**2018 Edmund M. Keefe Memorial Scholarship Award**

The Nashua Historical Society’s scholarship for 2018 was awarded to Angela Beatrice. Proud parents John and Donna Beatrice and her sister, Gianna. Angela is a 2018 graduate of Nashua High School North. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has served as that group’s coordinator for the Memorial Day Flag ceremony. She also served as Vice President of the Spanish Honor Society. Angela’s favorite class in high school was Advanced Placement US History. She wrote that she found it to be one of the most challenging and interesting classes she had ever taken. She gave credit to her teacher who loved the subject and encouraged her to pursue history in college. Angela has volunteered for three years at the Hunt Community. Every Saturday, she reads to a woman who is blind and shares her love for history. Angela taught religious education for both third and sixth grade and, for ten years, has been an altar server at daily Mass. As for the future, Angela plans to attend Rivier University and study history and environmental science.

*President Joanne Ouellette looks on as committee member Ralph Sommese presents Angela with their award.*

Thank you to Rose Markiewicz, Avelda Muniz and Ralph Sommese who not only served on the scholarship committee but also have worked as educators.

**Volunteer Recognition**

The Society is very fortunate to have many wonderful volunteers. Some are with us for a short time and some remain with us for many years. Two of our longtime volunteers have recently moved on to other opportunities – JoAnne St. John and Paul Friday. JoAnne served as the chairperson of the Research Committee and served on the Society Board of Directors for a number of years. Her contributions to the Society were immeasurable. Paul was a longtime volunteer researcher. His methodical work found answers for even the most difficult research request. The Society truly appreciates the time and the talents that JoAnne and Paul shared with us. They will be missed.

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**NASHUA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018-2020 OFFICERS**

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**Staff**

- Beth McCarthy   Curator
- Eileen B. Herring Admin. Assistant
- Barbara Comer Collection Technician

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148th NHS Annual Meeting on May 15, 2018

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You are always welcome to drop by the Society. We are open from 10 to 3, Tuesday through Thursday.

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

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Abbot-Spalding House 1 Nashville St. Nashua, NH 03066
Florence H. Speare Museum 5 Abbott St. Nashua, NH 03064 (603)883-0015, (603)889-8515 fax
Tulip Tree Dedication - May 19, 2018

Arborist Kevin Fredette gave the Tulip Tree Dedication in honor of Frank H. and Marvis J. Mellen

Tulip Tree

Board Reports from the Annual Meeting that was held on May 15, 2018

All board reports were respectfully submitted by the committee chair people and the members of each committee. The original reports are on file at The Nashua Historical Society.

President's Report:
Welcome to the 148th Annual Meeting of the Nashua Historical Society. Tonight our committee reports will tell of the accomplishments and challenges that the Society has experienced this year. Some highlights include: our Nominating Committee’s persistent search to find excellent candidates for the Board of Directors continued financial stability thanks to the Finance Committee, the stock market and the staff making wise expense choices continued and professional care of our Collection, buildings and grounds thanks to staff and volunteer chairpersons volunteers who come in regularly to work on Society projects and others who are on call for special events and tasks.

What is the dollar value of Volunteer Time per hour? In the middle of April, Independent Sector announced that the latest value of a volunteer hour is $24.69 – up 2.2 percent from last year. That figure, estimated from data collected in 2017, shows the incredible contributions that some 63 million volunteers made to our communities and our country. They donated approximately 8 billion hours of their time and talent which amounts to an estimated $197.5 billion to our nation.

Finance Committee:
Another successful year goes into the books. We budgeted for an expense budget of $204,000 in 2017-2018, knowing that there was a possibility of an additional expense of approximately $26,000 for the replacement of the Abbot-Spalding roof. The roof was replaced, and we ended the year about $9,000 over budget.

The operating budget for the current year is $239,954 which takes into account the expense for the replacement of the Florence Speare roof.

All of our investments weathered the sharp but brief stumble in the financial markets earlier this year and are providing the necessary funds for the Society to fulfill its mission.

We advised our investment bankers to slightly increase the percentage of our portfolio into fixed funds.

We are very grateful for a very generous $10,000 donation from an anonymous member.

Our financial position is sound, and we have no debt!

Treasurer's Report:
Fiscal Year 2017-2018
Annual budget was $204,000.00
Total expenses were $240,733.08
Difference $36,733.08
The increase in insurance costs, but most was for maintenance, e.g., roof on the Abbot Spalding House and other repairs as needed.

Buildings Report:
New roof on the Abbot-Spalding House
Leaking window wells on both Abbot and Speare buildings were addressed
Several new platforms with wheels were built to facilitate movement of heavy items
Several interior areas at the Speare were painted
A free energy audit by Liberty Utilities yielded no suggestions for improvements
Various minor issues were addressed as needed

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Collection Committee:
The Nashua Historical Society was fortunate this past year to have made significant progress with the Collection.

Individual Contributions To The Collection:

Sandra Axton has continued to research a variety of history related aspects relative to the Abbot-Spalding House. She has researched and cataloged numerous different collections of various years of Nashua High School Graduation Class Photographs. She has been researching and identifying Nashua High School graduates within the large panoramic photographs of classmates from various school years. She has worked on the organization required for the pre-cataloging of the many images belonging to the "Kids Into Drama" collection. She has worked on all preliminary aspects of an open to the public photograph identification day designed to support several different photograph collections.

Barbara Bankeroff fulfilled the management of the Nashua Historical Society’s computer network and the collection management software, PastPerfect. Barbara has trained new PastPerfect users and she has been the computer support person to all of the PastPerfect staff. Barbara Bankeroff has worked on numerous photograph Research Requests. She has researched and completed accession records. She has researched and furthered the catalog records of various eclectic items though out the collection. She has worked on the pre-cataloging tasks for numerous artifacts and she has cataloged various eclectic artifacts. She has been an instrumental participant with all aspects of the ongoing collection needs which includes being an active participant with the Scrap Book Project.

Ron Burgess has cataloged objects from the Society’s Military Collection.

Kara Cardinal, a high school student, has learned how to catalog photographs, and she completed the catalog records on Nashua School student photographs.

Eastman Chandler, a Hollis Brookline School student pursuing an internship at the Historical Society, has continued to apply his learned PastPerfect skills, and he has completed numerous catalog records on a Collection of Nashua Tie Plant Photographs.

Barbara Comer, Collection Technician, continued to research and further the catalog records of different eclectic items. She completed numerous accession records and furthered many more accession records. She has been an instrumental participant with all aspects of the ongoing collection needs. Barbara Comer has been the lead person for researching, accessioning and cataloging Frank Mooney’s large collection of Nashua materials.

Susan Fineman has continued to catalog photographs that have an emphasis on Nashua schools.

Paul Friday has continued his assistance with the organization and relocation of books with the Florence Hyde Speare Museum. He has cataloged a large number of photographs under different topics from within the Historical Society’s general collection.

Janice Frondo, a textile conservator, has been applying her expertise providing guidance and hands-on-helpfulness towards the Historical Society’s Textile Collection.

Margaret Garneau has been creating accession records for the completed Research and Records requests. She has been an active participant with the Scrapbook Collection.

Matt, a client, and Rick Walker, an employee of The Plus Company, have edited and cataloged numerous matchbook PastPerfect records for Frank Mooney’s Matchbook Collection.

Bryan Herring completed catalog records on many of the Historical Society’s bottles.

Eileen Herring completed container list catalog records on portions of the genealogy files. She has completed the scanning of the majority of the support papers for all of the Historical Society’s accession records.

Sarah Jarvis completed the catalog records for the “Mike Shalhoup Photograph and Negative Collection." Mike Shalhoup was a long time photographer for the Nashua Telegraph Newspaper. Sarah has been cataloging a portion of the Nashua Corporation Photograph Collection. She learned how to safely repair and bind books conservation style.

Daisy Jacquez, a high school student, has learned how to catalog photographs, and she has cataloged numerous Nashua School student photographs.

Ed Jean has worked on all preliminary aspects of an open to the public photograph identification day designed to support several different photograph collections.

Paula Lochhead is a textile expert who has volunteered to provide guidance and assistance towards our Textile Collection. She has been an active participant with the Historical Society’s textile project.

Rose Markiewicz has researched and cataloged Nashua Manufacturing Company Mill Photographs.

Mary Claire Martin, a high school student, completed cataloging photographs from the Davis Photograph Collection.

Beth McCarthy, Curator, provided support and guidance to all of the individuals who worked/volunteered on the following Committees: Collection, Exhibit, and Research and Records Committees. Current accessioning practices and past accessioning maintenance along with furthering the preservation of numerous aspects of the Historical Society’s eclectic collections were the Curator’s area of focus along with the maintenance of all of the collection support files. Oversight, support, participation and assistance with both the Scrapbook and the Textile projects were provided.

Beth attended the NEMA, New England Museum Association, conference as a staff development opportunity titled: “Trust & Truth: Museums and Social Action.”

Joanne Ouellette has worked with the deaccession items. Numerous gifts were made to other historical societies and other museums. Some deaccession items have been identified as items that will be auctioned with the proceeds returning to other areas of collection need.

Penni Pardoe has worked extensively with the various pre-computer cataloging steps required for archival papers within the Historical Society’s Topical Collection.
Volunteer Luncheon

The annual Volunteer Luncheon was held in March at the Crowne Plaza Hotel off Somerset Parkway in Nashua.

Everyone who attended had a great time.

 sweetheart ending to a great meal.

Beautiful Fresh floral arrangements decorated each table.

Cecile Renzi has completed cataloging all of the Historical Society’s postcards within its postcard collection. Gay Smith learned how to catalog and created PastPerfect records. Olivia Soucy, a high school student, has sorted large archival collections preparing these collections for their future accessioning and cataloging.

The Museum’s Environment:
Five Hobo devices designated to measure temperature and humidity were used in the basement and the attic of the Florence Hyde Speare Memorial Museum. The results of these Hobos have been maintained. A new commercial level dehumidifier was purchased and installed within the Textile Room of the Florence Speare Museum’s basement.

Significant Collection Projects:
Artifact Storage: A large metal, secure cabinet was purchased to house the most precious and delicate artifacts. Professional Advice: A review and improvement project on The Nashua Historical Society’s Collection Based Policies and Procedures was undertaken. Currently we are working with two intellectual property lawyers from the McLane Middleton Professional Association. They have provided the Society with a better understanding of the laws that govern the collection’s material ownership especially in the area of copyright. Some of the Historical Society policies and procedures have been re-written, approved and adopted as a result of this project. More of the Historical Society’s policies and procedures will advance as a result of this project as it moves forward.

Donations and Acceptance:
The most unique materials acquired for inclusion when the Historical Society’s collection during this past year were:

Books/Booklets/Archives:
The Mayoral Archives from Mayor Donald Davidson’s tenure as Mayor Archive materials from the beginning of Daniel Webster College Maps showing “Dunstable, Massachusetts from 1673 to 1722” An author’s draft and printers proof of the book “The Nashua Experience in Law” Two promotion pamphlets and a product blueprint for the “Lewis Master Ironing Board” (invented by George W. Lewis of Nashua and manufactured by Gregg and Son of Nashua) A book “Searching for Barton Carter: The Story of a Young American Hero”

Objects:
A wooden crate from the “Anis Flour and Grain Company” A hair clipper from The American Shearer Manufacturing Company An oversize sign “Nashua Textile Co., Inc., Main Office and Mill End Store” An ironing board prototype called the “Lewis Master Ironing Board” (invented by George W. Lewis of Nashua and manufactured by Gregg and Son of Nashua) A hankie holder, made by 12 year old Annette Guerette at Nashua’s Temple Street Elementary School, c. 1900

Photographs:
Fifty-three Nashua Police photographs used in the publishing of the book “The Nashua Experience in Law”
Problem Report:
Five programs were presented in the past year. They were all well attended and feedback was positive. We have been fortunate to receive two grants from New Hampshire Humanities, Humanities to Go! Speakers Bureau for the programs on September 21, 2017 and March 20, 2018.

September 21, 2017 – The Capital Crime of Witchcraft: What the Primary Sources Tell Us
October 17, 2017 – Wrecks of Winnipesaukee
November 12, 2017 – Motivating the WWI Home Front via Magazine and Radio Advertising
March 20, 2018 – New England Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them
April 17, 2018 – Searching for Barton Carter

Visitors Report:
The Abbot Spalding House had 264 visitors this past year. The house was open for the Art Walk in October and for the New Hampshire Symphony house tour in December, 2017. We are fortunate to have wonderful volunteers to act as docents.
The Speare Museum had 383 visitors. Local visitors to both museums came from Nashua, Manchester, Gilsum, Amherst, Woodsville, Milford, Hudson, Merrimack, Jaffrey, Portsmouth, Meredith, Litchfield, Hollis, Warner, and Londonderry all in New Hampshire. Visitors from Massachusetts came from Lowell, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, Methuen, Lawrence, Sudbury, Attleboro, Ulster and West Townsend.

In addition, we had visitors from Arizona, Utah, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, California, Wisconsin, Virginia, New York, Tennessee, Rhode Island, Illinois, Washington, Iowa, Ohio and Puerto Rico.

**Volunteer Report:**
The Nashua Historical Society has forever been blessed with the finest, hardworking volunteers of any non-profit organization in New Hampshire. This year is no exception. Our current President, Board of Officers and Directors have rolled up their sleeves to take on many tasks, internal and external and many thanks to them for jobs well done. The Society has had thirty (30) volunteers throughout this past year as well as two (2) college interns and five (5) high school students working on different projects within our collections. Total recorded hours was 4,801.85. Without all these work-a-bees the organization would be at a great loss. Many, many thanks to all of our energetic and terrific volunteers for giving their time to our Society and making another great year!

End of Report

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**Rotating City Hall Exhibit**
The current rotating exhibit in Nashua City Hall is a history of long-term Amherst Street businesses and pictures of the present and the past. Shortly, that exhibit will be changed to The Pheasant Lane Mall…now and then. Please stop by City Hall to check out the exhibit.

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**Speare Museum Exhibits**
The Nashua Manufacturing Exhibit that was featured in the spring 2018 newsletter continues to be on display and the aprons of Society member David Pinet’s mother are on display as well.

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**What memories do you have of Nashua?**

Our members have some great stories and memories of Nashua. We would love for you to share them with us so we can include them in the newsletter.

Please write up one of your Nashua memories and email it to nashuahistorical@comcast.net.

If, like many people, you lack confidence in your writing ability, call Eileen at the Society and set up a time to meet with her, and you can write it together.

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**More Angela Beatrice Scholarship images**

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**We’re on Facebook**

Also, The Nashua Historical Society now has a Facebook account. Please “like” us to keep up with the latest NHS events, programs and news at https://www.facebook.com/NashuaHistoricalSociety/