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The Vermont Historical Society was chartered in 1838 by an act of the Vermont Legislature. It is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization, governed by a board of trustees.
Thanks to all our volunteers, who generously donate amazing amounts of time, talent, and energy on behalf of the Vermont Historical Society. Because of you, we have the impact and outreach of an organization twice our size.
June saw the completion of a major construction project at the History Center in Barre. The VHS welcomed the Department of Libraries as a new tenant. That means all available space at the History Center is now filled and renovated. The co-habitation of the Department of Libraries, the Archaeology Heritage Study Center, and the Historical Society has created a synergy good for the sharing of ideas and the financial sustainability of the VHS.

In April, Anything for Speed, an exhibit documenting the rich history of race car driving in Vermont, opened at the History Center. The opening was a festive occasion attended by many luminaries in the Vermont racing world, including Governor Phil Scott who gave some opening remarks. In conjunction with the Anything for Speed exhibit, staff have been travelling around the state to car races and car shows to talk about the VHS, and to sponsor popular games of Vermont trivia.

Anything for Speed is the major exhibit at the History Center, but the popular Icons and Oddities exhibit has been updated as well. In Montpelier, continued updates are being made to the Freedom and Unity exhibit. The addition of the exhibit space for local historical societies to highlight their collections has been a big success.

The Third Thursday brown bag lunches continue to be very popular. Last fall, the series was hosted at the Fletcher Free Library in Burlington, before returning to the Pavilion in Montpelier in the spring. This fall, they are once again in Burlington, this time on the University of Vermont campus (where parking is a bit easier). The wide variety of topics from Solzhenitsyn to Mount Philo appeal to a wide range of attendees.

For Vermonters who don’t find a trip to Barre, Burlington, or Montpelier very easy, the Vermont Historical Society has instituted a new program called “Travelling Treasures,” where Executive Director Steve Perkins visits local historical societies with special items from the collection. Our collection is so rich that we delight in sharing it in as many ways as possible.

Another new program this year is a series of podcasts called Before Your Time, produced in partnership with the Vermont Humanities Council and VT Digger. Topics have covered a wide range of areas such as “From Communes to Commerce” and “The Land of Gin and Whiskey.” Podcasts aren’t the only way that the VHS is on the airwaves. This year, Executive Director Steve Perkins has continued his popular weekly television spot “This Place in History” (on ABC/Fox) highlighting history around the state. We are pleased to partner with many other groups to help connect you to Vermont’s story.

Clearly the Vermont Historical Society has been busy this year! From new exhibits to trivia contests to podcasts, VHS brings history alive for Vermonters throughout the state. We have eliminated our operating deficit thanks to generous support from our many members and donors and from the state of Vermont. We have a dedicated, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic staff and a Board of dedicated volunteers. It is my pleasure to report that all is well at the Vermont Historical Society. Thank you to the donors, the staff, the Board, and our many volunteers who make this all possible.

Sincerely,

Barbara Mieder, President

After 180 years, I am pleased to report that the Vermont Historical Society is more active, more vibrant, and more fiscally stable than ever.
I suppose in a different life I should have been an architect or designer. I so very much like to see a concept go from paper to physical reality – this goes for both traditional building projects and institutional programs. This past year we continued building; building our programs, building exhibits, and building, well, a building!

As many of you know, the Vermont History Center in Barre remained unfinished from the time the Historical Society moved into the space. For many years, the back hallways and retired auditorium served to collect dust and piles of materials we couldn’t bring ourselves to recycle, reuse, or trash. With the Vermont State Library slated to move out of their facilities in Montpelier, we jumped at the chance of once again co-locating two of Vermont’s great cultural resources. With support from the State’s capital fund and investment by the Historical Society, we were able to fully renovate the remaining vacant space in the History Center and consolidate all Vermont Department of Libraries activities to our Barre location. We look forward to working with our new library neighbors, as well as the State’s Archaeological Heritage Center already located in the History Center. In addition to the good will and synergies realized through this type of project, the long-term lease arrangement with the State of Vermont will allow the Historical Society to eliminate its long-term debt over the next decade while maintaining our beautiful historic structure.

This year we continued to build on our outreach around the State of Vermont. In addition to traditional programs such as lectures and slideshows, we spent time working with local societies, libraries, and community groups, providing them with the skills and tools they need to collect, preserve, and reflect their own community’s stories. This work is immensely important for the state Historical Society – with a small staff we cannot present historical programs in all of Vermont’s 251 towns, but we can support, encourage, and promote all the great work happening every day at the local level. Our bi-weekly “Local History News” highlights hundreds of history events and programs around the state.

Our new Jackie Calder Gallery in the Vermont History Museum showcases travelling exhibits suitable for any local society, library, or town building on topics as diverse as historic signage and Solzhenitsyn. The Local History Gallery in the same museum allows local societies to showcase their own work in a professional museum setting with exposure to thousands of yearly visitors. This year our annual meeting will feature the work of the Brattleboro Historical Society and their lovely installation.

Building exhibits is always fun and engaging, this year was no different. Anything for Speed: Automobile Racing in Vermont engaged new audiences around the state as we told the story of humans and their machines. I take great joy viewing a racecar in our lobby each day as I come in to work!

We continue to take advantage of digital media with new podcasts, television shows, and web-based content on a weekly basis. Audio and video outreach take our programmatic reach from only a few hundred in person, to the tens-of-thousands of people remotely!

Our research facilities continue to thrive and will see a technological and physical boost from the new partnership with the Vermont Department of Libraries. These research collections support not only genealogists and scholars, but also our state’s students. Our annual History Day program is a shining star amongst our education programs as it grows year-over-year even as student populations drop. This past year we hosted 335 students from throughout the state as they presented their research into history topics from local to international. The top scoring projects represented Vermont at the National History Day competition in Washington, DC.

I am excited for the future of the Historical Society, I am excited by the passion our state has for its history, and I am excited and inspired by our youth’s commitment to telling Vermont’s story. I look forward to more building in the years to come.

Steve Perkins, Executive Director
The donations we receive transform the lives of our young people who will in return make a profound impact on their communities as educated and informed citizens.
Vermont Historical Society received $1.3 million via the State of Vermont capital and operating funds to invest in building renovations at the Vermont History Center. The $1.3 million surplus noted here is an increase in the value of our real estate (non-liquid).

### Statement of Activities

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### Balance Sheet

#### Assets

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The Legacy Circle is comprised of individuals who share in a love of learning, a sense of wonder about Vermont, and a commitment to ensuring our cultural and scientific heritage is passed to future generations. By supporting the Vermont Historical Society through an estate or life income gift, these individuals have recognized the timeless value of the VHS's work and the enduring place it has in Vermont history.

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