



**P O R T S M O U T H**  
*Historical Society*

# 2022 Annual Meeting

## *Our Mission Statement*

The Portsmouth Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and active promotion of Portsmouth, Rhode Island's rich history.

# Officers, Directors & Committee Chairs

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- Anne Northup Burns - President
- Craig Clark - Vice President
- Bill Douglas - Treasurer
- Kerry McAuliffe - Curator
- Rich Talipsky - Recording Secretary
- Sandra Rezendes - Corresponding Secretary
- Dave Duggan-Buildings & Grounds Chairperson
- Sarah Thurston Nekrasz-Docent Coordinator Chairperson
- Becky Sattel-Grants Committee Chairperson
- Jim Garman, Town Historian
- Gary Crosby
- Dave Gleason
- Stephen Luce
- Jerry Macomber

# Thank you to our Amazing Docents and Volunteers!

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- Ray Armijo
- Anita Berwind
- Patrick Burns
- Carol-Anne Ciminello
- Marybeth Clark
- Sue Sunderland Cook
- Hadrian Dougherty
- Debra Duggan
- Dave Goetzinger
- Gary Gump
- Kerry Hood
- Laura Logan
- Tim Logan
- Sharon Lynch
- Donna Macomber
- Pauline Massed
- Ray Nekrasz
- Jennifer Pendergraft
- Tim Phelps
- Joe Pratt
- Michael Probert
- Michael Quay
- Lois Ryan
- Jim Sattel
- Gloria Schmidt
- Richard Schmidt
- Joanne Spero
- Beth Sousa
- Anne Wagner
- Conley Zani

# 2022 Initiatives

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- Expanded role of Administrative Assistant to Administrative Coordinator-welcome new hire Judith Costa
- Conducted Docent Recruitment and Training
- Held Volunteer Recruitment Sessions and Orientations
- Published Constant Contact event notifications; quarterly newsletters, Facebook posts; press releases
- Fostered Member and Community Engagement
- Created Featured Collection Item Posts
- Portsmouth RI Historic Photo Facebook page 1,600 followers, 114 posts with 35,974 views
- Enacted a Research Policy
- Continuously respond to requests for historical research; property information and genealogical assistance, etc
- Conducted pre-septic archaeological survey and 2nd site dig on property
- Historic House Plaque efforts continued
- Community Outreach Expanded-Hosted DAR meeting and tour

# 2023 Initiatives

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- Update Portsmouth Historical Society Website
- Install Portsmouth Historical Signage at key sites in town
- Increase Memberships and Improve Membership Renewals
- Formal Recognition of Members and Donors at Giving Levels
- Investigate additional parking options
- Replace Southermost School House Roof
- Install New Septic System
- Complete Security System Upgrade
- Work on Town of Portsmouth Comprehensive Plan items for the Portsmouth Historical Society
- Continue progress on Strategic Plan
- Continue researching Portsmouth history stories and people
- Conduct Paid Executive Director Feasibility Study
- New President Search
  - Becky Sattel and Craig Clark to lead as Co-Vice Presidents
- Portsmouth Flag almost ready for sale

# 2022 Lectures

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- Attendance averages 65 people per lecture
- New policy of free to members, \$5 donation for non-members very effective
- History of the Christian Union Church-J. Garman
- Sandy Point Farm: A Gentleman's Farm-J. Garman
- The Mining of Portsmouth Coal-J. Garman
- Crossing the Sakonnet: Ferries, Bridges and Railroads-J. Garman
- Howland Ferry-J. Garman
- New England Before the English-J. McNiff
- Indigenous Peoples of Portsmouth During Colonial Period-S. Luce

# 2022 Events

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- Portsmouth History Trivia Contest
- Annual March 7th Founders Day Celebration
- Lawton Valley and Portsmouth Asylum Cemetery Tours
- Navy Choristers Concert “Proudly We Sing” Fundraiser-CD’s for sale
- Museum Grand Reopening Member Reception
- Melville Park Historical Walking Tour
- All Charity Day Newport International Polo
- Second Annual “An Evening at Blue Bill Cove Music Night” at Thrive
- Special Historic 33 Star Flag Showing
- Hosted Annual Beirut Memorial Service for the Marine Corps
- Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

# 2023 Lectures and Events in Planning

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- Jan 25th - CFP Hall-Northern Portsmouth Lecture-J. Garman
- Feb 16th - Portsmouth History Trivia Contest-Gulf Stream Bar & Grille
- March 7th - Annual Founders Day Celebration -Portsmouth Town Hall
- March 29th - “Dark Voyages”-Christian McBurney
- April Lecture - “Meet Me at the Biltmore”-Amanda Blount
- James Garman Lectures - “Abbie Sherman Diaries” and More
- John McNiff Lecture - Roger Williams
- Halsey Herreshoff Lecture
- Stephen Luce Lecture - New
- Lawton Valley Cemeteries Tour
- Melville Park History Tour
- Newport Polo All Charity Day - Summer 2023
- Third Annual “An Evening at Blue Bill Cove Music” at Thrive - Summer
- August-100th Anniversary Rededication of Butts Hill Fort with BORIA

# Financial Report – Balance Sheet

as of June 30, 2022

	Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking	29,455.43
Savings	51,377.54
Total Bank Accounts	<hr/> \$80,832.97
Other Current Assets	
Investments	514,194.00
Total Other Current Assets	<hr/> \$514,194.00
Total Current Assets	<hr/> \$595,026.97
Fixed Assets	
Capital Improvements	66,554.66
Total Fixed Assets	<hr/> \$66,554.66
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$661,581.63</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	28,448.91
Total Accounts Payable	<hr/> \$ 28,448.91
Total Current Liabilities	<hr/> \$ 28,448.91
Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$ 28,448.91
Equity	
Retained Earnings	58,222.27
Unrestricted Assets	539,035.98
Net Income	35,874.47
Total Equity	<hr/> \$ 633,132.72
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 661,581.63</b>

Unaudited

# Financial Report – Income Statement

## July 2021 – June 2022



		Totals	Totals
Income			
Sales			
Income			
Membership Dues		17,661.49	1,096.80
Donations (Unrestricted)		10,363.85	1,798.69
Program Receipts		720.00	100.00
Event Receipts		8,456.60	450.00
Merchandise Sales		794.00	
Amazon Smile		84.86	
Total Income		\$ 38,080.80	\$ 3,445.49
Total Sales		\$ 38,080.80	743.00
Grants			
Total Grants		\$ 12,386.39	\$ 32,562.71
Total Income		\$ 50,467.19	\$ 17,904.48
Gross Profit			
Expenses			
Utilities			
Total Utilities		\$ 4,939.40	64.99
Insurance			7,867.00
Total Insurance		\$ 3,610.00	\$ 7,931.99
Repairs & Maintenance			\$ 7,931.99
Total Repairs & Maintenance		\$ 4,808.12	\$ 7,931.99
Museum Expense			
Curatorial Supplies			
Events expense			
Membership Development			
Programs expense			
Total Museum Expense		\$ 3,445.49	
Contingency			
Total Expenses		\$ 32,562.71	
Net Operating Income		\$ 17,904.48	
Other Income			
Other Income			
Interest Earned - Savings			
Dividend Income - Fidelity			
Total Other Income		\$ 7,931.99	
Total Other Income		\$ 7,931.99	
Net Other Income		\$ 7,931.99	
Net Income		\$ 25,836.47	

# Grants/Large Donations Totaling \$38,265

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- Town of Portsmouth Civic Grant \$7,000 for general fund
- Legislative Grant Sen. Jim Seveney \$1,500 for conference table
- Legislative Grant Rep. Terri Cortvriend \$1,500 for conference table chairs
- Champlin Foundation \$17,800 for new septic system
- 1772 Foundation \$2,465 for security system
- RI Foundation J. O'Neill/Ott \$1,000 for documentation storage
- RI Society Sons of the Revolution \$1,000 for historic programming
- Clements Marketplace \$1,000 for general fund
- Rich Talipsky \$5,000 for ADA improvements to museum

# Building and Grounds

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- Completed HVAC system installation
- Upgraded alarm and security systems
- Painted interior of museum
- Replaced outdoor light fixtures
- Commenced Comprehensive Lighting Plan
- Manufactured and finished Chase Ship model table
- Regularly maintained grounds and monitored buildings for potential issues and pest control
- Repaired flag pole
- Added seasonal American flag bunting and flower pots to improve curb appeal



## Butts Hill Fort Restoration

Battle of Rhode Island Association

- Butts Hill Fort - Added to WARO Trail
- 4 Volunteer Clearings
- Archeological Survey Completed
- Topographical Plan Development
- Master Plan in Progress Expected January 2023, Submit to Town Council and Public Comment 2023
- Trail Clearing 2023
- Battle of Rhode Island.Org
- 32 Partner Members
- Long term goals include
  - 2026: host the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration of Declaration of Independence at BHF and other RI locations
  - 2028: host the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Battle of RI at BHF and other locations
  - Raise Funds for:
    - Restoration of the fort including uses as a recreational site with signage, toilets, picnic facilities, etc.
    - Endowment for BHF Maintenance

# Museum Update and Featured Program

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## 2022 Grand Reopening

- New Exhibits
- Portsmouth Free Public Library Displays
- 2023 Spring Reopening
- 2022 Acquisitions
- Cannonball - Mr. David G. Reise
- Seth Thomas mantel clock - Mrs. Nancy Wake
- 1920s table water container and cradle - Mr. Stephen Moss
- 1885 map of Aquidneck Island - Estate of Vernon and Elizabeth Harvey
- Portsmouth Lions Club Banners - Mr. John Woodhouse
- 1864 lithograph of Lovell General Hospital in Portsmouth, RI - Society Purchase
- Brig Model built by Capt. Alfred Chase - Mr. and Mrs. David Chase
- PastPerfect Catalog
  - 1,019 objects
  - 428 photographs
- Introduction of Featured Program

# Special Recognitions

## *Volunteer Experts*

- Patrick Donovan
- David Imbriglio
- Seth Linton
- Dr. Kevin McBride
- Ryan Meyer
- Paul Norbury
- Tony Rego
- Alec Tessa
- Maria Vazquez
- Renee Walker-Tuttle
- Jay Waller

## *In Memoriam Life Member*

- Joy Schuur

## *Special Community Partners*

- Town of Portsmouth
- Portsmouth Free Public Library
- Portsmouth Arts Guild Center for Arts
- Portsmouth Business Association
- Clements Marketplace
- Portsmouth Garden Club
- Common Fence Point Community Center
- Thriving Tree House Coffee
- Gulf Stream Bar & Grille
- Greenvale Vineyards
- 375th Legacy Committee
- Newport Navy Choristers
- The Artillery Company of Newport
- Varnum Armory
- Battle of RI Association
- Glen Manor House
- St. Barnabas Church
- Island Park Preservation Society
- Portsmouth This Week

# How Can You Help?

- Become a volunteer!
- Share your knowledge and ideas
- Attend our lectures and events
- Visit the museum, bring others!
- Make a financial donation or increase your level of giving
- Renew your membership or become a new member
- Recruit new members
- Donate to our Collection
- Follow and like our Facebook pages
- If shopping Amazon, use Amazon Smile- designate Portsmouth Historical Society



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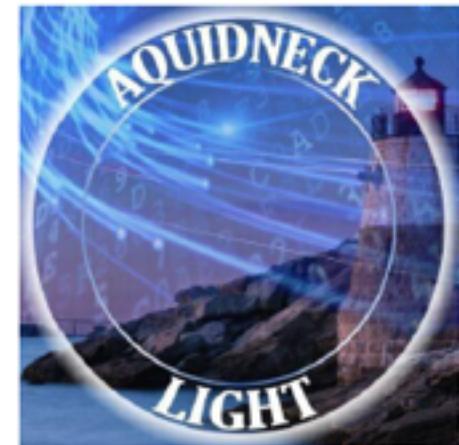
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