Dear Members and Friends of the CCHS,

In these challenging and historic times we have nonetheless continued moving our mission forward. All CCHS staff continue working both from home and, on a staggered basis, from our offices at the Museum & Library building.

We are delighted to announce a new Daguerreotypes & Cased Photographs exhibit in one of our museum galleries, and an exhibit celebrating Federal Style and the 200th anniversary of the James Vanderpoel House. The forthcoming issue of our magazine is devoted to Dutch culture in the Hudson Valley.

In lieu of ‘Day of History’ onsite field trips, classroom lessons for our 4th grade teachers are now posted online.

We have written and received a number of grants, including recently an international grant from the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for historical research and outdoor presentation.

Our staff has prepared a series of Drive Through History self-guided road trips, which are enjoying huge success.

And we are pleased to announce that our membership is up significantly.

Thank you all for your continuing support!

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COLUMBIA COUNTY HISTORY & HERITAGE MAGAZINE

Columbia County History & Heritage magazine presents the history and culture of Columbia County, and is a free benefit of CCHS membership.

While 2019 explored Farming in the County, with lead story by award-winning organic farmer Jean-Paul Courtens, and a review of County farming history, the forthcoming 2020 Dutch Culture issue is a celebration of Dutch heritage throughout the Hudson Valley.

2020 UPDATE
FINANCIAL POSITION

The physical assets of the Columbia County Historical Society include its collections of more than 15,000 works of art and other historical objects and furnishings; 60 acres of land in Columbia County; and four historic properties: Luykas Van Alen House, Ichabod Crane Schoolhouse, James Vanderpoel ‘House of History’ and the CCHS Museum & Library building.

At year end 2019 the Historical Society’s current liquid assets totaled $117,207, all of which is restricted and unrestricted cash; liabilities total $5,269.

The Historical Society has no debt.

Columbia County Historical Society
Financial Overview
Twelve months ending 12/31/19

Operating Income
Individual Contributions 195,029
Membership 18,890
Corporate, Government, Foundations 18,000
Lectures and Other Income 41,427
Total Ordinary Income 273,346

Expenses
Development 24,685
Education, Exhibits, Collections, Programs 163,788
Properties, Maintenance, Insurance 59,380
Administrative 21,978
Total Expenses 269,931

Operating Income Expenses
73%
6%
7%
14%
61%
8%
22%
9%

Operating Income

- Individual Contributions
- Corporate, Government, Foundation Income
- Membership
- Lectures & Other Programs

Expenses

- Development
- Education, Programs, Exhibits & Collections
- Properties
- Administrative
VANDERPOEL HOUSE BICENTENNIAL

Built 1819-1820, the James Vanderpoel House is celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2020. Commemorating the occasion, CCHS commissioned a reprint of The Old House Speaks, a history of the house originally released in 1934, and published a new volume, House of History: 200 Years of the James Vanderpoel House. The two-book set will be available for purchase in our online gift shop.

REFINEMENT, GRACE & SYMMETRY: FEDERAL STYLE IN AMERICA

Part of the James Vanderpoel House bicentennial celebration, a new exhibit is installed in the Masters and Callan galleries exploring paintings, fashions, furnishings and decorative arts of the Federal Era (1790-1830). We hope to share the exhibit with the public during the 2021 season.

WINTER LECTURE COLLABORATIONS: HUDSON AREA LIBRARY

CCHS presented several well-attended collaborative lectures in winter 2020. In partnership with the Hudson Area Library, author and historian Dr. Christopher Leahy spoke on the Historical Significance of Impeachment in the U.S., delivering insight and perspective during a time when the 2020 impeachment trial was dominating the news cycle.

Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society

In February, we partnered with the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society for a two-part lecture series on Hudson River and East Coast Lighthouses presented by lighthouse historian Bob Taylor.

DUTCH FARMING HERITAGE TRAIL

The Dutch Farming Heritage Trail, located on NY-9H behind our Rural Properties, is a popular spot year-round. Open from dawn to dusk.

‘DAY OF HISTORY’ NOW ONLINE

The c.1850 Ichabod Crane Schoolhouse and 1737 Luykas Van Alen House normally welcome hundreds of Columbia County fourth-graders for their annual ‘Day of History’ each spring. With field trips canceled during the pandemic, we reinvented ‘Day of History’ as virtual lesson plans. Through this educational resource for teachers and parents, students of all ages can learn about Mahican culture and 19th century schoolhouses from afar.

CASED PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE COLLECTION

The small upstairs alcove gallery of the Museum & Library is exhibiting more than 50 daguerreotypes, ambrotypes and tin types from the CCHS permanent collection. Made from silvered glass and mercury vapor, these delicate and diminutive treasures were the first publicly accessible photographic process, beginning around 1840. Opening date TBA.

FOUNDED IN 1916, COLUMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CCHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the history and culture of Columbia County. Collects, preserves, interprets and presents the history and culture of Columbia County, New York, and serves residents of all eighteen towns and the City of Hudson.

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HUDSON-ATHENS LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

The Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the history and culture of Columbia County.