

What Gives a Place Its Unique Character Is Its History.

Just as the geologic history of the valley we live in accounts for its dramatic beauty, the social and cultural history tells us how the town was formed by past generations. The celebration of our town and its successive generations continues to flourish because of your interest and wonderfully generous financial support. We are grateful to have you as partners in our ongoing efforts to bring the past to light.

TOGETHER we can make certain the stories of the past are not lost to future generations. Here are some highlights of what your support has made possible this past year.



Preservation of Luigi Lucioni Etchings

Among the items given MHS by Sharron and Frank Kropa were a series of etchings Lucioni did for Christmas cards over a period of twenty years. Thanks to your support we were able to frame them with their envelopes so they are now not only protected from loss but prepared for public display at the Southern Vermont Arts Center in August. We were



also able to frame several etchings purchased in the 1990s with a grant from the Bettina Garthwaite Lowerre Fund.

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Collections

In the last year we have received a record number of gifts from community members. We are grateful that many people now think of MHS when they are clearing out a property. Our curator, Shawn Harrington, is always interested in looking for potential treasures and is not afraid to visit cobwebbed attics and dark basements!

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We are very grateful to board member Katy McNabb for generously giving us a challenge grant matching up to \$1,000 from all new members to MHS from October-December 2017.

You helped us meet this challenge!

We received gifts from 20 new members for a total of \$1,820.



Restoration of Dillmann Mural

Artist Fritz Dillmann painted several large murals during his life in Manchester but only one remains. The mural was rescued from destruction by local contractor Brent Herrmann several years ago and painstakingly restored by Richard Farley at Wood & Signs. On September 30, the mural found a new home in the Commons area of the Manchester Community Library.

Thanks to Our Partners

One of our annual goals is to work with other organizations to provide enriching programs. MHS has been uniquely blessed this past year with meaningful collaborations. Our programs with the **Manchester Community Library** were interesting, well attended, and appreciated; we look forward to future events with them. The director of the **Vermont Historical Society** gave a fascinating talk in July and in August we partnered with the **Southern Vermont Arts Center** for an exhibit of Luigi Lucioni etchings from the MHS collection along with some of his works loaned by community members.

Curator Shawn Harrington teamed up with local GNAT-TV for their TimeStamp video stories on historical places that won a national award. Shawn also worked with students from **Burr and Burton Academy** on several photography projects which we also look forward to continuing.

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The mission of the Manchester Historical Society is to collect, preserve, interpret and present the story of Manchester through the research collection, exhibitions, programs, and publications.



Members of the Manchester Historical Society Board of Directors Mike Powers, Bill Badger, Frederica Templeton and Curator Shawn Harrington thank Tommy Harmon (center) for the gift of property at Rocking Stone Farm.

Cook House Gift of Tommy Harmon

This house might have been destroyed a few years ago had not board member Bill Badger advised Rocking Stone Farm owner Tommy Harmon that it was one of Manchester's earliest homes and deserved to be saved. We are very grateful to Tommy for working with us to preserve the house and to the Sarah K. de Coizart TENTH Perpetual Charitable Trust for a

generous grant to support renovation work. The small Federal/Greek Revival cape dates from the early 1800s and was once part of the Edward Isham estate on Route 7 south. Immediate plans are to stabilize the building and prepare it for use as a storage place for the society's large artifacts collected over many years.

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