The Society

The Vermont Historical Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier, the Howard and Alba Leahy Library in Barre, publishes books of historic interest and offers programming throughout the state.

Watch for the grand opening of the three new exhibition galleries at the Vermont History Center in early 2012.

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Thank you!
Dear VHS Family,

As I prepare to complete my second term as President, it is with a mixture of emotions. I have truly loved my time on the Board (20 years so far), especially the last four, and I will miss being at the epicenter of the excitement and success that characterizes our organization at this stage of its history. There is some sadness associated with my transition into the Past President’s role, but most of what I feel is intense pride and enthusiasm for all that has been accomplished.

When I joined the Board in 1990, a major objective was the search for additional space for our programs, operations and collections. We were a decade finding just the right solution, but in 2000 we purchased the Spaulding School from the City of Barre, mounted a capital campaign and transformed the building into the Vermont History Center which opened in 2002, at a cost of over $7M. We now have some of the best collections storage facilities in the region and are about to restore the bell tower and develop three new exhibition galleries in Barre to complement the Freedom & Unity exhibit in Montpelier.

I have worked with four executive directors, each of whom brought unique talents to the enterprise and moved the VHS along our intentional path of becoming the premier historical organization in the state. I have been privileged to share the work with countless dedicated staff members, fellow trustees and committed volunteers, all of whom made me feel welcome as a colleague.

I will treasure these relationships always and the countless memories: dragging a manikin of Ethan Allen through the streets of Montpelier en route to one of Dick Hathaway’s auctions; staffing the Presentation Tent for all but one History Expo; visiting wonderful donors with Martha Nye and Jane Campbell; sorting items for a library book sale; being welcomed at my first Board meeting by then President John Carnahan; sneaking boxes of my attic treasures into Jackie Calder’s and Paul Carnahan’s offices; representing VHS at the White House, along with Kevin Graffagnino and Lyn Blackwell, when we received the 2007 IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service from First Lady Laura Bush; eagerly waiting to see what treats Sally Ogden had brought us in her antique lunch basket at Education Committee meetings; judging at History Day umpteen times; carpooling to meetings with dear Louise Roomet; freezing in a tent on the State House lawn while the Community History Project was celebrated; reading manuscripts for possible publication; conducting board meetings in Vergennes, St. Albans, Weston, Brownington, Montpelier and Barre; and relying on Nick Ward’s leadership as interim Director and Lola Van Wagenen’s advice during the transition between Executive Directors Kevin Graffagnino and Mark Hudson. The memories go on and on.

I am so proud of all that has been accomplished this year, in the two and a half years since Mark Hudson joined us, AND in the 21 years I have been involved. I look forward to three more years on the Board as Past President and a lifetime of being a VHS supporter, along with all of YOU.

Sarah L. Dopp, President
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Dear VHS Members and Friends,

With the Vermont Historical Society leading the way, Vermont’s heritage has been in the forefront throughout the state this past year. Events and programs celebrating the 250th Anniversary of Vermont towns, commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War and exploring many other aspects of life in the Green Mountain State have brought extraordinary attention to our state’s history. We are proud of the role we have played in leading, inspiring and supporting these efforts.

The past year has been one of excitement and accomplishment for the VHS. The tremendous generosity of our members and friends allowed us to reach our fundraising goal for the Saving Vermont’s Treasures Capital Campaign, which will result in the stabilization of the bell tower and the creation of new exhibition venues at the History Center in Barre. Toward the further development of the History Center, we also have partnered with the State of Vermont’s Division for Historic Preservation to relocate the Vermont Archeology Center to our facility in Barre.

VHS programs throughout the year were presented to capacity audiences, including last year’s weather-themed annual meeting in September, the League of Local Historical Societies and Museums Annual Meeting in Bennington in October, our Farmers’ Night Civil War program at the State House in February, Vermont Women’s History Project events in March commemorating the role of women veterans, a Civil War research seminar in April and a workshop on archival processing in May. In conjunction with UVM’s Department of Special Collections, the VHS library created digital images and transcriptions of dozens of Civil War letters from our collection for posting on the university’s Center for Digital Initiatives website.

In June, an exhibition featuring over 60 quilts from the VHS collection was experienced by over 11,000 visitors to the Vermont Quilt Festival. Our museum visitation also soared, showing an increase of 15% over last year. Driving much of this public response to our programming was the unprecedented coverage we received in local, state and regional media throughout the year.

Two extraordinary publications were released by the VHS during the past year as well. We Go as Captives, Neil Goodwin’s exciting account of events surrounding the Royalton Raid, was released in October, is now in its fourth printing and found its way onto the Boston Globe’s best seller list earlier this year. Don Wickman’s collection of George Houghton’s Civil War photographs, A Very Fine Appearance, presented on the 150th Anniversary of the firing on Fort Sumter in April, has been warmly received by reviewers and readers in Vermont and beyond.

Our efforts to bring Vermont history into classrooms across the state met with success with the unveiling of the Vermont History Explorer website this spring. This content-rich site provides teachers and students with reading materials, activities and primary source materials from the collections of the VHS. Workshops for teachers held in various locations in the state provided an opportunity to share this new educational resource that has been greeted with great enthusiasm by teachers and students alike.

Despite the significant challenges we continue to face in this uncertain economic climate, the VHS has continued to move forward with exciting endeavors that are fulfilling our mission. We are deeply grateful to our members and friends who continue to support our efforts. We look forward to many more accomplishments in the coming year. I can hardly wait!

Mark S. Hudson, Executive Director
VHS Membership
Total active memberships: 2,440

Visits to VHS website
Includes new History Explorer site: 115,358

The Museum is popular!
Total museum visitation: 10,572
Students on field trips: 4,434
Figures given are for year 2011.

The homeschool program on Wednesdays was so popular in 2011 that it will be expanded to Fridays as well.

The Leahy Library is used by researchers of all ages
Researchers at History Center: 1,131
Email, phone and mail inquiries: 1,188
Figures given are for year 2011.

In October, Neil Goodwin kicked off the publication of his new book We Go As Captives at the Vermont Law School in South Royalton.

Programs & outreach
Attendees at VHS events: 14,868*
* Includes Vermont Quilt Festival.

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Anonymous
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George B. Spear
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State of Vermont
Anonymous
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In memory of Giovanni and Teresa Tomasi family 1893-1944
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In memory of Kit Wetherbee
Roland W. Willbur
Claire Wilcox
Christopher S. Wren
Anonymous
Mary Longchamp Zubi

Note: These are donations received between
July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011.

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• Gifts In-Kind
• Donors to Library Collection
• Donors to Museum Collection
FY2011
Unaudited
Statement of Activities
June 30, 2011

Revenue

Contributions and Bequests 1,133,630
State Appropriation 795,669
Investment Income 320,588
Admissions, Fees and Earned Income 58,885
VT History Bookstore Sales 63,402
Other Revenue 36,477

Total Revenue 2,408,651

Expenses

Administration & Finance 260,232
Facilities Operations 293,211
Pavilion Rent 198,315
Interest on Debt 59,108
Development & Community Relations 293,893
Museum 253,146
Library 200,147
Education & Publications 350,804
VT History Bookstore 41,982

Total Expenses 1,950,838

Change in Net Assets 457,813

Interfund Transfers 0

Net Assets, June 30, 2010 7,341,355

Prior Year Net Asset Adjustment 3,504

Net Assets, June 30, 2011 7,802,672

July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011
## Expense

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## FY2011 Unaudited Balance Sheet June 30, 2011

### Assets
- Cash: 1,124,175
- Investments: 1,975,218
- Other Current Assets: 684,212
  - Total Current Assets: 3,783,605
- Property & Equipment: 6,899,239
- Depreciation: (1,368,454)
  - Total Property & Equipment: 5,530,785

**Total Assets**: 9,314,390

### Liabilities
- Accounts Payable: 74,573
- Other Current Liabilities: 69,651
  - Total Current Liabilities: 144,224
- Mortgage Payable: 1,305,217
- Other Long-term Liabilities: 62,277
  - Total Long-term Liabilities: 1,367,494

**Total Liabilities**: 1,511,718

**Net Assets**: 7,802,672

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets**: 9,314,390

*July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011*
Donors to the Vermont Historical Society Library Collection

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- James F. Milne
- Fran Moravsek
- Gerard Motin
- Richard W. Morse
- Stephen J. Murphy
- National Life Group
- Pat and Theodore Nelson
- John Nichols
- Joan H. Nichols
- Reidun D. Nuquist
- Andrew Ojanen
- Priscilla Page
- H. Brooke Paige
- Paul Smith's College
- Marius B. Peladeau
- Virginia and Charles Peterson
- Richard Petit
- Robert Picher
- Stephen L. Pinel
- Robert L. Pinie
- Mary Reagan
- Rhode Island Historical Society
- Arthur Ristau
- Anita W. Rogers
- Alden M. Rollins
- Lawrence Rossi
- Harry M. Rowe M.D.
- Leslie Rowell

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- Nancy Bartels
- Clarice Best & Patricia Cell
- Barbara Bresett
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- Ann T. Brown
- J. Brooks Buxton
- John Carnahan
- Eve Jacobs-Carnahan
- Lynne Reid Carpenter
- North Adams
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- John Duffy
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- Tamara Hale
- Edith T. Harding
- Consuelo Aja Hebert
- Charles Herrmann
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- Annie (Ingram) Semperebon
- Michael Sherman
- Bruce P. Shields
- Mary Just Skinner
- Kathi Slocum
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- Spaulding High Class of 1955
- F. Allen Spooner
- Marjorie J. Strong
- Delight Sullivan
- Steven C. Sweet
- Dr. WIns L. Taflin
- Town of Ballston
- Community Library
- Nancy Smith Tracy
- Allen Twitchell
- Unitarian Church of Montpelier
- Upstreet Productions
- Lisa C. Vaughan
- Vermont Mutual Insurance Group
- Vermont State Archives & Records Administration
- Toby and Millie Wakan
- Alice Wakefield
- Dylan Waller
- Renee B. Warren
- Paul Watson
- Wethersfield Historical Soc., Inc.
- Sandra L. Wheeler
- Harland Whitcomb
- Margaret P. White
- John Winter
- Jean Wright
- Frank Zottoli

Donors to the Vermont Historical Society Museum Collection

- Marshall Harvey Twitchell artifacts will be on display soon.

- Estate of Lionel D. Jolly
- Barbara Colton Krohne
- Frank Lackey
- Susan Bird Lavalley
- Gertrude Lepine
- Harper D. Lohr
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- David W. Tucker
- Helen T. Twitchell Estate
- James Twitchell
- Peggy Twitchell
- Mary C. Twitchell
- Vermont Agency of Transportation
- Vermont Arts Council
- VT Division for Historic Preservation
- Wahiakum County Historical Society
- Harriet (Polly) Simmons Williams

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- BCK Real Estate
- Carlson Indexing
- Heather Cipolla
- Concept 2, Inc.
- The Drawing Board
- L. Brown & Sons Printing, Inc.
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