

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



OLD COLONY
HISTORY
MUSEUM



Our Mission

The mission of the Old Colony History Museum is twofold: First, to collect, preserve and exhibit the history of the region of southeastern Massachusetts once known as the Old Colony.

Second, through a vigorous program of outreach and education, we aspire to interpret the area's history in ways that are accessible, inclusive and meaningful to local residents and visitors.

Our Vision

This organization is committed to the principle that our region's future depends upon the shared knowledge of its past. Our vision is to fully utilize our collection in order to become a thriving regional center where visitors of all ages and origins develop a lifelong love of learning and an enduring connection to those who came before us.

By providing meaningful experiences with local history and culture, we envision an active engagement with members and visitors who are increasingly knowledgeable and continually inspired to become better informed participants in the transformation of our community.

Our Team

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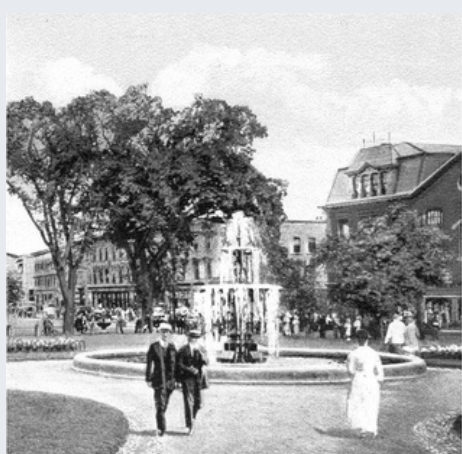
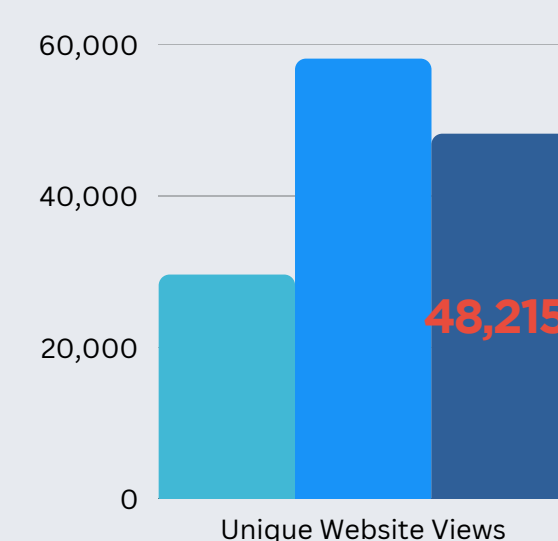
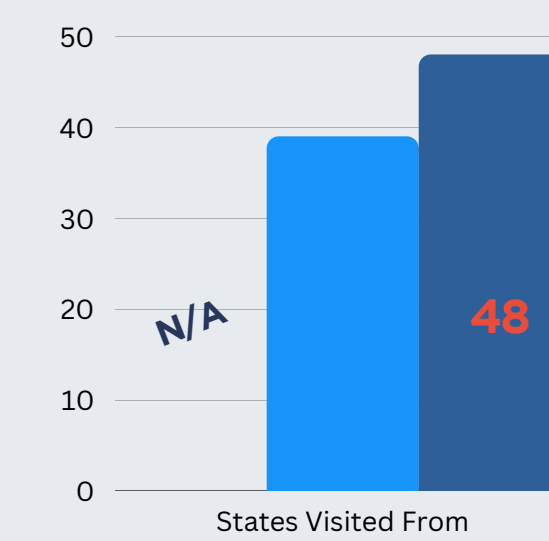
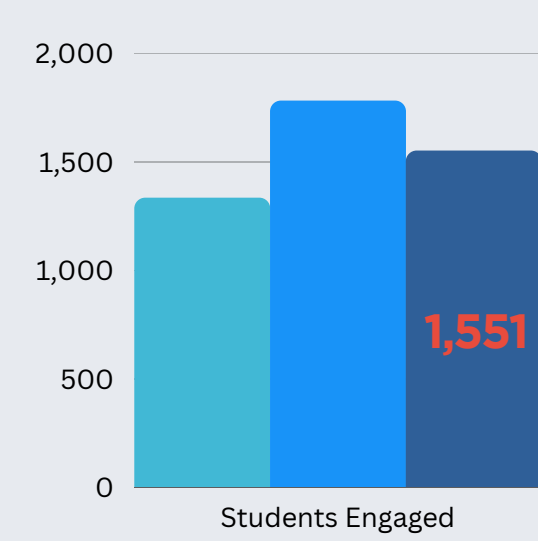
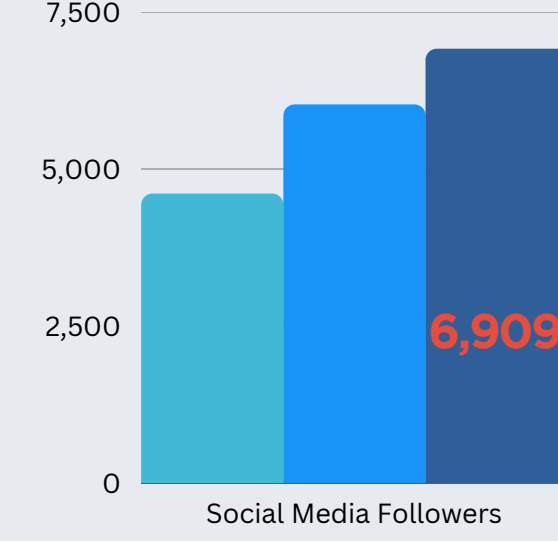
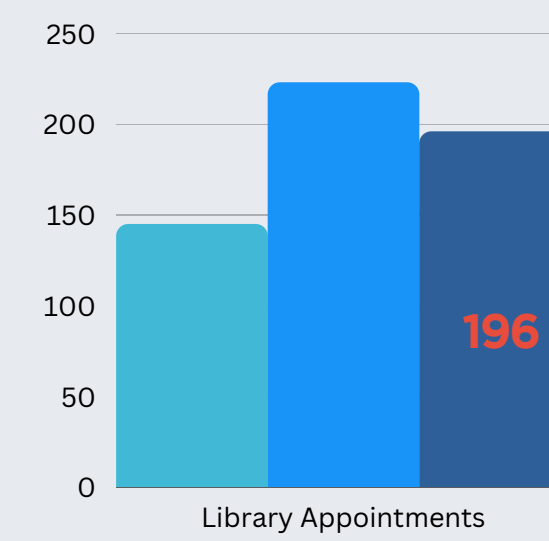
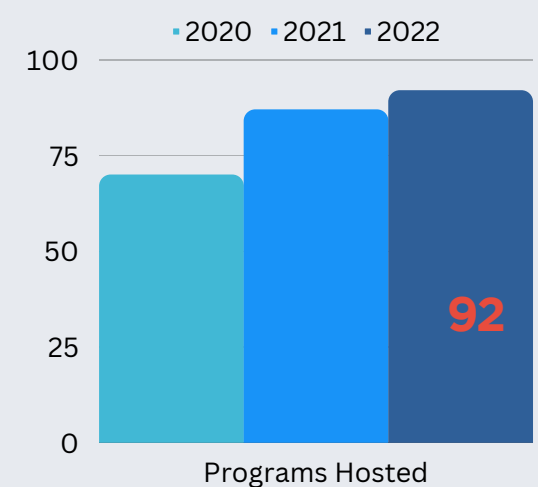
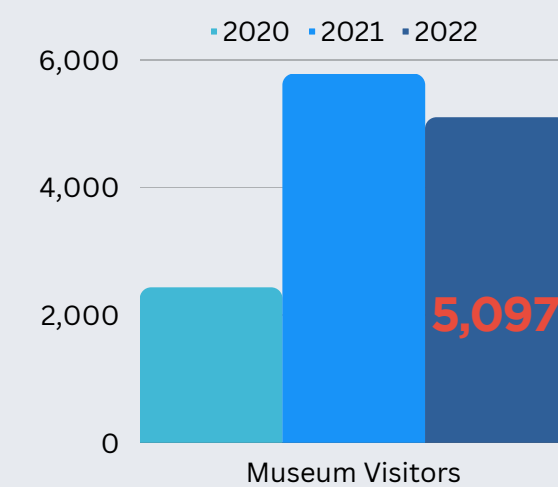
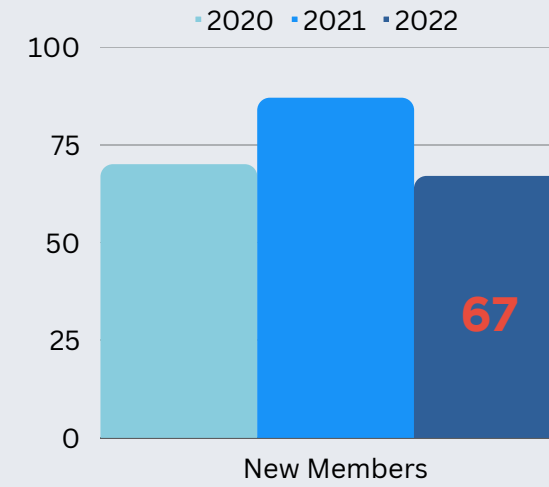
A Year in Review

As we look back on the year 2022, we see evidence of the ongoing realignment within the museum community following the COVID-19 pandemic. There is no doubt that the way people choose to interact with museums will continue to evolve during the foreseeable future. This is evident in the summaries that appear in our own Annual Report. For example, even in a year during which the OCHM reached more people, and covered a wider geographical area than ever before, some of the more traditional museum categories struggled to reach pre-pandemic levels. This presents an industry-wide challenge, and one that we feel especially well prepared to meet. During the coming year we will undertake an ambitious plan to invite more guests, students and groups to the museum, not only to tour its exhibits but also to become OCHM members. We're confident that this new approach, when combined with our already successful methods of outreach, will bring us a successful 2023.

We cannot look back on the past year and not recognize how fortunate we are to be the stewards of such a delightful organization. Blessed with a dedicated staff, a supportive Board of Directors, and an enormously generous membership, we face the future determined to ensure that the OCHM's best days lie ahead.

William F. Hanna, President
Katie MacDonald, Executive Director

Comparing 2022



Exhibits

Special Exhibits

We Are What We Eat



Object of the Month

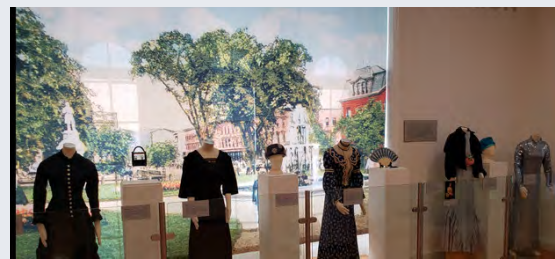


Taunton City Hall



In the Permanent Galleries

Fashion Exhibit



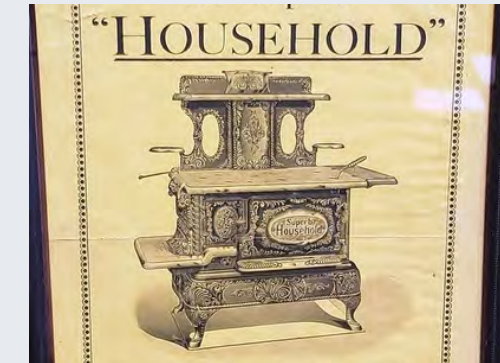
Local Businesses



King Philip's War



Additions to the Collection



In 2022, 32 donations were made to the OCHM Collections. These donations included 71 objects, 284 photographs, 9 books, and more than 150 documents.

Thank you to the donors who added to our collections in 2022

Linda Smith Bonorden * Armand Brandao * Janice Brockman * Kevin Butler * Cohasset Historical Society * Edward Deneka * Heather Duncan * Holy Union Sisters of Fall River * Vincent Luti * Mansfield Historical Society * Cheryl McCaffery * Robert Nelson * Robert O'Hara * Pat Olsen * Kimberly Raposa * Paul Russell * Thomas Sell * David Souza * Sharon Sullivan * Mark Sylvester * Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce * Peter Terenzi * Virginia Young *

Community Programs

A VIGOROUS PROGRAM OF OUTREACH...

Towns we visited

Berkley * Brewster * Mansfield * Middleboro * Raynham *
Sharon * Taunton * Wareham *

Groups we hosted

Girls Inc * Brockton ARC * Pride, Inc. * The Top of the Hill
Gang * South Coast Rail * Raynham Historical Society * New
England Association of Professional Genealogists * Raynham
Girl Scout Troop #67090 * Southcoast LGBTQ Network *
Taunton Development Corporation * Taunton Art Association
* Taunton Women's Business Group



**"Berry Ink & Butter"
Let's Make History
program**



**Taunton Council
on Aging**

Community Programs

...AND EDUCATION

Schools we worked with

Taunton Public Schools Grades 2, 4, 7
Taunton High School History students- "Farewell, Mr. Coute"
Christopher Donovan Day School
BMC Durfee High School Portuguese Club
Hands on Montessori School

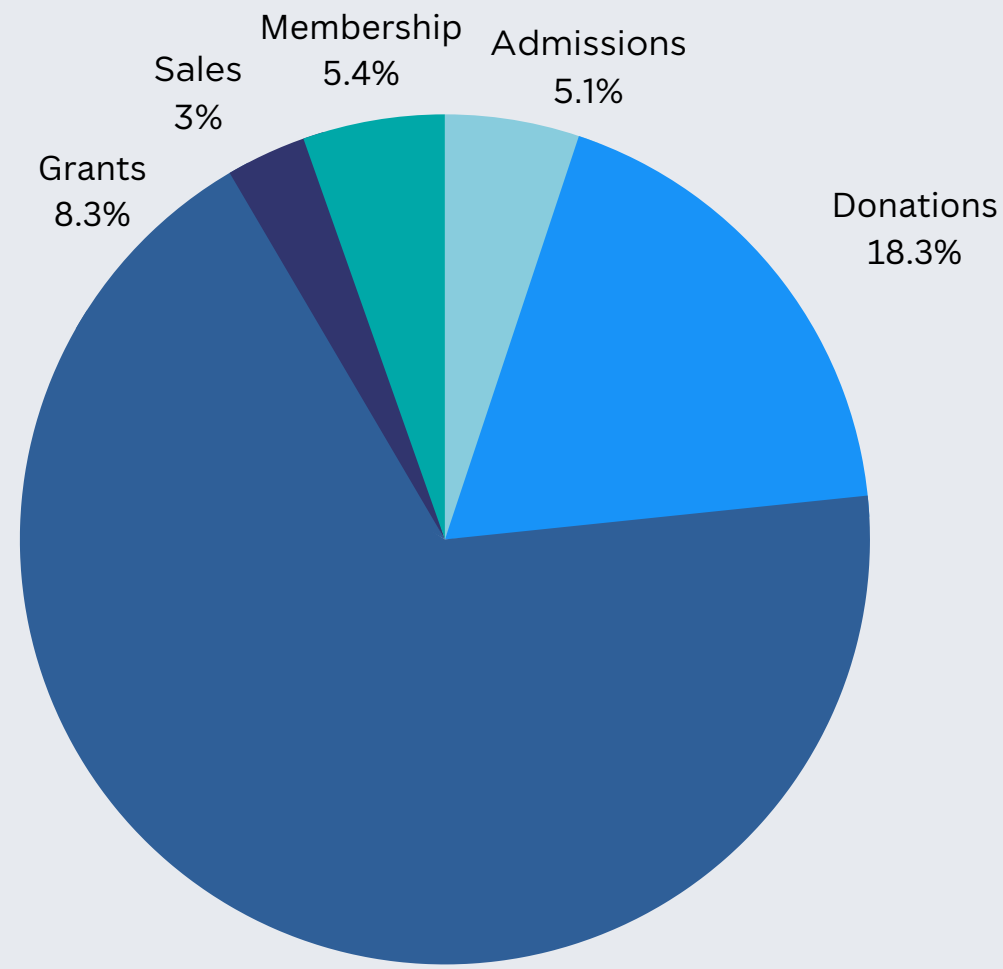
...and 4 days of professional development for local educators, too!

Community Events

Raynham Community Day
Opening ceremony at the YMCA Community Justice Support Center



Revenue



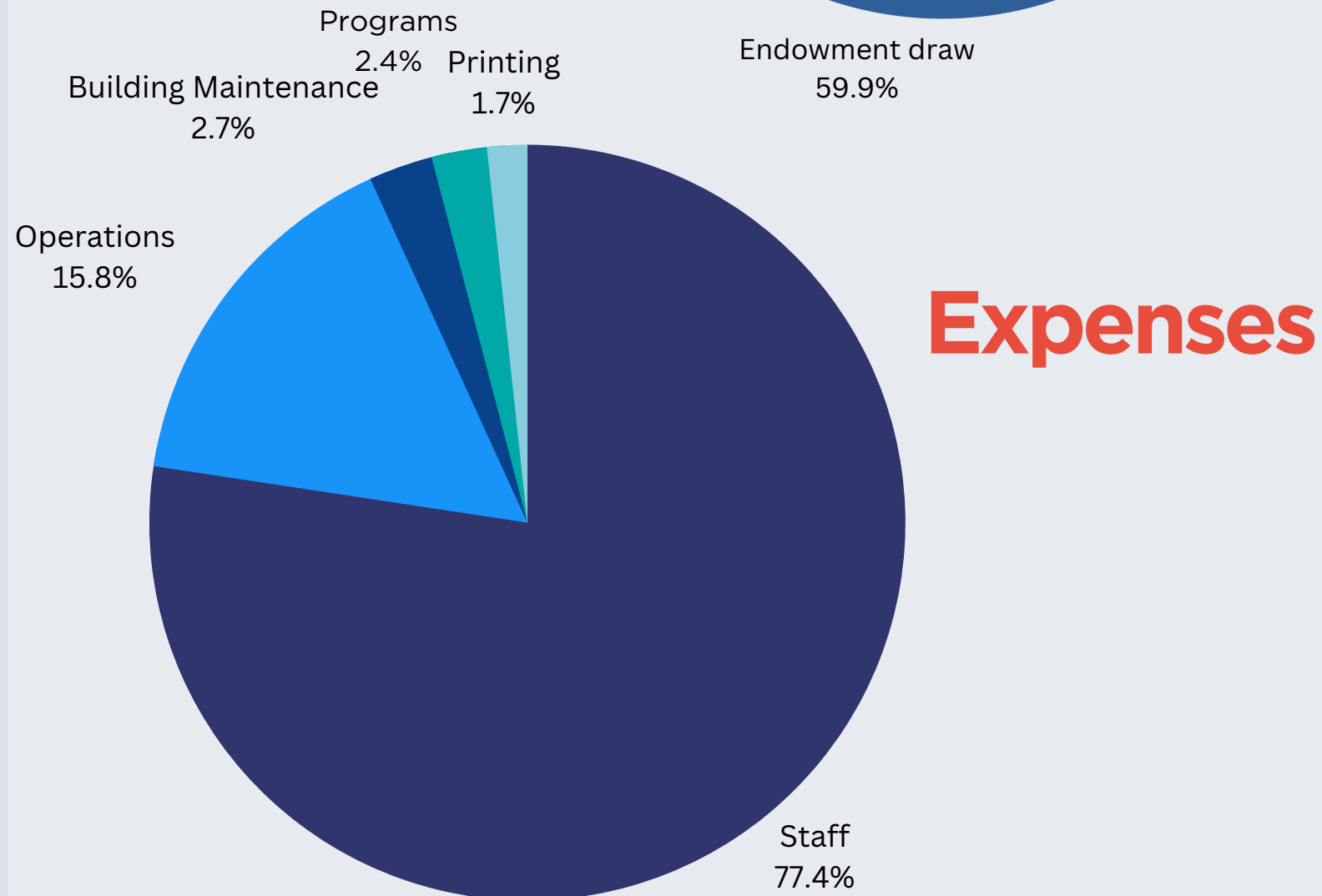
Our Supporters

We are thankful to receive gifts over \$250 from the following in 2022:

- Jane Harris Ash
- Elaine Briggs
- Catherine Bryant
- Robert A. Crossman
- Karl Dietzler
- Mark Doherty
- Ruth Burt Ekstrom
- William & Carol Hanna
- Michael McClellan
- Kathleen Mulhern
- William & Jane Napolitano
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- Cynthia Booth Ricciardi
- Leslie O. Ryan in memory of The Hon. Gordon M. Owen & Carolyn Owen Leary
- Eric & Susan Schultz
- Charles & Paula Thayer

- Bluestone Bank
- Bristol County Savings Bank
- Jordan's Furniture
- GFWC Greater Taunton Woman's Club
- Taunton Development Corp
- Taunton Firefighters Local 138
- Taunton-South Shore Foundation

If your name is not included in this list in error, please accept our sincerest apology. Please note that gifts made in December 2022 will be recorded in the 2023 Annual Report.



Expenses

Our Supporters

We are thankful to receive grants from the following organizations:

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| Attleboro Cultural Council | Plymouth Cultural Council |
| Berkley Cultural Council | Rehoboth Cultural Council |
| Duxbury Cultural Council | Rochester Cultural Council |
| Easton Cultural Council | Wareham Cultural Council |
| Fall River Cultural Council | Taunton Cultural Council |
| Freetown Cultural Council | Bristol County Savings Bank Charitable Foundation |
| Hull Cultural Council | MCC Festival grant |
| Mansfield Cultural Council | SEMVB Mini Grant |
| Mid-Cape Cultural Council | Bridge Street Sponsorships |
| Middleborough Cultural Council | Staffing the Humanities |
| New Bedford Cultural Council | |

Businesses that offered support as Corporate Members in 2022

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| Biss Lumber Company | Silvia & Quinn PC |
| Bristol County Savings Bank | Taunton-South Shore Foundation |
| Bristol Wealth Group | Trucchi's Supermarkets |

Businesses that offered support as Non-Profit Members in 2022

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| Berkley Public Library | Raynham Public Library |
| Brewster Ladies' Library | Richards Memorial Library |
| Dighton Public Library | South Coast LGBTQ+ Network |
| East Bridgewater Public Library | Taunton Development Corporation |
| John Curtis Free Library (Hanover, MA) | Taunton Federal Credit Union |
| Mansfield Public Library | Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant |
| Middleborough Public Library | Taunton Public Library |
| New Bedford Free Public Library | Ventress Memorial Library |
| PRIDE | Wareham Free Library |

Our Volunteers

For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, we are actively recruiting volunteers to assist in a number of interesting projects at the museum. If you'd like to volunteer, please give us a call! Thank you the following individuals who were the first to volunteer their time after we relaunched the program in 2022.

**Caitlin Lincoln * Jann McMurry *
Aaron St. Michel * Kristine Moore**

In 2022 we were also fortunate enough to welcome four interns thanks to the support of the Bristol County Savings Bank Charitable Foundation.

Chloe Pennacchio



Jillian Pagliuca

Arielle Nathanson



Robert Nee

2022 Summer Interns

Looking Ahead

May

- 4 Throwback Thursday Live: Railroads and Locomotives
- 5 Virtual Visit to the Chatham Railroad Museum
- 6 Photo Scanning Day
Architecture Walking Tour
- 10 Herb Planter Workshop
- 13 Let's Make History!
- 18 OCHM Talks: "Rebels at Sea: Privateering in the American Revolution"
- 20 OCHM Tag Sale
Liberty & Union Downtown Walking Tour
- 25 A Taste of Old Colony History: Pastéis de Nata



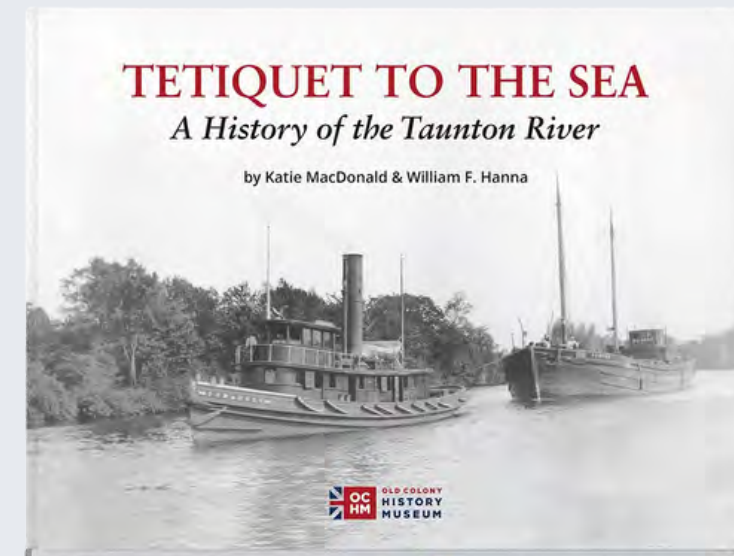
June

- 4 Throwback Thursday Live: Parades
- 5 Virtual Visit to the Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit
- 6 Photo Scanning Day
Architecture Walking Tour
- 10 Let's Make History!
- 15 OCHM Talks: Do's and Don'ts of Historic Home Maintenance
- 17 Liberty & Union Downtown Walking Tour
- 21 Hummingbird Planter Workshop
- 23 Beer with Bronson
- 24 Cemetery Tour: Mount Pleasant



Exhibit on View

Origin Stories pairs the OCHM's historic document collection with state-of-the-art 3-D printing technology to show how Taunton and surrounding towns were founded back in the 17th century. Documents, artifacts, and items from town anniversary celebrations will detail the past, while we also have the chance to hear from you! Included in the exhibit are ways for visitors to share their own origin stories with us. We want to hear about where you are from, how far back in your family tree you can travel, and any other interesting chapters in your story.



Coming in 2023!





Come Visit Us!

Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday: Closed
Monday: Closed

Upcoming Events

Visit our website at
www.oldcolonyhistorymuseum.org/events/
to explore all of our upcoming programs and
events.

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