



February 2018

Dear Friends,

The Walpole Historical Society had an exciting year in 2017, initiating change and maintaining traditions. We thank you for your support of our efforts in both these directions and invite you to continue your involvement as we continue our work in 2018.

Our museum featured two new exhibits this past year: **A Timeline of Walpole History** and **When They Were Young, Children's Clothing from 1800 to 1960**. Both of these exhibits help the Walpole Historical Society pursue its mission of collecting, conserving, and communicating the heritage of our community.

The Timeline allows a visitor, whether a longtime resident or a passing tourist, to follow the development of our town and to understand how Walpole is unique – but also representative of common threads in American history. We hope, as we add more artifacts and anecdotes to this exhibit, that the story will evolve in the coming years. We invite your participation in telling Walpole's story.

The Children's Clothing exhibit has been a popular favorite with adults and children – marveling that these garments could ever have been worn or remembering when we actually did so! The Walpole Historical Society received an award from the Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire for this exhibit – an honor which encourages us to maintain the exhibit in place through 2018.

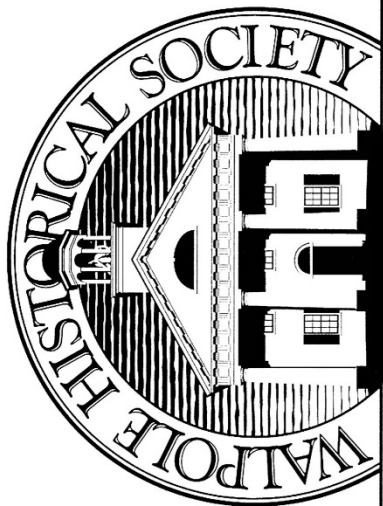
We have many plans already underway for 2018. Our historic 1832 building, always a focus of our attention, will receive vital updates to its environmental control systems. We are considering ways to reinvent our popular Speaker Series. We are contemplating an exhibit detailing the history of textiles and needlework in Walpole. Our archives of paper ephemera of all kinds will receive attention from a committee of volunteers organizing frequent small exhibits. We are particularly pleased to have received a grant from the Moose New Hampshire Conservation License Plate program, which we will use to coordinate the conservation of historic town documents for eventual display in our museum.

Join us in our endeavors! There are many ways to be involved: renew your membership, encourage a friend to join, volunteer to be a docent or help in the shop, participate in our archival work, suggest an exhibit theme, tell us of interesting local speakers or topics, recount to us anecdotes from your family history. We look forward to hearing from you, seeing you at an event, and welcoming you to the museum. Please join us!

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