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2019

Annual Report



Danielle Rougeau, Deb Foster,
and Warren Kimble install the
Over-the-Top holiday exhibit

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Executive Director's Report

By all assessments, 2019 was a banner year for the Sheldon, made possible by dedicated, generous donors and volunteers, engaged trustees, a seasoned staff, and hundreds of visitors. I thank you all.

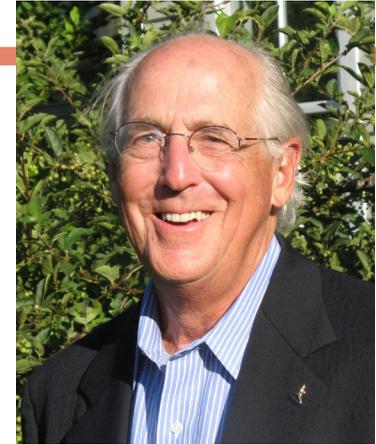
The Sheldon's exhibits combine our dual history and art missions. The year began and concluded with the Model Train exhibit when we welcomed as many as 1,900, often including three-generational families, to view the classic trains running on four tracks and depicted on oversized vintage photographs. Mid-year we held the 27th annual Pops Concert and Fireworks featuring the Vermont Philharmonic, enjoyed by young and old alike.

The exhibit season opened with *The Landscape Architecture of Dan Kiley*, a collaborative partnership of multiple organizations, with images from his world-wide assignments, multiple lectures, and three site visits. In the fall, *Conjuring the Dead* drew on rare fragile photographs and paintings from our Research Center archives, interpretive labels and speakers, and a fun-filled evening of costumes and tarot card readings.

Children were delighted to view the *Fairy Houses* created by Vermonter Sally Smith, accompanied by creative workshops, while art lovers and those concerned with environment found both joy and sadness in Dana Simson's *The Animals Are Innocent* depicting the threat of climate change. Addison County artists Chuck Herrmann enchanted visitors with contemporary woodcarvings highlighting local timber and Andrew Marks sculpted briar burls into small, table-top fantasy creatures. The outdoor metal works by local sculptors complimented the beautiful flowers in the Sheldon gardens created and maintained by the volunteer members of Middlebury Garden Club.

The volunteer Sheldon trustee committees labored to transform the HVAC systems, to upgrade our collections policies, storage, and inventory, to plan for a secure, healthy financial future, and to publicize the value and extent of our historic archival documentary holdings.

2019 brought increased visitation, exhibits, programs, and events, all a reflection of our muscular support by those acknowledged in this report. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for ensuring that the Sheldon continues as a strong, vibrant community cultural center celebrating the arts and humanities.



William F. Brooks, Jr.

Henry Sheldon Museum's Mission

Collect, preserve and share the historic, artistic, and cultural heritage of Middlebury, Addison County, Vermont, and the surrounding region for the enjoyment and edification of current and future generations.

Volunteers

The small three-person Sheldon Museum staff relies on an enthusiastic, dedicated corps of volunteers. These include a group of volunteers who come to the Sheldon weekly to work at the front desk in the Museum Store welcoming visitors, processing admissions, and store sales, and assisting the staff with various tasks. The weekly Research Center volunteers assist visitors, scholars, and students with their projects and partner on special assignments. To prepare for the annual model train exhibit a seasoned crew of train volunteers install and run the model trains during the holidays. All trustees are volunteers who spend countless hours in meetings and helping staff. They contributed over 3,000 hours of their time in 2019.

In addition, a creative group of volunteers from the Middlebury Garden Club provide artistic flower arrangements for the Museum's galleries and spend hours maintaining the beautiful garden. Hundreds of volunteers help with the Pops Concert and other special events throughout the year.

The staff and trustees thank these volunteers—they *are the soul of the Museum*.

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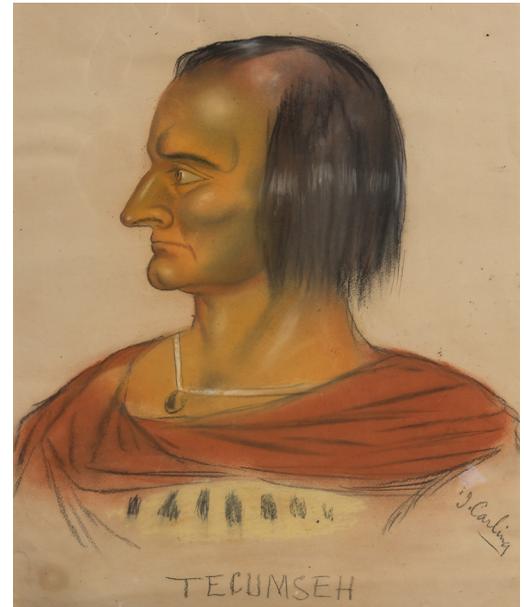
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Train crew volunteer engineers Susan Shashok and Alex Shashok. The mother/son team have been running the trains since Alex was 7!

Tecumseh, c. 1870, James Carling. Collection of Henry Sheldon Museum

2019 Pops Concert



Kids singing “Baby Shark” during Pops Concert

27th Annual Pops Concert and Fireworks

The Sheldon’s Pops Concert and Fireworks is an ever-popular summer family event. The 2019 Pops Concert was held on July 3, with wonderful weather and record-setting attendance. Featured uplifting music by the Vermont Philharmonic, and many selections for children including “Baby Shark.” Fireworks concluded the evening. The Middlebury Rotary Club loaned us several American Flags for the occasion. Three volunteers chaired the event—“T” Tall, Julie Peddie, and Glenna Emilo.

See 2019 Concert program for Individual Donors, Corporate Donors, Donors of Goods and Services, Advertisers, and Volunteers on the Sheldon’s website [click here to access program](#).

Collection Donations

The Sheldon Museum imposed a moratorium on collecting during 2019, so very few items were accessioned. The Collections Committee was busy organizing collection documentation and storage.

- Alpha Alpha Alumni Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity: Two sculptures of lions. The rampant lions are the mascot of the DKE fraternity.
- Gabriella Karsch: 1950’s Girl Scout Uniform.
- Elizabeth Brooks Dennett: *Middlebury Falls*, watercolor, c. 1945 by Arthur K.D. Healy
- Warren Thomas Rinehart: Metal crane sculpture by Warren Thomas Rinehart, 2018.
- Jonathan Blake: Stereo Realist Camera, David White Company, c. 1950–70.



1950’s Middlebury Girl Scout Uniform donated by Gabriella Karsch

2019 Exhibits and Events



The infamous stuffed cat shared his holiday spirit!

The Sheldon Relic Chair

September 20, 2018 to January 13, 2019
An exhibit of two chairs, one the original “relic or memorial chair” created by Henry Sheldon in 1884, and the other created in January 2018 by Middlebury College students.

Ho Ho Historical Holidays to You

December 1, 2018 to January 13, 2019
Classic Christmas images, antique postcards, seasonal cards, written holiday memories, and toys from the Sheldon’s collections.

Over-the-Top Holiday

December 1, 2018 to January 13, 2019
A glittering holiday display of numerous lighted trees, tinsel, silver ball, antique sleds and skates, traditional Santas, paper chains and more.

27th Annual Holiday Train Exhibit

December 1, 2018 to January 13, 2019
An elaborate electric train layout complete with gondola ski lift delighted children of all ages. The exhibit brings the community to the Sheldon each year.

Hidden Treasures 2019 Series

Throughout the year, the Sheldon presented a series of “Hidden Treasures,” featuring objects from the Sheldon’s collection, with gallery talks about each hidden treasure.

- May: Portrait of Abby Victoria Painter
- June: the Shepard Family’s brass valve trombone, photographs, and programs
- July/August: a recently-discovered unique crystoleum photographic portrait of Joseph Battell
- September: 1950’s Middlebury Girl Scout uniform recently donated to the Sheldon Museum
- October: a unique rendering of the John Brown farmstead in North Elba, New York, on a 19th-century tree fungus.

The Language of Trees

ongoing through 2019
A display of wood carvings by Chuck Herrmann. The carvings are a reflection of his deep commitment to the Vermont forest, its history and value.

The Landscape Architecture Legacy of Dan Kiley

May 14 to September 1, 2019
A retrospective exhibit, in partnership with The Cultural Landscape Foundation, Vermont Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and Preservation Burlington featuring the influential and internationally-acclaimed Vermont landscape architect, Daniel Kiley (1904–2012).

Exhibits

Throughout each year, the Sheldon presents a wide variety of extraordinary events and engaging exhibits that appeal to people of all ages. These lively offerings advance and promote community through compelling stories of the experiences that we all have in common.

Exhibits are overseen and designed by Bill Brooks, Executive Director, Mary Manley, Associate Director, and Eva Garcelon-Hart, Archivist. In addition, we are proud that members of the Board of Directors take an active role in creating and implementing exhibits and events.

Whimsical Wonders: Fairy Houses from Nature

by Sally J. Smith

May 14 to November 1, 2019

Nine fairy houses exhibited throughout the Judd-Harris House, created by environmental artist Sally J. Smith.

Fantasy Creatures: Briar Burl Sculptures

by Andrew Marks

May 21 to September 30, 2019

Sixteen fantasy creatures mounted on stone, many depicting imaginary animals.

The animals are innocent

September 20, 2019 to January 11, 2020

A mixed media/ceramic exhibit of colorful boat sculptures and paintings, featuring animals by Maryland artist, ceramist, author, and illustrator Dana Simson, lamenting the impact of climate change.

Conjuring the Dead: Spirit Art in the Age of Radical Reform

September 20 to January 11, 2020

An exhibit of spirit photographs and original spirit artwork from the Henry Sheldon Museum's collections, acquired by Solomon Wright Jewett (1808–94) of Weybridge, VT.

28th Annual Holiday Train Exhibit

November 26, 2019 to January 11, 2020

An elaborate electric train layout complete with gondola ski lift delighted children of all ages. The exhibit brings the community to the Sheldon each year enjoyed by 1,900 visitors during its 45-day run.

Sculptures in the Garden

The Museum's downtown flower garden, maintained and designed by the Middlebury Garden Club, also featured contemporary sculptures by Vermont artists: Marty McGowan, John Matusz, Warren Rinehart, and Eben Markowski.

Programs & Events

Did You Know? Speaker Series

March 2019

The Sheldon Museum presented a series of six engaging talks on a variety of historical and contemporary subjects by leaders in their fields during March 2019.

Speakers included:

- Governor Jim Douglas
- Glenn Andres
- Amy Oxford
- Lucinda Cockrell
- Eva Garcelon-Hart
- Warren Kimble
- Brian Cadoret

How to Weed Your Attic: Getting Rid of Junk without Destroying History

March 16, 2019

Vermont authors, Elizabeth "Wiz" Dow and Lucinda Poole Cockrell, co-authors of the book, jointly sponsored by Henry Sheldon Museum and Ilsley Public Library.

Eva Garcelon-Hart delivered a talk as part of panel at the New England Archivist Conference, "**Roadmapping for Digital Preservation,**" April 2019

The Landscape Architecture Legacy of Dan Kiley Lecture Series

May to August 2019

Speakers featured during the exhibit:

Jane Amidon, Professor, Northeastern University, Boston, MA

Chris Dunn, Landscape Architect, Dunn + Kiley Landscape Architecture, Denver, CO

Michael Beardsley, General Manager, Twin Farms, Barnard, VT

Ken Ashley, Facilities Manager, Twin Farms, Barnard, VT

Edward "Ted" Adams, Landscape Architect, Wagner Hodgson Landscape Architecture

Terry Boyle, Landscape Architect and Artist, Bristol, VT

Peter Meyer, Landscape Architect, Raycroft-Meyer, Bristol, VT

David Raphael, Landscape Architect, LandWorks, LLC, Middlebury, VT

Peter Ker Walker, Landscape Architect, Burlington, VT

Patricia O'Donnell, Landscape Architect, Charlotte, VT

Peter Vanderwarker, Photographer, Boston, MA

Dewdrop Bungalow Fairy House Raffle

May to October 15, 2019



Michael Manley and Taylor Rossini install *The Landscape Architecture Legacy of Dan Kiley* exhibit

Hidden Treasures Gallery Talks

May to October 2019

May 11: Pieter Broucke: portrait of Abby Victoria Painter

June 8: Lucinda and Dale Cockrell: the Shepard Family's brass valve trombone

July 13: Eva Garcelon-Hart: crystoleum photographic portrait of Joseph Battell (offered as part of Joseph Battell Weekend)

September 14: Gabriella Karsch and Mary Manley: 1950s Girl Scout Uniform

October 16: Eva Garcelon-Hart and Bill Hart: John Brown farmstead in North Elba, NY, on a 19th-century tree fungus.

Dana Simson Teapot Raffle

May 2019 to January 10, 2020

Trips to Kiley Projects

June 2019

Two tours of Twin Farms, Barnard, VT, with guides Michael Beardsley and Brenda Hillier.

June 7, 2019 Exhibit Reception for ***The Landscape Architecture Legacy of Dan Kiley & Art and Blooms***

Tour of the new Middlebury Town Park led by landscape architect Ted Adams, June 8, 2019

27th Annual Pops Concert and Fireworks July 3, 2019
Featuring the Vermont Philharmonic



The Messenger, 2019, Dana Simson

Addison Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Mixer July 2019

Joseph Battell Weekend July 13 and 14, 2019
Co-sponsored with UVM Morgan Horse Farm, Addison County Chamber of Commerce, and MALT.

Tea Cup Fairy House Workshop July 21, 2019

Fairy House artist Sally J. Smith showed participants a few of her amazing fairy houses on view at the Sheldon Museum in July. She shared some of her tips for creating fairy houses and provided inspiration for making tea cup fairy houses during the workshop led by creative Museum volunteers.

Reception for Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival August 2019

Mad Hatter Tea Party and Hat Workshop August 11, 2019
Children enjoyed the beauty of the Sheldon Museum's garden with artist Dawn Wagner while creating extraordinary up-cycled masterpieces of paper hats.

Reception for the exhibits *Conjuring the Dead and the animals are innocent* September 27, 2019

Lake Champlain Cruise

October 6, 2019

Offered in conjunction with the exhibit, the animals are innocent, passengers enjoyed an afternoon cruise along the beautiful shores of Lake Champlain. Thomas Rogers from The Nature Conservancy presented a brief talk about how climate change has affected fish and wildlife in Vermont.

Conjuring the Dead Lecture Series

October to November 2019

Speakers featured during the exhibit:

- Bill Hart, Professor of American History, Middlebury College
- Joseph Citro, novelist and storyteller
- Jason Smiley, independent researcher
- Dale Cockrell, specialist in American popular music, Professor Emeritus of Musicology, Vanderbilt University
- Stephen Wehmeyer, Associate Professor, Champlain College



Eva Garcelon-Hart, Silvia Gonzalez, and Mary Manley at *Spooky Night at the Museum*

Spooky Night at the Museum

October 30, 2019

The Sheldon hosted a Spooky Night at the Museum, complete with music, fortune telling, spooky storytelling by members of the community, and spirit photography.

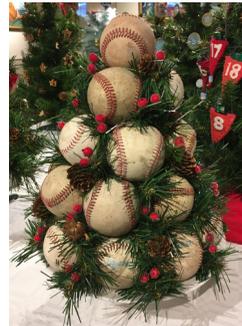
Annual Dinner and Meeting

November 12, 2019

Guest speaker Bill Schubart, author, journalist, and VPR commentator



Members of the Weybridge Parish Bells ring in the season at the *Holiday Open House*; Miniature Christmas tree raffle: *Cardinal Tree* by Lynne Boie; *America's Favorite Pastime* tree by Sarah Stahl



The train exhibit attracts lots of excited kids.

Holiday Open House Weekend and Annual Miniature Christmas Tree Raffle

December 7 and 8, 2019

An annual family tradition, the Sheldon Museum's Holiday Open House was a festive occasion complete with a raffle for miniature Christmas trees decorated by local artists, an elaborate electric model train exhibit, and volunteer musicians recruited to play Christmas music in the parlor on the Chickering piano.



Fantasy Creature by Andrew Marks



top: *Journeyland*,
2019, Dana Simson

bottom: *Bareboat*,
2019, Dana Simson



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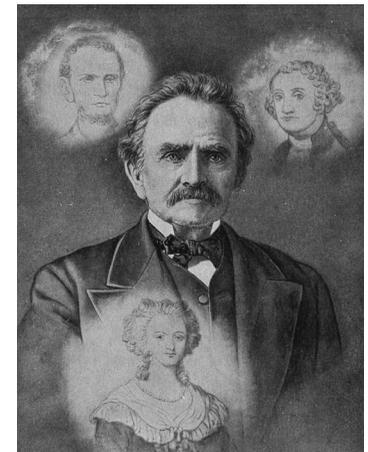
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Solomon W. Jewett and Apparitions,
c. 1880, engraving from a photograph.
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The Landscape Architecture Legacy of Dan Kiley

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Dan Kiley, *Kenjockety* (Shapiro/Phelan Residence, Westport, NY), 2013. Photo: Todd Eberle, courtesy The Cultural Landscape Foundation.

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2019 Research Center

National Endowment for Humanities Preservation Assistance Grant

The Sheldon Museum's Stewart-Swift Research Center was awarded a \$5,860 National Endowment for Humanities Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions for 2019. The grant enabled the Museum to hire consultants to assess the Center's current digital collections and to develop a state-of-the-art preservation plan for future digital projects. The NEH PAG grant will allow the Sheldon Museum to better preserve the Research Center's unique and fragile holdings and will also support the Museum's mission to share and disseminate its collections with the public at large.

Conservation/Preservation

24 baseball posters (1880s–1910); Joseph Battell crystoleum portrait (c. 1890); and William Miller's "Chart of Daniel's Visions" (1843)

Research Center Facilities

The Research Center reading room and volunteer's office was painted and re-carpeted, some lighting fixtures were upgraded and repaired.



Bill Hart and Eva-Garcelon Hart at *Conjuring the Dead* exhibit reception

National Partnership

The Sheldon Museum loaned an early 1800's silhouette of a Weybridge, VT same sex couple—Charity Bryant and Sylvia Drake—to the Smithsonian Museum's National Portrait Gallery for the exhibit "Blackout: Silhouettes Then and Now," which then traveled museums in Birmingham, Alabama and Jackson, Mississippi.

2019 Donations and Contributions

Donations to the Archives

Dale Cockrell—Music of the Stewart, Battell and Swift families, 1800-1910

Gary Lyons—Bristol Press materials, 1930–1980s

Pittsford Historical Society—Daniel Chipman journal (1799–1802)

Acquired at auctions:

Correspondence from local notable families (Stewart, Swift, Allen, and more)

In addition, documents, diaries, books, artwork, photographs and ephemera from:

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Detail, William Miller's Chart of Daniel's Visions, 1843. Collection of Henry Sheldon Museum.

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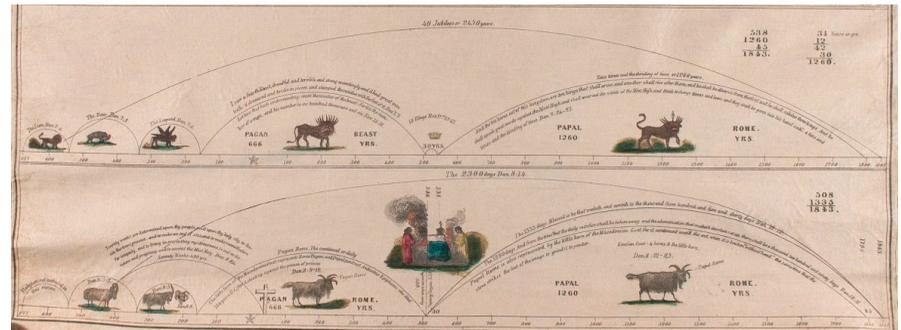
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Pippin entertains a guest on his porch

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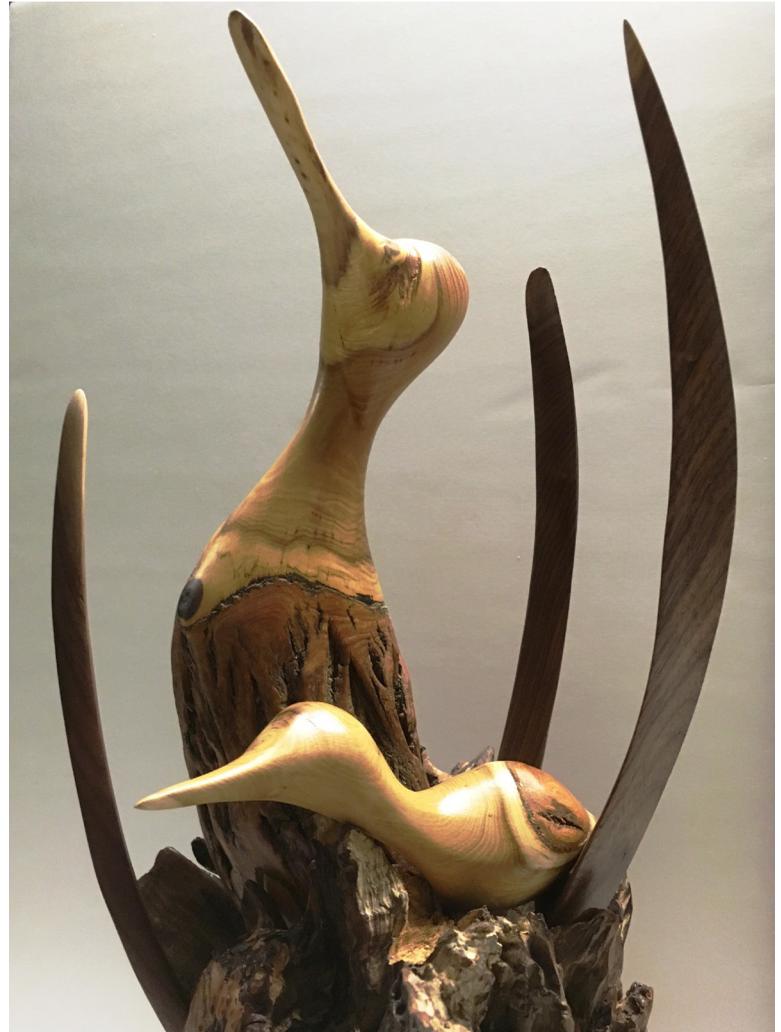
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Mother and Chick, 2019, Chuck Herrmann

Museum Store

The Sheldon's Museum Store is one-of-a kind, offering unique and specific gifts catered to the mission of the museum and its changing exhibit themes. From books to jewelry to children's products to home accessories and items specific to the Sheldon's collections, our volunteer Shop Manager Sarah Stahl ensures that there is something for everyone.



Interior of our store

THE DOG TEAM TAVERN

Inn, Tearoom, Tavern, Restaurant and Gift Shoppe
of
SIR WILFRED and LADY GRENFELL



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Cover of
The Dog Team Tavern
book available in the
Museum Store and
online



Children pose with their
fantastic hats at the
Mad Hatter Tea Party and Hat Workshop
taught by artist Dawn Wagner

2019 Financials

10:24 AM

Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History

Balance Sheet

01/15/20

As of December 31, 2019

Accrual Basis

Dec 31, 19

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1000 · Operating Checking Account (National Bank of Midd Account)	28,886.15
1070 · Donation Box Money	30.00
1080 · Petty Cash Box (Petty Cash Box)	24.34
1100 · NBM Certificate of Deposit	125,000.00
1250 · Shop Cash Drawer (Shop Cash Drawer)	230.78
1540-02 · Special Projects Checking Acct.	
Salary Compensation	5,274.80
1540-02 · Special Projects Checking Acct. - Other	116,960.40
Total 1540-02 · Special Projects Checking Acct.	122,235.20

Total Checking/Savings 276,406.47

Accounts Receivable

1150-00 · Accounts Receivable 842.33

Total Accounts Receivable 842.33

Other Current Assets

1120 · Inventory Asset (Inventory Asset)	-10.70
1200 · Museum Shop Inventory (Shop Invty)	3,629.42
1499 · Undeposited Funds (Undeposited Funds)	-2,228.16

Total Other Current Assets 1,390.56

Total Current Assets 278,639.36



Mary Ward
Manley, Bill
Brooks, Eva
Garcelon-Hart.
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Fixed Assets

1610-00 · Land (Land)	3,000.00
1620-00 · Buildings (Buildings)	226,251.00
1620-01 · Accum. Depreciation - Buildings (Accum. Depreciation - Bui...	-190,049.00
1630 · Building Improvements	479,093.04
1635 · Accum. Depr - Build Improve	-300,148.48
1640 · Furniture and Equipment (Furniture & Equipment)	86,315.54
1645 · Accum Depr - Furniture & Equipm	-75,450.52
1650 · Exhibits	131,279.95
1655 · Accumulated Depr - Exhibits	-74,419.00

Total Fixed Assets 285,872.53

Other Assets

1800 · Morgan Stanley	
1810 · WalterCert Endowment Fund (WC Fund)	228,968.28
1840 · Buildings Preservation Fund (Buildings Preservation Fund)	95,386.70
1880 · Unrestricted Fund (Income Fund)	574,194.97
1890 · Research Center Fund (Research Center Fund)	110,334.27
1895-00 · Grant Escrow Acct.-SSB	9,788.03
1900 · Collections Fund (Smith Barney Account - Collec)	252,549.09

Total 1800 · Morgan Stanley 1,271,221.34

Total Other Assets 1,271,221.34

TOTAL ASSETS 1,835,733.23

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

2000 · Accounts Payable (Accounts Payable) 1,105.58

Total Accounts Payable 1,105.58

Other Current Liabilities

2100 · Payroll Liabilities (Payroll Liabilities)

2100-03 · FUTA Payable (FUTA PAYABLE) 2.04

2100-1 · SUTA Payable (SUTA) -65.96

2100 · Payroll Liabilities (Payroll Liabilities) - Other -12.84

Total 2100 · Payroll Liabilities (Payroll Liabilities) -76.76

2110 · Direct Deposit Liabilities (Direct Deposit Liabilities) 88.00

2200 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable) 1,048.70

26900 · Unbilled Purchases 3,624.26

Total Other Current Liabilities 4,684.20

Total Current Liabilities 5,789.78

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Equity

3010 · Fund Balance - Unrestricted (Fund Balance Unrestricted) 1,388,231.42

3020 · Fund Balance Restricted 193,301.20

3900 · Retained Earnings (Retained Earnings) -11,809.67

Net Income 260,220.50

Total Equity 1,829,943.45

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 1,835,733.23

Ordinary Income/Expense January–December 2019

Income

Product Sales/Publications Inc	15.00
4100-00 Administration/Personnel Income	187.96
4125 Admissions	12,896.50
4150-00 Exhibit Sponsors	29,330.00
4175 Collections Receipts-JH (JH Collections Receipts)	1,500.00
4200 Education (School Programs)	230.00
4225 Donation (Fundraising)	39,632.38
4250 Memberships	35,500.00
4251-00 Annual Meeting	3,285.00
4300 Personnel	1,395.61
4350 Programs	7,873.00
4375 Research Center Income	7,584.85
4400 POPS Concert Income	52,799.00
4450 Grants/Special Account	74,188.50
4452 Capital Campaign	25,000.00
4660-00 Special Events	4,675.00
48000 Museum Gift Shop	19,676.62
48600 Service Sales	1,065.00
49900 Uncategorized Income (Income not categorized elsewhere)	50.00

Total Income **316,884.42**

Cost of Goods Sold

5000 Cost of Goods Sold (Cost of Goods Sold)	11.70
5500-01 Museum Shop COGS (purchase of goods for resale)	20,350.39

Total COGS **20,362.09**

Gross Profit **296,522.33**

Expense

5100-00 Administration	41,261.81
5150-00 Facilities	29,509.46
5200 Public Relations/Marketing	4,347.24
5325 Grant / Special Account Expense	68,192.21
5360 RESEARCH CENTER	4,289.77
5370 JH Collections	410.19
5400-07 Annual Meeting Expense	3,662.50
5400 Membership	843.73
5425-00 Donation Expense	466.59
5550 Gallery Expenses	7,367.23
5600 Public Program Expenses	1,925.56
5660 Special Events Expenses	500.00
5700 Education Expenses (School Programs)	0.00
5800-00 POPS Concert	19,059.67
5900 Other Expenses	100.00
6560 Payroll Expenses	155,550.56
6999 Uncategorized Expenses	40.00

Total Expense **337,526.52**

Net Ordinary Income -41,004.19

Other Income/Expense

Other Income	
4500 Dividend & Interest	17,305.59
4884-00 Unrealized Gain/Loss	290,659.70
Total Other Income	307,965.29

Other Expense

6600 Investment Fees	6,210.00
9000 Prior Year Adjustment	2,289.77
Total Other Expense	8,499.77

Net Other Income **299,465.52**

Net Income **258,461.33**



Danielle Rougeau

President, Board of Trustees

Dear Friends,

In today's divisive world, we have all, at one time or another, felt deep concerns about what the future holds for our home community, our families, our children, and our children's children. We often have a hard time imagining a better world. To find a way forward, we need to reinforce the fabric of our beloved community in all its aspects.

The fabric of our community is shaped by a collective past—by the lives, industry and viewpoints of generations of Vermonters. The aim of the Sheldon is to preserve the tangible links—the material culture—that chronicles our evolution, provides us a frame of reference through dramatic changes, and cultivates a pride of place and a sense of belonging. In this way, the Sheldon is the region's "storyteller."

In this Annual Report, we are proud to convey how the Sheldon has advanced its critical mission during the past year. We want you to know about our exciting programs and events and our commitment to stewarding financial and human resources.

Equally important, we express our heartfelt gratitude to our countless volunteers, our many donors, our exceptional staff, and the citizens of our surrounding community who have created such a rich and meaningful place to live and learn.

With deep appreciation,
Danielle

Henry Sheldon Museum's Vision

The Henry Sheldon Museum will provide the local community and visitors with access to unique collections of art, objects and archives that engage—and are relevant to—diverse audiences.

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