Dear Museum Family,

A casual observer might mistake your American Independence Museum for a small historic house museum in a small historic New England town, but thanks to your support we know our impact is already much larger than that and growing! In 2019, our treasured Dunlap Broadside traveled to the New Hampshire State House to be reunited on display with an 1823 printing of the Declaration of Independence and an original copy of the Bill of Rights and seen by over 3,000 visitors and schoolchildren. Our Traveling Trunks visited schoolkids in California, Florida, Idaho and many more states and this program is now expanding to retirement communities. We are also currently innovating other new ways to inspire a larger national audience!

Likewise, while many of us bend to the quarterly corporate time clock in much of our lives, the Museum reminds and inspires us to think – like our founding fathers did – in centuries. Thanks to the amazing LCHIP program and generous matching donors, 2019 saw our 1721 Ladd-Gilman House get a refurbished foundation, drainage system, entrance landscaping and new campus pathways. Thank you for helping us preserve our buildings and collections for many generations to come.

In these Annual Report pages please enjoy reflecting on what you have created, and by all means stop by in 2020… the Museum for a tour, Folsom Tavern for an event, our grounds as you meander through town. A radiant slice of the American Revolution happened right here, and it is not to be missed!

As always, thank you so much for your fresh ideas, your encouraging words, your bold actions, your generous financial gifts, your curious visits and your most interesting questions. Your Board of Governors, Ambassadors, Staff and Volunteers are deeply appreciative of your engagement with the Museum. You make our work a joy!

Ozzie Ayscue
President, Board of Governors

This Annual Report is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Edward F. Woods, Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire member who was instrumental in the founding of this museum in 1991.
Note
The museum’s mission and vision were updated in 2020. Listed here are the mission and vision from 2019.

Our Mission
The American Independence Museum promotes awareness, increases understanding and celebrates the freedoms of American Independence so as to recognize the many facets of the founding of our Nation, and to encourage and inspire civic engagement today.

Our Vision
The American Independence Museum will be a premier center for education, study and celebration of events, people, places and ideas that played a role in the struggle for American Independence and the founding of our Nation. History is living, exciting, relevant and fun and should be enjoyed by all.
Year in Review

2019 Museum Engagement
- Off-Site Programs
- Public Programs
- Public Tours
- Public Programs
- School Groups

Museum Engagement by Year
- American Independence Festival
- Public Tours
- Public Programs
- Education Programs
- Off-Site Programs

2019 Income by Category
- Foundation & Non-Profit Support
- Individual Support
- Corporate Support
- Programs
- Endowment

2019 Expense by Category
- Museum Operations
- Preservation Maintenance
- Fundraising
- Programs
- Marketing

All numbers are from the museum's most recent fiscal year (January 1 - December 31)
EDUCATION

Our Education department is increasing its reach through off site and lifelong learning programs. The Traveling Trunk continues its travels across the country, reaching over 2,000 students this year, and is fully booked through 2021. Thanks to the support of Service Credit Union, this resource is free for teachers. We launched a new program in conjunction with Exeter High School and the Rockingham County Courts that uses our drafts of the US Constitution as an exploration of the 4th Amendment. We welcomed Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and brought our trunk and colonial craft projects off-site to older adults at the Exeter Housing Authority. Re-envisioned Huzzah! Family Workshops focused on colonial foodways and allowed families a chance to prepare food together. Our reach to students continues to grow, through increased programming designed specifically for homeschool families who are hungry for targeted programming.

COLLECTIONS & EXHIBITIONS

New hands-on and digital interactives are in the final stages of development and will be launched in select exhibition spaces during the 2020 season. Thanks to generous grant funders, we have four new archival-quality cases for rare and delicate museum objects. Oral history interviews with Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire members continued as we work to capture the current faces and stories of Society members. Most notably, our Dunlap Broadside traveled to the State House in Concord where it was unveiled by the Governor as part of the State House’s bicentennial celebration.

Governor Chris Sununu admires the museum’s Dunlap Broadside on view in Concord to celebrate the Bicentennial of the State House.

Our seasonal exhibition focused on civic engagement and featured items from the collection of the NH Institute of Politics at St. Anselm’s College in Manchester. Exhibits Visioning work continued in the Treasury Room this year, thanks to support from the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati.

Society of the Cincinnati New Hampshire eagle insignia, ca. 1915.
BUILDING STEWARDSHIP

We kicked off extensive building preservation work, funded by the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) and a number of grant funders and private donors. This $180,000 project addressed drainage around the Ladd-Gilman House through regrading, repointing, drainage systems, and sill restoration. We secured the foundation in a way that will keep moisture out of the basements and help to regulate the climate in the museum. Archaeology was undertaken as part of this work and yielded some interesting finds, such as medicinal bottles from the early 20th century and pre-contact Native American artifacts. A historic hillside retaining wall was rebuilt and the beginnings of a pathway to connect Ladd-Gilman House to Folsom Tavern was built. Work will continue in 2020.
VISIBILITY

The visibility of the museum continues to grow as we expand our social media presence and increase the number of press releases submitted to local and regional papers. We appeared in local, national and international programs including NEWTV (Newton, MA) Museum Open House segment, a radio interview with BBC Devon, a radio interview with Jack Heath’s New Hampshire Today and countless appearances on Exeter’s own EXTV station. We have presented to the Great Bay Rotary Club, Exeter Mills and the Pierce Manse in Concord. We continued our work with Rev250, a Boston-based group looking ahead to the 250th anniversary of pivotal moments throughout the Revolutionary War, presented at numerous museum conferences, and visited Anderson House in Washington, DC along with Society of the Cincinnati members. Museum staff visited the Tufts University Museum Education class in the spring and welcomed UNH Museum Studies students in the fall.

PROGRAMS

This year’s programmatic theme was civic engagement, a central component of our mission. We partnered with state and local agencies to discuss what it means to be an American and understanding community from a historic perspective. The annual American Independence Festival welcomed thousands of visitors and promoted the museum widely. This year’s Festival engaged over 1,100 visitors on museum grounds and raised over $10,000 for the museum. Our Genealogy Workshop Series, offered in partnership with New England Historic Genealogical Society, has seen increased interest in its second season with attendees coming from Maine, Vermont, and Connecticut. Beer for History expanded to five events this season, featuring different local breweries, and received a multi-year sponsorship from DTC Lawyers. Ghosts of Winter Street Cemetery explored Exeter’s Revolutionary residents and was a sold out program. We ended the season with Exeter’s “Ring in the Season” events in historic Folsom Tavern.

Senior residents at the Exeter Housing Authority make lavender sachets in an off-site program presented by the museum and Exeter Parks and Recreation.

Colonial holiday teas in Folsom Tavern.

John Taylor Gilman, portrayed by descendant Greg Gilman, reads the Declaration of Independence to a crowd gathered on Water Street during the American Independence Festival.

Filming the Museum Open House segment at NEWTV in Newton, MA.
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Our volunteers are at the heart of our work. They assist with collections, tours, gift shop sales, the American Independence Festival, public programs, mailings and more. Investing countless hours into museum operations, our volunteers are a wealth of knowledge and inspiration for us all. In addition to our governance members and interns, our 2019 volunteers were:

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Summer interns perform research at Exeter Historical Society.
SPECIAL PROJECTS
Gifts for special initiatives -- from our Master Landscape Plan to our Collections Fund, and more.

Ladd-Gilman House Rehabilitation Work
Lewis Family Foundation
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William W. Treat Foundation

$1,500 Governors Lane Steps
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Up to $1,000
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Support of general operations through membership and gifts to our 1776 Annual Fund

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Festival volunteers

Sponsor, brewers and museum staff celebrate the 2019 season of Beer for History outside Folsom Tavern. Photo by Paul Royal / Art & Science Photography.
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