We are excited to introduce to you our 2018 Annual Report. As you read through the report, we hope you will learn more about how we function as a non-profit community organization and that you will take pride in the accomplishments you helped bring to life.

Long-time supporters of the Castine Historical Society convey to us their sense of personal pride, appreciation, and investment in the Historical Society’s mission to save the complex and dynamic stories of Castine through the centuries. Each year, our goal is to energize and grow that connection so that everyone has the opportunity to see themselves in Castine’s narrative, both past and present.

Our mission is not only to preserve history, but to enable visitors to see the relevance and impact of history on their understanding of the world. Learning about history happens best when communities begin to understand their modern-day experiences in the context of the past, connecting emotionally and intellectually with people from earlier generations.

We believe our 2017/2018 exhibit, “Castine’s Devoted Women,” gave our visitors the chance to see and learn from the past and also find relevance in their lives today. In this Annual Report you can read the many other ways the Castine Historical Society has impacted the life of our community. We are grateful for your participation and financial support that made the successes of 2018 possible.

So much goes on behind-the-scenes that there is not space to cover in the regular edition of The Castine Visitor. We hope this Annual Report will help you, our members and supporters, get a clearer picture of everything about us – from our finances, to governance, to collections. To help you, we’ve used the Historical Society’s Five-Year Strategic Plan, which was adopted in 2016, as an overarching framework. While this year, the Annual Report replaces the March Castine Visitor, next year we plan to make our Annual Report a separate publication.

We are all invested in sharing and preserving Castine’s history and look forward to partnering with you and the community to share and preserve the stories of our town.

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Our Mission

The Castine Historical Society’s mission provides the guiding principles for all the organization does: We seek to invigorate our community through collaborative exploration and stewardship of our region’s rich history, engaging residents and visitors of all ages in Castine’s extraordinary past and, through it, that of New England and North America.
Effective and Unified Governance

The Governance Committee’s Strategic Plan goal is to ensure that the overall governance of the Historical Society is fully aligned with the needs and increasing complexity of the organization.

With that in mind, the committee worked on a number of strategic issues. The Mitchell Room, which is on the lower level of the Abbott School, is an excellent resource for the Historical Society and the community. The policy is that the room is available free of charge for use by Castine and regional organizations, clubs, and schools with prior approval as long as it does not conflict with the Historical Society’s use. The Governance Committee created a Facility Use Policy and a Use Agreement form that outlines how and when individuals and groups may use the room. Copies of these documents are available on our website under the About Us section.

In 2018 we were pleased to host community groups including the Castine Garden Club, Castine Golf Club, Castine Yacht Club, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, a public talk and reception by the Blue Hill Heritage Trust, a two-day Pilates class, and a memorial for Al Boyer. The Mitchell Room also serves as a safe gathering place for Adams School students in case of fire or other emergencies.

The Committee also spear-headed the implementation of an improved staff evaluation form, as well as a new Organization Chart that better reflects the roles of both staff and the board now that there is an Executive Director at the helm.

In the fall of 2016, the Society introduced term limits for board members. The Governance Committee is responsible for finding new board members as well as nominating an officer slate to be voted on at the August Annual Meeting. The committee also developed a Trustee Manual and a new board member orientation program to help meet our Strategic Plan goal of maintaining a strong and engaged Board of Directors.

In 2018 three long-serving board members who made significant contributions rotated off the board: Lynne Dearborn, Anne Fuentes, and Ruth Scheer.

Both Ruth and Lynne co-chaired the last three House and Garden Tours. Ruth brought her organizational skills, determination, and understanding of how to get things done while serving on numerous committees. Ruth will continue to volunteer her time on committees and is planning a 2020 House and Garden Tour with Lynne. Lynne contributed her innate sense of design, quiet persuasion, and sense of humor to everything she did including the popular Art Show and Sale. She continues to volunteer as a docent in the Abbott School exhibit gallery. Anne, a retired history teacher, brought her deep love and knowledge of history to the Board while she served on various committees. She continues to volunteer as a docent and a walking tour guide.

In August, we welcomed three new members to the Board of Directors for three-year terms: Alice Alston, Ellen Benjamin, and Jill Schoof. Also elected were three new Honorary Directors recognized for their exemplary service to the Historical Society: David K. Adams, Ann Miller, and John Parish.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Volunteers

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Historical Society. They work as docents in the Abbott School, give walking tours, help with collections, and serve on committees. Volunteers, who often serve as the face of the Historical Society, offer their time, energy, and expertise. What they accomplish is vital to fulfill our Strategic Plan goal of tapping into the economic, educational, and recreational potential of Castine’s history.

During the open season, from June through October, the Abbott School docents provide a valuable service. They welcome guests, introduce the current exhibit to visitors, record attendance, and sell items from the gift shop.

This year, with Docent Coordinator Alice Alston, the staff revised the Docent Training Manual and held a number of in-depth training sessions throughout the season. Many thanks to Alice for her work coordinating the docent schedule and providing additional training and support as needed.

The Walking Tour Guides provide tours to visitors and locals each Saturday morning in July and August and by appointment. The tours are a great community resource allowing visitors and residents the chance to learn more about this beautiful and historically rich town.

Our curator Paige Lilly supervises a group of collection and exhibition volunteers. They help research and transcribe documents and assist with organization and access of the collection.

**Thank you to our volunteers:**

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Interested in volunteering? Give us a call at (207) 326-4118. We’d love to have your help!
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Local Partnerships

Community engagement and outreach are major goals of our Strategic Plan. In 2018, the Castine Historical Society participated in a number of local partnerships as part of our effort to become a more outward-facing community resource.

CASTINE HISTORY PARTNERS

In 2017 the Historical Society brought together key non-profit stakeholders to seek out common goals and projects that use Castine’s history to further the town’s economic, educational, and recreational potential. The group, now called the Castine History Partners, met every month to design, research, and implement a new way for tourists and locals to learn about Castine’s history.

VIRTUAL TOUR

The Castine Virtual History Tour debuted in late December. The project allows residents, visitors, and people who will never visit Castine the chance to explore the town and learn about its’ historic sites. The tour features short histories, audio descriptions, and historic images of 27 sites. It is available as a free program, or “app,” that people can download to their mobile devices from the Google Play and Apple App Store. People who do not have smartphones or tablets can take the tour online at www.castine.oncell.com.

The project is sponsored by funds from each of the participating institutions as well as grants from the Hancock County Fund of the Maine Community Foundation, the Maine Humanities Council, and support from the Castine Community Partners.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Helping with the Virtual History Tour was a great experience for the staff and board members of the Historical Society. The Tour is ongoing, and the Historical Society will continue to work with the partners on it. Along with our board members, the Historical Society staff also participates with community groups and in community events, including Bastille Day, projects with the Castine Merchants Association, and the town’s Halloween Trunk or Treat event.

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PROGRAM & CAMPUS ENHANCEMENT

Facilities

The Buildings and Grounds Committee works toward the Strategic Plan goal to ensure that the Historical Society is being used as an integral part of the community. The goal is to create a fully developed campus featuring a balance of exhibits, classroom, and public meeting spaces where people with an interest in local history can access the collections and expertise of the staff.

The committee worked on many projects this year to further the preservation of the 1859 Abbott School, which houses the Historical Society’s exhibits and gift shop. The cupula, facade, and the south side of the building need painting and window repair. The estimated cost of this project is over $30,000. To help offset the cost, the staff successfully secured a $11,715 grant from the Davis Family Foundation and a $10,000 grant from the Belvedere Historical Preservation Fund of the Maine Community Foundation. In addition, many donations came in from members. Window repair work has commenced and the painting will begin in early spring.

Another big project began in 2018 – the removal of an accumulation of non-collection items from the third floor of the Abbott School. The committee also installed a plaque on the Abbott School and a plaque on the Grindle House from Maine Preservation awarded to the Historical Society for excellence in historic preservation.

Many Thanks

TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS FOR THE ABBOTT SCHOOL PAINTING PROJECT:

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Program & Campus Enhancement

Collections

The Board of Directors, staff, and you, the members, consider the collection of historic manuscripts, photographs, ephemera, maps, rare books, and artifacts to be at the core of what we do. The Historical Society collects, preserves, and makes available a growing resource that is held in the public trust and is cared for well. This serious and important work is what motivated the Historical Society to purchase, restore, and renovate the Samuel P. Grindle House with a secure, two-level, climate-controlled storage facility that was completed in 2015.

In 2018 hundreds of researchers emailed, called, or visited the Grindle House with questions. Every interaction helps the staff learn more about the treasures the Historical Society has. It is always gratifying to help researchers find the missing piece of the puzzle or provide them with leads to search elsewhere. This service occupies the staff almost daily throughout the year.

Adding donated items or collections is another exciting aspect of collections work. Here are some examples of 2018 donations that demonstrate the variety of local history entrusted to the Castine Historical Society:

- Ship captain’s travel desk used in the early 1800s by Captain James Hale
- Bates and Tenney family photo albums, late 19th-mid 20th century, with scenes of family and friends in Castine
- "Ford Times, August, 1957, "Two Square Miles of History" by Francis W. Hatch
- Tetrahedron model sculpture by Clark Fitz-Gerald
- "Eaton’s Boatyard: A Castine Institution" a documentary style audiovisual history and other oral history videos recorded and edited by volunteer Ken Scheer (available for viewing on the Historical Society website castinehistoricalsociety.org/living-history)

Last summer was the fifth year of the Historical Society’s graduate internship program, a ten-week paid opportunity available to students enrolled in a graduate program in history, museum studies, public history, or related field. The Historical Society is pleased to contribute to the history field by offering this educational program. The 2018 program has been generously sponsored by Al and Cynthia Boyer for many years. Thanks to their commitment and passion for the graduate internship program, many young people wishing to enter the museum field have gained valuable real-life experience. In 2018 the internship was awarded to Hannah Kintzel, a master’s degree candidate in historic preservation at Southeast Missouri State University.
Exhibits

Interviews with community stakeholders, Historical Society members and Board members conducted as part of strategic planning in 2016, identified exhibits and accessible historic collections as major strengths of the organization. The Board and staff are committed to enriching and expanding these assets as an enduring resource.

CASTINE’S DEVOTED WOMEN

For the 2018 seasonal exhibit, Castine’s Devoted Women was extended with stories of additional public-minded Castine women. The committee was fortunate to again utilize the design skills of Sedgwick resident Marti Brill. Attendance in 2018 increased over the record-setting number of visitors in 2017, and the Abbott School was kept open for five months by a dedicated crew of volunteer docents. Bangor Savings Bank generously sponsored the exhibit in 2018.

The core exhibit drew on a collection of scrapbooks donated in 2016 by Virginia Bourne. They document the public life of two women devoted to each other and their life-long relationship. The creation of this exhibit in a rural Maine community presented a challenge. However, the process made the Historical Society a stronger organization with new community connections. In doing so, we are joining a trend in the museum field to become more inclusive and to demonstrate the relevance of local history to modern life.

Visitors, both residents and tourists, commented on the high quality of the exhibit content and design in a small town museum. Reviews on TripAdvisor reflect the same sentiments:

“Fabulous little museum” We saw a well curated and thought-provoking exhibit about two women who played important roles in the suffrage and social justice movements in the early 20th century.
– AUGUST 2018

“Castine’s Devoted Women” Wonderful exhibit. Was so glad to see it in 2018 when time did not permit the year before. Thoughtful presentation, with first-rate displays and captions (the key to any exhibit’s success, I would argue). Can’t wait to go back this coming summer.
– FEBRUARY 2019

2019-2020 EXHIBIT

Research for the 2019-2020 exhibit, Risky Business: Square-Rigged Ships and Salted Fish, occupied our 2018 graduate intern, Hannah Kintzel, for most of her ten weeks. Staff and volunteers continued the detailed interpretation and planning through early 2019. Guest Curator Richard M. Ames has brought to light a remarkable and inspiring segment of Castine’s maritime history. His work will be published by the Historical Society as an illustrated book this year before the exhibit opens June 10.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Public programs in 2018 were well-received:

• Treasures in Our Own Backyards – show and tell with area historical societies
• Deborah Pulliam Memorial Lecture – Tomlin Coggeshall “Molly Dewson and Frances Perkins: Two Powerful Women”
• Exhibit Talks – two gallery talks with curator Paige Lilly
• Annual Meeting program – Lee Smith “Believe It or Not! Fact . . . or Fiction?”

EXHIBITS

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PROGRAM & CAMPUS ENHANCEMENT

Marketing

The Marketing and Public Relations Committee advises staff on developing marketing strategies to promote the Castine Historical Society’s mission, exhibits, events, and public image.

In many ways, marketing and public relations are crucial to everything we do at the Historical Society. Good marketing will increase attendance, encourage memberships and donations, and help researchers learn about our unique resources.

The Historical Society advertises in regional papers and Chamber of Commerce tourism publications. The staff sent out press releases to media outlets well beyond the Castine area. In 2018 thirty-four news stories appeared in print covering Historical Society activities and events were listed in many on-line calendars of events.

The committee advises on the development of all Historical Society publications. In 2018 the committee oversaw the design and printing of a new Historical Society brochure and updated our advertisements.

In 2018, in an effort to spread the word more broadly in Maine, the Historical Society contracted to professionally distribute the brochure to tourism outlets from Camden to Ellsworth.

Throughout the year, staff continually updates the website with information about new events and exhibits. Social media continues to grow in importance in telling our story. Staff are active on Facebook and during the season send out regular e-blasts on what’s happening at the Historical Society.

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DISCOVER CASTINE WITH US

CASTINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2018 Exhibit
CASTINE’S DEVOTED WOMEN: SOCIAL CHANGE & PUBLIC SERVICE
June 11 – October 8, 2018

Molly Porter and Molly Dewson’s 50-year partnership spanned an era of progressive change. Their causes reverberate in the daily lives of today. Explore Molly’s role in 1930’s African politics and meet other Castine women devoted to public service, politics, and age equality.

Generously sponsored by Bangor Savings Bank

Exhibit advertisement and brochure
Development

The Development Committee had two important Strategic Plan goals for 2018: to continue the search for more innovative fundraising methods and to improve member relations through better membership and donation tracking.

The year began with implementation of Past Perfect as our new tracking software, allowing staff to better track donations and more easily communicate with members and donors.

New in 2018 was the rolling membership program with renewals being in the month a member joined. This helps the Historical Society spread income out over the fiscal year, but more importantly, ensures that no matter when a member joins they get a full year of membership benefits.

The committee produced two fundraisers, a cocktail party featuring the expansive views of Penobscot Bay and a more intimate event featuring local foods and a raffle.

In July, over 125 guests attended the Nautilus Island cocktail reception where they were able to view this beautiful historic island and home. Everyone enjoyed the spectacular setting, remarkable food, and stupendous sunset views of Castine harbor. An added treat was the boat ride to and from the island in the Maine Maritime Academy’s launches.

This was followed up by a Land to Sea Dinner at The Manor in early October for over 50 guests. The money raised from these two events helped support the Historical Society’s general operating fund. Many thanks to all who attended!

As part of the goal to increase funding from a variety of sources, grant writing was a key focus of the staff in 2018.

We were pleased to receive the following grants and sponsorships:

- Bangor Savings Bank: $5,000 for “Castine’s Devoted Women” exhibit
- Majabigwaduce Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution: $5,000 for “Risky Business” exhibit
- Belvedere Historical Preservation Fund of the Maine Community Foundation: $10,000 for Abbott School painting project
- Davis Family Foundation: $11,715 for Abbott School painting project

In conjunction with Castine History Partners:

- Maine Humanities Council: $900 for Castine History Partners Virtual Tour.
- Many thanks to Jeanmarie Reed, Wilson Museum, who co-wrote this grant
- Hancock County Fund of the Maine Community Foundation: $4,000 for Castine History Partners Virtual Tour

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2018 Annual Report
Financial Report

Your generous membership dues and Annual Appeal gifts help balance the operating budget. Your gifts enhance our exhibits, programs, care for the collection, and maintain two historic buildings, the Abbott School and the Grindle House.

In 2018, a number of state and foundation grants provided income for exhibits, community programs, and facility care. In addition, our operating budget is bolstered by interest income from our endowments. Our strategic plan goal is to create a more balanced revenue stream through increased grant writing and fundraising over the coming years.

The endowments are managed by Bangor Savings Bank Wealth Management with oversight by the Finance Committee.

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In Memory

The Castine Historical Society lost a number of valued members whose contributions of time and talent helped shape the organization. While space does not allow for tributes to all those who passed away, the Historical Society felt that three in particular should be mentioned.

In June, our devoted long-time benefactor and board member J. Alton (Al) Boyer passed away. The fall 2018 issue of The Visitor featured a tribute to his work and impact on the Historical Society.

In October, long-time member and supporter William J. Murtagh, Jr. passed away. It is safe to say that the field of historic preservation would not be what it is today without Bill’s hard work, vision, leadership, and devotion. In writing about his work on the national scene, Stephanie Meeks, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Trust for Historic Preservation wrote, “In many ways, Dr. Murtagh gave preservation in America itself a history. His thinking and scholarship informed the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, which enshrined preservation into federal law.”

In the late 1960s while working for the National Register of Historic Places, Bill created the National Historic Register Program which includes creating historic districts. During this time, he was sent to Castine to approve moving the Perkins House to its present location on the Wilson Museum campus.

On his first visit, Bill fell instantly in love with Castine, a town renowned for its historic homes. In 1972, Bill learned that the abandoned Abbott School’s first floor was being discussed for potential storage space for the town’s dump truck. The building was in near derelict condition. Bill bought the Abbott School with Mae O’Neil and restored the building turning it into two apartments. One of these he used for summer visits. Thanks to Bill’s foresight, this important building was saved and the historic character of the town common was preserved. In 1984, Bill sold the property to another couple and in 1993, the Castine Historical Society bought the building.

Bill’s involvement did not end there. He served as an advisor to the Historical Society and helped with the plans to convert the building into exhibit space, a gift shop, collection’s storage and offices. He was a lifetime member of the Historical Society and his contributions to historic preservation on the local and national level made a lasting impact.

This January, the Historical Society learned that Robert “Bob” C. Dick, our Honorary Director, had passed away. Bob served on the board from 1994 to 1998 as Co-Vice President and then Secretary. Bob’s passion for detail made him the perfect Secretary because he enjoyed taking minutes at the board meetings. He enjoyed taking the minutes so much, in fact, that he continued doing it even after he left the board. In 2001, Bob was named Honorary Director, a position he kept until his passing.
2018 STATISTICS

- 3,849 VISITORS
- 355 MEMBERS
- 42 NEW MEMBERS
- 123 RESEARCHERS
- 748 FACEBOOK FRIENDS
- 600 E-BLAST SUBSCRIBERS
- 77 VOLUNTEERS
- 6,341 WEBSITE VISITORS
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Visitors enjoying “Castine’s Devoted Women” exhibit.