



February 2020

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Walpole Historical Society. We invite you to continue your membership in 2020. With your participation, the Walpole Historical Society enjoyed great success in 2019. For the coming year, we are making exciting plans, which your support will make possible.

At the Walpole Historical Society, our goal has always been to collect and preserve Walpole's heritage, as well as to communicate that heritage to our community. We do this by creating exhibits in our museum and by presenting public programs on a great variety of historical topics.

Our 2019 museum exhibits celebrated, among several subjects, the BOOM! years of the mid-twentieth century and the 100th anniversary of a local resident's 1919 journal of daily life. Our Speaker Series evenings have ranged from the Hardtacks' performance of folk tunes from the Civil War era to Fred Marple's recent standing-room-only presentation of "Guide to New England For Locals and People from Away."

We are planning a particularly exciting initiative for 2020 - **The Pianoforte Project** – which will combine museum preservation and public performance. We have engaged a restorer to return our rare 1790s Frederick Beck pianoforte - which was owned by the Bellows family, loaned to the Alcott family, and makes a pivotal appearance in Louisa May Alcott's novel, **Little Women** – to playing condition. This instrument will become the centerpiece of an ongoing musical performance program in Walpole. Please read the enclosed card to learn more. We hope you will enthusiastically support this opportunity to bring wonderful musical performances to Walpole.

We welcome your participation in everything we do! Our efforts are directed by volunteers who organize our archives, plan and stage our exhibits, stock and staff our shop, and act as docents for our public hours. We welcome your volunteer time as well as your suggestions for exhibit subjects, speakers, and now also musical performers and events. Visit us at walpolehistory.com for all our news.

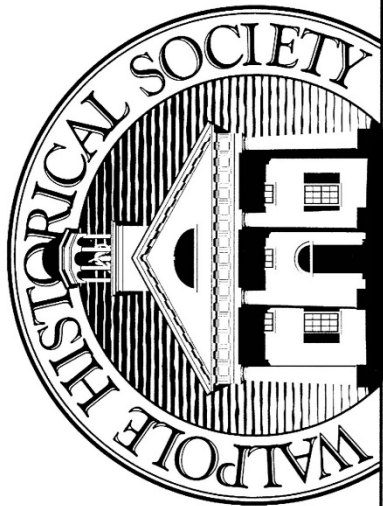
We look forward to seeing you in the museum and at our events. Thank you for renewing your support!

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WALPOLE HERITAGE MUSEUM

WALPOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

Please choose your level of **Household Membership**:

- Friend \$35
- Patron \$250
- Contributor \$50
- Benefactor \$500
- Supporter \$100
- Preservationist (> \$500)

Membership \$ _____

- YES**, I want to help to reach the \$25,000 goal for **The Pianoforte Project** to combine preservation and public performance. \$ _____

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