

MARBLEHEAD



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2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Above: Fred Litchman (back left) and friends in front of his print and photography shop at 157 Washington Street, circa 1920.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



Maura K. Phelan, President

Welcome to the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Marblehead Museum.

Although the last two years have been extremely challenging for museums and non-profits everywhere, it has also been a very rewarding time for the Marblehead Museum. The difficulties and consequences of a global pandemic have emboldened us to further strengthen our connection to our town and to each other. We have embodied our mission to preserve, protect, and promote Marblehead's past as a means of enriching the present. Our Museum is well positioned to grow and prosper, thanks to a well-managed endowment, a robust annual appeal, and strong membership numbers. This year, our mission has been highlighted more than ever through Patrick K. O'Donnell's recent publication of *The Indispensables: The Diverse Soldier-Mariners Who Shaped the Country, Formed the Navy, and Rowed Washington Across the Delaware*. O'Donnell's book recounts the story of General John Glover and his band of soldier-sailors who formed the elite guard protection for George Washington. At the most crucial time in the Revolutionary war, this special operations-like regiment acted

against all odds. They conveyed 2,400 of Washington's men across the ice-choked Delaware River on Christmas night 1776, delivering a momentum-shifting surprise attack on Trenton.

As Adam Markos, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *A Higher Call*, says about the book, "Perfectly paced and powerfully wrought, this is the story of common men who gave everything for an ideal—America. The product of meticulous research, *The Indispensables* is the perfect reminder of who we are, when we need it most."

It was a delight to have Patrick O'Donnell available for two very popular museum events. O'Donnell's virtual lecture and subsequent in-person event at Abbot Hall were two of the highlights of the year and examples of the Museum's terrific programming. These efforts were spearheaded by our new Assistant Director, Jarret Zeman. Jarrett joined us last summer and hit the ground running. He was inordinately helpful with our 50th Anniversary Handprints exhibit and party. He then impressed us with his curation of a fall exhibition, *Mourning Matters: Honoring the Dead in Victorian America*, and led a sold-out Curator's Tour of the exhibition!

Jarrett is keeping up his inspiring pace and has coordinated 10 lectures for the 2022 season that are sure to attract interest from far and wide.

Without doubt, the most exciting development over the last year at the Museum has been the purchase 157 Washington Street, the building originally known as Jeremiah Lee's Brick Kitchen and Slave Quarters, constructed in 1766. This historically relevant property is only *the second extant detached slave quarters known in New England* and it brings the estate of Jeremiah Lee back to its original grandeur. This extraordinary opportunity would not have been possible without the generous financial support of Standley Goodwin and the advice and guidance of Pat Lausier, the Endowment Committee, and the National Grand Bank.

Our next step in restoring the property is to commission experts to evaluate the exterior. We have Myron O. Stachiw, Architectural Historian, on site this spring to examine the property in meticulous detail. Additionally, a team of UMass scientists from the Fiske Center for Archeological Research will be at 157 Washington Street in May and June to survey and excavate the yard spaces around the Mansion using ground penetrating radar (GPR). GPR in combination with excavation will expose house foundations, trash deposits, and the remains of outbuildings. Any archaeological artifacts that are discovered will be taken to the laboratory for appropriate cleaning and processing and returned in due time to the Museum.

The potential for well-preserved 18th-Century discoveries is very high because the building has not had extensive construction or demolition over its lifetime. As we move ahead in the exciting discovery phase, it is our hope that the research teams will be able to shed more light on the use of the Brick Kitchen, as well as discover more about the lives of all the household members, including the Lees and the domestic or enslaved servants.

No update regarding the Museum would be complete without my recognition of the extraordinary efforts of our Museum Director, Lauren McCormack. We are incredibly fortunate to have Lauren's commitment and support during this time of growth for the Museum. Lauren has been tireless in her successful efforts to make our acquisition of 157 Washington Street a reality. She has also taken the lead regarding researching the history of Black, Indigenous and People of Color in Marblehead. Lauren has worked with the Marblehead Racial Justice Team and the Taskforce Against Discrimination, as well as the Marblehead public school system to disseminate her findings.

One of Lauren's greatest accomplishments has been to create a BIPOC database that is now live on the Museum website. The goal of this database is to not only identify as many BIPOC who lived and/or worked in Marblehead up until the end of the 19th Century, but also to tell their personal stories and provide access to primary source documentation whenever possible. The Marblehead Museum is dedicated to researching the lives and impact of these individuals, and more will be added to the database as new information is discovered.

Our Museum thrives in thanks to Lauren and Jarrett, as well as the over 100 dedicated volunteers that include board members, docents, members of the Marblehead Garden Club, and more. We are so grateful for the continued and heightened awareness in the community for the Museum. As our membership is 100% reliant on the generosity of members and donors, we are truly thankful for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,



Maura K. Phelan
President of the Board of Directors



Right: Patrick K. O'Donnell leads Glover's Regiment into Abbot Hall for a sold-out lecture about his book, *The Indispensables*.

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Donations & Dues

Annual Appeal	\$110,392
Dues	\$31,115
Other Donations.....	\$13,590

Museum Activities

Admissions	\$6,764
Events	\$20,083
Exhibits & Programs	\$22,4697
Gift Shop Sales	\$25,116

Other Revenue \$28,521

ENDOWMENT REMITTANCES \$0

NET OPERATING REVENUE (\$7,135)

EXPENSES

Personnel.....	\$137,219
Museum Activities.....	\$33,413
Development & Public Relations	\$5,253
Facilities.....	\$36,178
Insurance & Professional Fees.....	\$41,370
General & Administrative.....	\$11,752

FINANCIAL POSITIONS

Current Assets

Cash	\$107,415
Investments	\$1,664,868

Total Current Assets

Property & Equipment, Net	\$1,085,144
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TOTAL ASSETS \$2,857,727

LIABILITIES.....\$379,322

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted.....	\$1,678,548
Total Net Assets	\$2,850,141

Total Operating Revenue and Support

\$258,050

Total Operating Expenses

\$265,185

Total Liabilities & Net Assets

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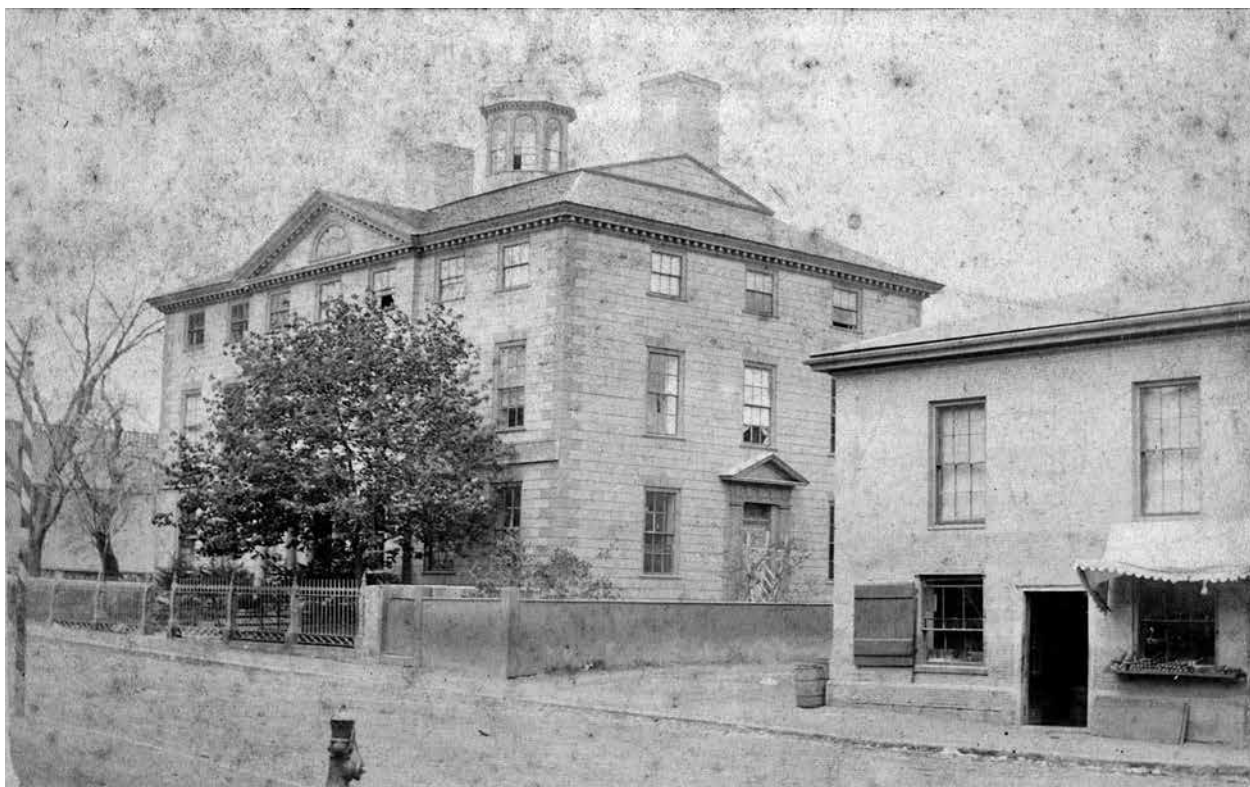
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Right: One of the earliest photographs of Jeremiah Lee's Mansion and Brick Kitchen.



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Right: The staged reading of *A Christmas Carol*.



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Left: Thanks to our generous donor, Standley Goodwin, the Museum was able to purchase 157 Washington Street, Jeremiah Lee's Brick Kitchen and Slave Quarters.

Below: 2021 exhibits included a Marblehead Handprints retrospective and Mourning Matters, an exhibit of Victorian mourning artifacts and images.



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