Historic New England; managing Beauport, the Sleeper-McCann House in Gloucester, Mass. and Cogswell's Grant in Essex, Mass. She previously worked in the American Decorative Arts department at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Mass. She has developed multiple tours and lectures on historic sites, landscapes, and collections with a focus on American folk art. With an undergraduate degree in History and graduate work in Museum Studies and in Preservation Studies, Kristen has been working with museum collections and historic houses for over twenty-five years.



of preservation, identity, and history resonate with the real-world experience of curating and safeguarding the past. DRHS Archivist and Historian Carolyn Ravenscroft will lead the discussion, which will include a tour of the Drew Archival Library and some of her favorite items from our extensive collection.

Thursday, April 10, 6pm

Dateboard Reception

*The Winsor House at
Island Creek Oyster Farm,
390 Washington Street*
Join us for a special Dateboard Reception at the Winsor House! This is a fixed price sit down dinner in the back room where we will enjoy a special 4-course dinner with one-of-a-kind historic cocktails. DRHS Archivist and Historian, Carolyn Ravenscroft, will regale us with the history of this favorite bed & breakfast, restaurant bar. There is limited space for this special evening. Thank you to the Winsor House at Island Creek Oyster Farm!



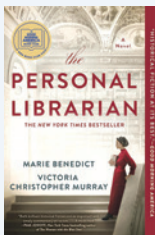
APRIL

Thursday, April 3, 5:30pm

**Historical Fiction Discussion –
The Personal Librarian**

*Drew Archival Library,
147 St. George Street*

Step into the world of archives and history with a book discussion of *The Personal Librarian*, the story of Belle da Costa Greene, J.P. Morgan's brilliant librarian. Discover how the book's themes



MAY

**Saturday, May 3,
11–1pm**

**Out To See Duxbury –
Goats on the Harborwalk**

*Nathaniel Winsor Jr. House,
479 Washington Street*
Join us on the lawn to feed and pet goats from the newly established Historic O'Neill Farm Goat Creamery. Samples of the cheese will be available to try. This event is presented in conjunction with Duxbury Community Collaborative's Out to See Duxbury.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate the following individuals for election or re-election to the Board of Trustees.

NEW TRUSTEES FOR ELECTION

Drew Thawley is nominated for a term expiring 2028. Drew has served as CEO or CAO of two national membership associations and foundations. He also has a management-consulting firm that works in the nonprofit industry, specifically with organizations looking to make significant changes to their operations or missions. He works from his home office as well as offices in Indianapolis and Chicago.



For the DRHS, he is an active member of the Membership and Cedarfield committees, and he has been instrumental in helping the organization to create a development strategy.

Caitlin Humphreys is nominated for a term expiring in 2028. Caitlin was born and raised in Duxbury. She graduated from Duxbury High School and went on to earn degrees from Wake Forest University and Suffolk University Law School. Caitlin is the Co-Owner of Duxbury Based Travel Sommelier Inc. Travel. For the DRHS, she is an active volunteer in many capacities, and a member of the membership committee.



TRUSTEE FOR RE-ELECTION:

Joy Bannon is nominated for a term expiring in 2028.



The above candidates, according to the By-laws of the DRHS, are nominated for the terms indicated. The above nominees have demonstrated a genuine commitment to the well – being of the Society and the greater community.

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2025 May-June Calendar

MAY CONTINUED

Thursday, May 8, 1-3pm

**Bradford Lecture Series –
Needlepoint Workshop**

*Nathaniel Winsor Jr. House,
479 Washington Street*



Please join us
for an afternoon
workshop
where we will
learn the art of

needlepoint. All materials including
fabric, hoops, patterns, thread and
needles will be provided. DRHS
Archivist and Historian, Carolyn
Ravenscroft, will be give a talk on
the history of this craft.

Sunday, May 18, 2pm

**Bradford Lecture Series –
Scrimshaw Lecture**

*Potter Gallery,
King Caesar House,
120 King Caesar Road*

Please join us as we
learn about the maritime
folk art of scrimshaw
from expert Marina
Wells of the New Bedford Whaling
Museum. Scrimshaw from the DRHS
collection will be available to view.



Saturday, May 31, 10am

**Bradford Lecture Series –
Sailor's Valentine Workshop**

*Nathaniel Winsor Jr. House,
479 Washington Street*

Please join us as we learn about
the maritime folk art of Sailor's
Valentines from expert Mandy
Howe. DRHS Archivist and Historian
will give
remarks.

Attendees
will receive
instruction
and
construct their own Sailor's Valentine
in pre-ordered mahogany shadow
box. All materials will be included in
the ticket price.



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Saturday, June 21

**Women at Sea Cemetery Tour
and Exhibit Viewing**

*Mayflower Cemetery &
Bradford House*

Embark on a
journey through
Duxbury's
maritime
heritage with
our "Women at Sea" event. Begin
with a guided tour of Mayflower
Cemetery with DRHS Archivist
and Historian Carolyn Ravenscroft,
where you'll uncover the stories of
remarkable women who braved the
oceans alongside their seafaring
husbands. Following the tour, delve
deeper into their adventurous lives
at the Bradford House Museum's
summer exhibit, which showcases
artifacts of these intrepid women who
sailed from 1805 to 1890.



JUNE

Thursday, June 12, 6pm

**House Opening Gallery Talk
and Reception**

Bradford House

Celebrate the new summer season
with us, see our latest exhibition,
Women at Sea, and hear remarks
by DRHS Archivist and Historian,
Carolyn Ravenscroft and Collections
Manager, Claire Senatore.

Tickets and pre-registration are
required for most events. Refer
to our events webpage for full
event details and to learn about
summer programming:
www.duxburyhistory.org/events