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## Dear Friends.

It gives us great pleasure to thank you for your support of the Walpole Historical Society in 2022 and ask for your continued support in 2023. As you know, 2022 was chock full of new Historical Society events and experiences, and we are delighted that so many of you joined in and became involved in so many ways.

A highlight of 2022 was the Bellows–Alcott pianoforte performance in November. The public performance on the restored pianoforte presented by musician/composer Ben Cosgrove was "sold-out" in the Walpole Unitarian Church. Both the restoration of the instrument and the expenses of the performance were enthusiastically and generously funded by you, our members. Another highlight was the "Museum Talks" series given every Saturday in the Museum from August into October. The "Museum Talks" attracted many enthusiasts, both regulars at the Museum and first time visitors. Every Saturday offered different, detailed glimpses into our collections and sparked lively discussions.

Throughout the year we continued to make substantial behind-the-scenes progress on digitizing our collection catalogue, accessing new donations to the collection, and improving the building by plastering and painting walls and installing hanging rails on the second floor of the Museum. We also continued the ever-popular weekly email of "The Walpole Heritage Museum comes to you." Our grand finale, on a beautiful full moon evening in early December, was our Holiday Reception (with the traditional smoked turkey) widely spoken of as better than ever!

With your support, we anticipate building on our major initiatives in 2023 by establishing a pianoforte concert series and presenting more Saturday Museum Talks, as well as a number of new members-only events. We invite you to participate in and enjoy these and all our many other 2023 activities. Please let us know if you would like to be involved in our pianoforte concerts, offering Saturday talks at the Museum, cataloging the collection, designing exhibits, or envisioning new activities.

Please renew your support in 2023. We look forward to seeing you in the Museum and at our upcoming events this year!

With our thanks, the Walpole Historical Society Board,

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