Florence Griswold Museum Ledger

Annual Report Issue

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A Special Invitation to Florence Griswold Museum Members

Please join us for the 69th Annual Meeting and the Members' Reception for the Opening of *All the Sea Knows: Marine Art from the Museum of the City of New York*.

Friday, June 5, 2015 at 5:30pm Florence Griswold Museum 96 Lyme Street Old Lyme, Connecticut

The 69th Annual Meeting of the Florence Griswold Museum takes place on Friday, June 5, 2015 at 5:30pm under a tent on the Adrian P. Moore Garden Terrace. We will share brief reports on the activities of the Museum and invite members to elect a new slate of officers

and trustees. At 6:30pm, we'll enjoy a festive reception for the opening of *All the Sea Knows: Marine Art from the Museum of the City of New York.*

This is your invitation to the Members' Reception. We hope you can join us. Kindly RSVP (acceptances only) to 860-434-5542 ext. 122 or Sarah@flogris.org.



James Edward Buttersworth (1817–1894), Yacht Race off Fort Wadsworth, ca. 1870. Oil on board, 9 1/4 x 12 1/4 inches. Museum of the City of New York

All the Sea Knows-a New Exhibition

BEFORE MISS FLORENCE

helped introduce the world to American Impressionism, her father, Captain Robert Griswold, made his mark as a respected sea captain. For 25 years he sailed the Atlantic between New York and London on packet ships of the Black X Line. This summer the Museum honors Connecticut's contributions to the history of maritime travel and trade with the exhibition, *All the Sea Knows: Marine Art from the Museum of the City of New York.* On view June 5 through September 20, 2015, *All the*

Sea Knows reveals the diverse ways the sea has been depicted in American art and its connections to the Connecticut shore. A special gallery will unite, for the first time, paintings from MCNY's collection with selections from the Museum's collection that depict ships of the Black X Line. In addition, letters to Captain Griswold from his wife are being transcribed and will be the basis for an online theatrical presentation that will provide insight into the lives of sea captains and those left behind, as well as how the shipping industry affected the



Edward Moran (1829–1901), Enlightening the World, (The Unveiling of the Statue of Liberty), 1886. Oil on canvas, 49 1/2 x 39 inches. Museum of the City of New York

Collection Spotlight: On the River by Willard Metcalf

IN 1883, Willard Metcalf joined the ranks of American artists who traveled to France to further their education. He spent five years abroad, studying in Paris at the Académie Julian and visiting art colonies at Pont-Aven, on the Brittany Coast, Walberswick, England, and Grez-sur-Loing near Barbizon in the summers. In May 1885, as documented by bird eggs he collected while there, Metcalf became the first American artist to spend time in Giverny, the French town not far from Paris that would become home to a large art colony attracted by

the presence of Claude Monet. While Monet largely ignored the community of expatriate painters, Metcalf managed to make his acquaintance and even tutored the artist's son and stepson in botany and ornithology. Metcalf returned to Giverny for the next two summers, and painted *On the River*, ca. 1888.

The Florence Griswold Museum is home to the largest public collection of works by Willard Metcalf, but until now, this has not included any paintings the artist made in France. In late 2014, the Museum acquired *On the River*, which depicts a fisherman preparing a trap aboard a boat on a small waterway—possible the Epte or the Ru—in or around Giverny. The painting's rich color palette reflects



On the River makes its debut in the Florence Griswold House this summer.

Metcalf's embrace of the Barbizon style while in France, and the prominence he gives to the figure recalls both Metcalf's travels to Brittany and the work of Jules Bastien-Lepage, whose depictions of peasants brought a new naturalism to French art in the 1870s and 1880s. At the same time, On the River reveals Metcalf's gradual transition toward Impressionism in Monet-like passages such as the blue-green leaves of the tree isolated against the sky in the background. On the River provides a foundation for better understanding

Dogwood Blossoms, 1906, a picture the artist completed in Old Lyme, but which is redolent of his paintings of French peasants. The nascent Impressionism of On the River burst forth fully in Old Lyme pictures such as Kalmia, 1905, where the proportions have now been reversed—the smooth brushwork and Barbizon tones of On the River recede into the background in Kalmia, making way for a flurry of Impressionist brushwork and dazzling light effects. On the River represents a key bridge between Metcalf's earliest artistic efforts in Boston and New York and his maturation as an American Impressionist, a process completed over the course of his visits to the Lyme Art Colony.

—Amy Kurtz Lansing, Curator

Heartfelt Letters Reveal Private Lives

THIS SUMMER, visitors to All the Sea Knows: Marine Art from the Museum of the City of New York will have access to rarely-seen correspondence exchanged by Helen

Powers and Captain Robert Harper Griswold, Florence Griswold's parents. The Museum owns nearly twenty letters, and a private collection in Old Saybrook holds an equal number, allowing us to reconstruct the communications between Florence's mother and father

"... dearest, you say you hope on your return to find me well, and happy, happy I shall certainly be dear, at least when I see you ..."

while he was away at sea much of the year as a captain in the trans-Atlantic packet ship trade between New York and London. Sample letters will be included in the exhibition,

and the full correspondence, with selected annotations, will be featured on the Museum's website. The letters provide insight into the keenly-felt separations and challenges of family life for the Griswolds, while on opposite sides of the ocean.

 Excerpt from a letter addressed to Captain Robert Griswold, Astor House, New York, October 22, 1840 from Helen Powers

GARDENFEST

A Celebration of the Gardens at the Museum

June 5 to 14, 2015

HERE ARE JUST a few of the exciting lineup of garden-related activities scheduled. Please check FlorenceGriswoldMuseum.org for a complete list.

Blooms with a View: A Display of Art & Flowers June 12, 13, and 14

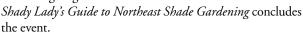
See what this year's talented floral designers create in response to works of art in the special exhibition All the Sea Knows: Marine Art from the Museum of the City of New York. Their stunning arrangements play off the colors, line, shapes, and subject matter of the artwork in masterful ways, becoming masterpieces of their own. Boats and botanicals make for an intriguing combination!



Two Sought-After Garden Experts to Speak

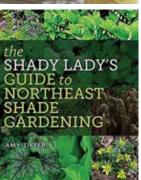
On June 9, author and self-described obsessed gardener Tovah Martin presents an interactive lecture that explores how to infuse your garden and personal space with personality, panache, and punch while searching for a deeper individuality. The lecture finale is a terrarium planting demonstration. A book signing of Martin's recent publications concludes the event.

On June 11, author and Master Gardener Amy Ziffer gives a beautifully-illustrated talk that focuses on what makes some shade plants better performers than others. A book signing of Ziffer's *The*



Both presentations begin at 2pm and require advance registration, either online or by calling 860-434-5542, x111.





This Year's Annual Garden Luncheon Supports the Preservation of the Museum's Landscape

Friday, June 12 at noon

Landscape Committee chair Dianne Embree and her committee have planned a delightful afternoon of art, music, flowers, food ... and a few surprises! This year's luncheon theme celebrates the beauty of the Museum's riverfront landscape and the debut of *On the River*, the newly acquired Willard Metcalf painting.

Guests will enjoy *Blooms with a View* in the Krieble Gallery, an informal tour of Miss Florence's historic gardens by the Museum's own Garden Gang, light jazz by the Tangerine Trio, and a delicious lunch by Gourmet Galley under a festive tent on the Adrian P. Moore Garden Terrace. There will be brief remarks by curator Amy Kurtz Lansing on the significance of the Museum's exciting new acquisition *On the River* by Willard Metcalf.

Tickets for this popular event are \$100. For reservations please go to FlorenceGriswoldMuseum.org or contact Sarah at 860-434-5542 ext. 122 or Sarah@flogris.org.

The Garden Luncheon, sponsored by Wilber & King and Centerbrook Architects and Planners, is an important fundraiser that supports the stewardship and preservation of the Museum's historic gardens and riverside landscape. Members are cordially invited to join us at the Garden Luncheon!

Thurston the Great of Lyme

The Museum lost one of its legendary figures when former board president Tony Thurston died in his sleep on February 20, 2015 at the age of 77. Director Jeffrey Andersen gave the following tribute at Tony's memorial service.

IN THE EARLY YEARS of the 20th century the most famous magician in America was Howard Thurston, who went by the stage name of Thurston the Great. Howard Thurston was raised in Ohio, lived a life of adventure, and was so widely known for his ability to influence people that Dale Carnegie wrote about him in his book How to Win Friends and Influence People. On March 22, 1937, another Thurston was born, and like his namesake, he was raised in Ohio. He, too, lived a life of adventure, serving in the U.S. Navy during the Cuban Missile Crisis followed by an eventful 30-year career in advertising. Like Howard Thurston, this Thurston was constantly pulling rabbits out of his hat on behalf of his clients, all the while winning friends and influencing people. Retiring with his family to Lyme in the early 1990s, Anthony Campbell Thurston was destined to become our Thurston the Great.

Tony was relatively young when he retired to Lyme, where Sandy's family has deep roots. He was full of energy and wanted to get back to his roots, for he had been a fine arts major at Trinity College and thought about getting involved at our Museum. He came down to look around. It did not begin auspiciously! He made the mistake of gently touching an object on display in the center hall. Suddenly he heard a voice behind him: "We don't touch at the Florence Griswold Museum."

I asked Tony if he could help us with marketing. Typical of Tony, he plunged right in. He brought all of the town's arts organizations together for brainstorming sessions about how to create more public interest. The idea for the Connecticut Impressionist Art Trail was borne out of these sessions. Almost single-handedly, Tony went on to found and lead this statewide initiative that was one of the first art trails in America.



Tony and Sandy Thurston

It still exists today as The Connecticut Art Trail. We saw firsthand Tony's problem solving skills and his engaging, humorous personality. Within two years of going on the Florence Griswold Museum Board of Trustees he was elected President by unanimous acclaim. He served for seven years, from 1996 to 2003, leading a transformation of the Museum into what it is today, as he and others embarked on a major capital campaign, constructed a new art gallery and education center, and, perhaps most thrillingly, acquired the entirety of the Hartford Steam Boiler Fine Arts Collection. After stepping down as President, Tony continued to serve on the Museum's board and Sandy remained an active volunteer as she does to this day. Tony's legendary service on behalf of our community was lengthy, deep in nature, marked by permanent achievement, and always accompanied by his sense of humor. I think it is fair to say that he found his true calling with all of us. He was our Thurston the Great.

Tony also had a profound impact on me. Working together for over twenty years, we became such good friends. It's true; we were somewhat different in temperament. Tony was gregarious and outspoken whereas I am reserved and diplomatic. In fact Tony's outspokenness startled me at first. He could get really riled up about anything that he saw as equivocating or false in nature. In the blink of an eye he'd become Ralph

Kramden in "The Honeymooners," flapping around, hysterically funny. Unlike Jackie Gleason, however, Tony's histrionics always had a purpose and I saw how he used it to liven a somnambulant committee or board meeting, to snap everyone to attention in order to make a decision and stick with it. Balancing this flair for dramatic effect, Tony had a sensitive, even sentimental side and could be a good listener, someone who was great to talk things over with. Tony gave me the confidence to be my bolder self and not always worry what others thought. We talked on the phone frequently and saw each other regularly. No matter what the circumstances were, he greeted me the same way every time: "Jeff-er-ry." His unique intonation spoke deeply to me about his capacity for friendship and his joie de vivre. This was not someone who stood on the sidelines waiting for life to come to him; he was ready to commit himself to working with others to make this community a better place, all while having fun. He loved his life and he loved his family. He often told me that Sandy worked harder and did more for all of our organizations than he did, and he had a point there.

Through his valiant fight with brain cancer over the past year, Tony never lost his wit and sense of humor. Not long before his passing we had lunch together at his house and talked at length. Sandy had gone shopping and Tony was getting tired. Getting around was terribly difficult so I offered to help him into his office so he could take an afternoon nap. The opening in the door was too narrow for us to navigate it side by side so I went around in front of him, grabbed him by his shoulders as we faced each other and walked through the doorway. Of course his beloved lab Ruby was following him. Without missing a beat, Tony said: "Look Ruby, Jeff and I are dancing."

Keep dancing, Tony.

Socials for Young Professionals

A new initiative at the Museum

ON FRIDAY, November 28, 2014, FGM hosted its first Holiday Social for Young Professionals, a festive event that attracted over 60 guests from across the state and beyond. Attendees enjoyed socializing, viewing the *Life Stories in Art* exhibition, listening to the acoustic

evening proved to be a great way to introduce guests to all that the Museum has to offer (and to each other!)

Mark your calendars In celebration of the Museum's recent acquisition, *On the River*, ca. 1888, by Willard L. Metcalf, young professionals between

the ages of 21-39 are invited on Friday, June 26 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm to Art Uncorked, a fun-filled evening of socializing along the banks of the beautiful Lieutenant River, sampling local wines and tasty bites, enjoying music by Asylum Quartet, and viewing the recently opened All the Sea Knows: Marine Art from the Museum of the City of New

York exhibition in the Robert and Nancy Krieble Gallery. For more information, please contact Sarah, (860) 434-5542 x122 or Sarah@flogris.org.



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folk duo "The Sea The Sea," and painting holiday ornaments at creative stations, while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres and libations (including a specialty "Flo Gris" cocktail!) The

What Happens When You Combine Creativity, Camaraderie, and Cocktails?

YOU GET a wildly successful program. Art•Bar Happy Hours sell out—some a month in advance. Is it the time spent with friends? The snacks and signature



Look for this summer's Art•Bar lineup at FlorenceGriswoldMuseum.org.

cocktail? The joy of letting your imagination fly, without having to clean up supplies? Most participants say all three. From creating flowers out of extravagant Italian papers, to making fashionable leather bracelets and silk scarves, it's just fun to have a few hours for yourself to laugh, learn, and create!

Connecticut Historic Gardens Day June 28

It doesn't seem like it could be fourteen years since a group of nine Connecticut historic sites, including the Florence Griswold Museum, got together to market their very special gardens. Over the years the group has raised awareness of the state's historic gardens and increased visitation to our member sites. We stay connected and engage audiences through a website and an active Facebook page. A new feature that has been very well received is Weed Our Blog. Begun in June, 2014 the twice-monthly blog offers beautiful photographs and gardening tips and musings from the sites' Master Gardeners. Outreach events, speaking engagements, publicity, and an art contest, keep the historic properties blooming in hearts and minds of garden lovers!



We think Miss Florence would be pleased to have her gardens be a part of this bloom-filled group!

The signature event for the sites is always the fourth Sunday in June. On that day, each site provides special programs, events, and activities that showcase their gardens and property. So mark your calendar for this year's Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day, June 28. Check out CtHistoricGardens. org and plan your day devoted to enjoying a few of the state's most beautiful and historic settings.

ANOTHER VOICE

NEW INSIGHTS FROM GUEST AUTHORS

An Exceptional Professional Development Experience

By Liz Egan, Art Teacher, Westbrook Middle School

EDITOR'S NOTE: On March 2, the Museum held a daylong professional development workshop for over 70 southeastern art teachers. After being separated into two groups, the participants spent the day immersed in the museum experience, art making, and skill building. Ms. Egan wrote a note about her experience to Director of Education and Outreach David Rau and Educator Julie Riggs.

Dear David and Julie,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you and the staff of the Florence Griswold Museum so much for an EXCEPTIONAL professional development experience. As an artist and arts educator, there were so many wonderful things I took away from the day.

From the moment I arrived, greeted by you David, each component of the day was so organized and relevant. You made us feel relaxed and welcome and important. As a member of the "blue" group, I enjoyed my tour of the Peter Halley exhibit and the insightfulness with which the co-curator developed our walking tour.

I was captivated by the Florence Griswold House. Our docent was wonderful. In the 11 years I have lived on the Shoreline, and the several visits to the museum as guest and painter on the grounds, I don't know why I never took the tour – it was great! I have a new appreciation of Miss Florence. How thrilling it would have been to be a guest during summers there! I would have wanted to paint one of the panel doors!

After lunch I stomped around the grounds before a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon painting. I belong to the Madison Art Society's plein air painting group and have several paintings from different vantage



points on the grounds during the summer months. That day I was able to take reference photos of those same locations in the snow – how beautiful!

David, I particularly enjoyed your interactive talk on Visual Strategies to end the day. This is what I will be bringing into my classroom RIGHT AWAY! I do a lot with each grade, but particularly with 7th graders on Visual Literacy and formal Art Criticism. Your (very humorous I might add) talk gave me real tools to help students make connections with art, and describe, analyze, interpret, and judge a work of art in a fun and student centered way. The handouts were great, and you were a delight. I smiled all the way home.

It has been such a great opportunity over the past few years to have Regional Professional Development where special area teachers can receive targeted learning that will benefit our students.

I thank you and your staff for your thoroughness and thoughtfulness. This day will stand as a model for all our future PD [Professional Development] for our region.









Fall Outdoor Event to Feature the Regal Realms of Wee Faerie Royalty

THE MUSEUM'S Wee Faerie Villages have sent visitors "over the rainbow" and "down the rabbit hole" using great works of children's literature such as The Wonderful Wizard of Oz and Alice's Adventures in Wonderland over the past two years. This October, the Museum presents the 7th outdoor creative event with a special Wee Faerie Village entitled Whimsical Kingdoms: The Castles, Towers, and Palaces of Fiction's Greatest Princes & Princesses (and perhaps a few Sorcerers and Witches). Rather than focus on only one story, the artists will highlight the royal architecture of various famous tales. Our visitors will follow the Wee Faerie Trail as it leads from one Whimsical Kingdom to the

next; from Cinderella's enchanted gourd castle to Rapunzel's twiggy towering tower-all fashioned with an emphasis on natural materials. Whimsical Kingdoms will feature over thirty faeriescaled castles, towers, and palaces on the Museum's campus—as well as a few surprises—that celebrate fiction's greatest princes and princesses in a new and imaginative way. This year's creative roster includes many artists who have participated in the past, including the students of Deep River Elementary, as well as several new recruits, such as the students of the Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School in New London.



The month-long *Wee Faerie Village* experience will be enhanced with fun and informative programming throughout the month. This year's event runs from October 1 through November 1, 2015.

New Endowed Fund

The Board of Trustees has announced the establishment of the Yale Kneeland Object Conservation Fund in honor of our friend and trustee who died suddenly on August 25, 2014. Yale was an Objects Conservator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art from 1976 until his retirement in 2008. He was esteemed by his colleagues at the Met, by conservation departments around the world, and by his many friends at this Museum, where he served as an officer and as a longtime member of the Collections Committee. This permanent restricted fund has been initiated with a number of generous donations to which we invite others to join by pledging their support. The objective is to raise \$400,000 or more to address the urgent need to support the conservation of sculpture, furniture, and decorative arts at the Florence Griswold Museum. Earnings from this fund will provide a reliable source of funds for the care of these invaluable collections. If you would like more information about how you can participate, please contact Director of Development Janie Stanley at Janie@flogris.org or 860-434-5542 ext. 104.

Discovery Sundays

There's another reason to bring family and friends to the Museum on Sundays. In addition to the popular "Make-A-Painting" activities, where visitors of all ages use the Museum's supplies to create their own masterpieces, *Discovery Sundays* now include a new outdoor Art Cart that guides



families to explore the grounds and its connection to the artists who famously painted here. The Museum is open every Sunday from 1 to 5pm and all activities are included with admission. (Children 12 and under are always free!)

All the Sea Knows continued from page 1

entire shoreline community. (Find out more about the letters on page 2.)

The exhibition takes its title from Carl Sandburg's poem "Sea-Wash," and juxtaposes works of art with passages from literature to convey the many and varied ways Americans have embraced the sea. Commissioned ship portraits teem with lovingly rendered details of the vessels that transported Americans up rivers and across oceans. Pleasure yachts race over churning waves, pitting human precision against nature's power. Other artists limned coastal landmarks—the natural or manmade beacons of home—or commemorated the pageantry celebrated aboard ship at events such as the Statue of Liberty's dedication. Taken together, these paintings reveal the genre of marine art to be as varied as landscape painting.

Your Annual Fund Gift Makes All of these "Cans" Possible

A MOTHER can bring her child on their first trip to the Museum and together they compare their favorite paintings. A child who loves to draw can spend a week immersed in Art Colony Camp. A retired couple can enjoy an afternoon learning



something new about contemporary art. There are so many things that can happen with your support of the Annual Fund. In addition to underwriting visitor participation in educational programming for all ages, the fund supports the operating budget, including grounds beautification, technology upgrades, and upkeep of Miss Florence's grand historic home.

Your participation through a gift of any amount makes it possible for so many to enjoy the FloGris. As always, we thank you for your generous support of the Annual Fund.

Grant News

The Florence Griswold Museum received funding from the Connecticut Office of the Arts to promote this summer and fall's activities at three museums—the Custom House Maritime Museum (New London), the Connecticut River Museum (Essex), and the Florence Griswold Museum. Through the project, Connecticut and the Sea-Art/History/Adventure, the museums will promote their exhibitions, programming, and special events that highlight Connecticut's rich maritime heritage. The campaign will spotlight interests that can be fulfilled by the three museums; art and artifacts associated with maritime life; aspects of the state's historical connection with the sea; and popular excursions on the river and sound.

Save the Date!

33rd Annual Benefit Auction & Dinner Dance

SATURDAY, September 26, 2015 Ioin Benefit Committee chair Deborah Moore and Auction Committee co-chairs Jennifer Eio and Marie Martin for this highly anticipated evening of lively bidding, dinner, and dancing. Bid on unique pieces of art and jewelry, fabulous travel packages, and unforgettable events, all beautifully displayed in the Robert and Nancy Krieble Gallery. Experience the excitement of a live auction led by the talented Christie's of New York auctioneer, Jennifer Wright, and enjoy River Tavern's sumptuous farm to table dinner under a festive tent on the Adrian P. Moore Garden Terrace. Afterward, dance the night away with the crowd-pleasing band Eight to the Bar alongside the beautiful Lieutenant River.



Not only will you have a memory-filled night of laughter and dancing, this event remains the Museum's most important fundraiser of the year, with all proceeds directly supporting the Museum's educational programs.





Everyone loves the Old Lyme Midsummer Festival

July 24 and 25

ART... Music... Food... and Fun! That's what the Midsummer Festival is all about. But there's something that ties the celebration together . . . community. For almost 30 years now, this very special event has been bringing community organizations together to organize the activities (a process that takes nearly a year) and attracting ever-expanding audiences. The Saturday events take place all along Lyme Street. Music and dance performances, hands-on activities, and artist sales encourage visitors to explore Lyme Street and visit organizations and merchants along the way.



On Friday, July 24, the Museum hosts its annual free concert on the banks of the Lieutenant River. In the spirit of community, the evening marks the beginning of the 25th Anniversary Season of Musical Masterworks, a chamber music series based in Old Lyme. From 7 to 9pm enjoy an evening of American music by the dynamic

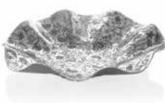
Manhattan Brass. It's particularly fitting that Musical Masterworks begins its 25th season on the grounds of the Museum. In 1990 the Museum's then assistant treasurer Jamie Murphy and a group of friends inaugurated a music program that would become one of Connecticut's most noted music series. That July, the group staged a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's Mikado under the auspices of the Museum at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School. The sold-out performances inspired the friends to develop a series of chamber music at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme. The Museum is delighted to be working with Musical Masterworks once again as they kick off their 25th season on the Museum's grounds. The concert is generously sponsored by All Pro Tire Automotive and the Graybill Family, Centerbrook Architects and Planners, Essex Wellness Center, and Cynthia and George Willauer. It's going to be a perfect summer evening!

On Saturday, July 26, activities take place at eight locations all along Lyme Street: the Florence Griswold Museum, the Lyme Art Association, the Old Lyme Inn, the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, the Center School lawn, the Old Lyme PGN Library, and the Shops of Lyme Street. For a full list of events please see OldLymeMidsummerFestival.com.

A Celebrated New Vendor in The Shop

Wendell August Forge is America's oldest and largest forge, producing hand-wrought ornamental metalware and elegant giftware in aluminum and other metals since 1923. The company was founded in Brockway, Pennsylvania. The heritage art of Wendell August Forge is preserved by the company's artisans and craftsmen, who use the original eight-step process to produce every heirloom piece. This process includes die engraving by a master engraver, material selection and cutting, repousse (hammering), surface anvilling, edging, carbon coloring, a three step polishing process, and forming. Today Wendell August Forge maintains the same painstaking dedication to heritage and history . . . to artistry and craftsmanship ... to quality American made products ... that propelled Wendell August to first open his forge in 1923. Each of these stunning pieces comes in a gift box making for a beautiful presentation.

Think of these during the wedding and anniversary season! It's a true museumquality gift that will stand out.



Café Flo 2015

BY POPULAR demand, Café Flo opens early this year, on Friday, May 1. Members and return visitors alike can't wait to enjoy a famously fabulous lunch while taking in the incredible view of the Lieutenant River.

It's guaranteed that before the delight of your meal becomes a savory memory, you'll be planning your next outing to the Museum and Café Flo. Tuesdays through Saturdays 11:30am-3pm (last seating at 2:30pm) and Sundays 1-4pm (last seating at 3:30pm). Reservations are not necessary except for parties of six or more. 860-434-5542 x 126 for reservations.

This year the café will feature a new menu, but the same fresh, deliciously inventive dishes masterfully prepared by Gourmet Galley, the operators of Café Flo.

In the Galleries this Fall

The Artist in the Connecticut Landscape

October 2, 2015-January 31, 2016

WHAT IF YOU could find the best of the best landscape paintings of Connecticut in one place? This fall's exhibition, *The Artist in the Connecticut Landscape*, marks the completion of an expansive online project to contribute

over 400 digital images to Connecticut History Online (CTHistoryOnline. org), a decade-old collaborative digital library of over 15,000 drawings, prints, and photographs depicting historic images of Connecticut. The paintings in this statewide database are from the collections of the Connecticut Historical Society, the Connecticut State Library, the Florence Griswold Museum, the Lyman Allyn Museum, the Mattatuck Museum,



Frederic E. Church, The Charter Oak at Hartford, c. 1846. Florence Griswold Museum

the Mystic Arts Center, Mystic Seaport, the New Britain Museum of American Art, the Slater Memorial Museum, and the Wadsworth Atheneum. By drawing on these fine art collections from around the state, the exhibition reveals

> the surprising diversity of Connecticut's landscape and the art that records it. Paintings of Connecticut's terrain reflect a balance between rural scenery and urban vitality characteristic of a state whose small borders encompass a range of environments, from secluded woods, to clapboard barns, to towering smoke stacks, to panoramic shores. The Artist in the Connecticut Landscape celebrates the state's role in the development of American landscape painting.

A Volunteer Position Just for You

DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC?

Volunteer as a Museum docent. Greet visitors in the historic boardinghouse and answer questions they may have, or become a holiday greeter, and welcome guests during our busy holiday season.

Do you enjoy festive parties? Join the hospitality committee and pass hors d'oeuvres or tend bar at the Museum's exhibition opening receptions.



Are you an outdoor enthusiast? Join the Garden Gang and help maintain the Museum's historic gardens.

Are you more of a behind-the-scenes type of person? Join the mail team and help prepare the Museum's printed communications for mailing.

Do you love the Museum so much that you just want to tell everyone about it? Join the membership committee and help us grow our family of members.

You can make a difference. Contact Nathaniel at 860/434-5542 ext. 112 or Nathaniel@flogris.org for more information. We look forward to finding an opportunity tailored to your interests!



Do you like to work with children? Become a Museum educator and lead school-aged children on fun and informative field trips.

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The Florence Griswold Museum is an art museum and historic house used by many different age groups in many different ways. However, one of the things that really strikes me when I visit the Museum is that most of the people that I see here are either quite young (ages 5 to 12), or older (over 50 years of age). It concerns me that we are missing the teenagers and young adults as visitors and members. This age group represents the next generation, who we need to keep the Museum going and growing.

For example, I was talking to the daughter of close friends of my wife Pamela and myself. She is a second

year student in a highly regarded boarding school. She told me that she loved all the programs that the Museum offered to children. As a child, she participated in the Wee Faerie Village, Christmas and other events with her parents, and she attended Summer Camp here. She loved our campus, the events, and the painting and craft projects in which she participated. She used the past tense in telling me about all the ways she took part in the Museum. She finished her story by telling that it was too bad that there is nothing for people her age (16), or for people in their 20's, which is about as far out as a 16 year can imagine.

There are young people who visit our exhibitions

and the Florence Griswold House. As Jeff Andersen mentions in his report on the next page, we have many high school and

college students that visit the Museum as a part of educational programs that are sponsored by their schools. However, we want to attract many more young people to visit the Museum on their own and participate in the programs.

We are working to attract the younger generation. The first example is that we are offering really excellent contemporary art exhibitions, such as our present exhibition of Peter Hall.

as our present exhibition of Peter Halley: Big Paintings.





The Museum is proud to have dedicated young volunteers.



Curators Amy Kurtz Lansing and Ben Colman introduce a class from Connecticut College to the exhibition *Peter Halley: Big Paintings*.

Many young people find contemporary art more relevant to their lives than art from the past. Another initiative we have started is our Socials for Young Professionals. Trustee Clinton Standart brought this idea to the Museum and worked closely with our staff and a group of younger supporters, including her daughter Kelly, to create a holiday event described on page 5. The event was well attended and received great reviews from the attendees. We will build on this by offering Art Uncorked, a social event for young professionals ages 21 to 39, on June 26.

These are two examples of how we can bring in the next generation as participants in Museum

events. If you have an idea, we would like to hear about it. Email me at TedHamilton@flogris.org.

Ted Hamilton

Ted Hamilton

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

AS I LOOK BACK over all of the Museum's activities for the past year I am struck by the role that collaboration plays in virtually all we do here. It has become one of the hallmarks of how we operate the Florence Griswold Museum. In truth, some of this was borne out of the economic downturn. With fairly static operating budgets over the past several years we have had to figure out how to do more with less. It became an imperative to collaborate with others as a way to share costs, extend original programming, and serve a growing audience. The credit for much of this goes to our professional staff that has wholeheartedly embraced opportunities to establish both one-time and long-term partnerships that are reaping benefits for this institution and the 64,282 visitors that we served last year.

Our exhibition program is a good example of this trend. 2014 began with an exhibition devoted to the Lyme Art Colony artist Lucien Abrams (1870-1941). Organized by the Old Jail Museum in Albany, Texas, the exhibition traveled to two venues in Texas before coming to Old Lyme. Curator Amy Kurtz Lansing worked closely with Abrams' granddaughter Nena Evans to significantly add to its presentation in Connecticut. Last summer saw the debut of Art of the Everyman: American Folk Art from the Fenimore Art Museum and Thistles and Crowns: The Painted Chests of the Connecticut Shore. Again, both of these shows relied on partnerships with other museums. In many ways, Art of the Everyman is the culmination of a growing decade-long relationship with the Fenimore Art Museum. Thistles and Crowns depended upon museums such as Winterthur, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Wadsworth Atheneum to lend their treasures to an exhibition with a new thesis developed by Assistant Curator Benjamin Colman about the origins, creation, and meaning of a vernacular furniture making tradition in eighteenth century Connecticut. Last fall, our series of three exhibitions around the theme of Life Stories in Art relied extensively on

the generosity of family members and friends of the Tonalist painter Mary Rogers Williams (1857-1907), modern sculptor Mary Knollenberg (1904-1992), and the contemporary glass artist Kari Russell-Pool.

I am particularly proud of the collaborative nature of our educational partnerships with schools, teachers, and students. Take a look on page 16 at the to share their knowledge and expertise with diverse audiences that totaled over 11,400 students, parents, teachers, and community members this past year.

Collaboration is at the heart of the Museum's comprehensive development program. We ended the year with 2,859 members who support the Museum and participate actively as volunteers and program attendees. The Annual Fund



All 150 students from Deep Elementary School visited Wee Faerie Village. Students and teachers alike were very proud of their work! Many children brought their parents back on the weekends to show off their work!

lists of school and adult groups that visit the Museum for highly interactive learning programs. One of the most amazing experiences of this past year was in October when the entire staff, teacher, and student body of the Deep River Elementary School moved onto the Florence Griswold Museum campus for the school day. Even the school nurse set up a temporary station here! It was inspiring to see the students, all of whom had a creative hand in their own Wee Faerie Village installation, joyfully interact with each other and with our staff and volunteers. Increasingly, the Museum's staff is being invited to schools, libraries, community centers, and special events

drew the support of 499 donors who realize that the Museum depends upon the generosity of many to sustain its operations for all. Businesses support the Museum through sponsorships, matching gifts, and the Business Partners program. We partner with libraries all across the state in which they pay a fee to receive free passes for their patrons to visit the Museum. But perhaps the most notable example of collaboration is the Annual Benefit in which hundreds of donors, volunteers, and businesses work together to raise significant funds for educational programs. Last year's theme was 'Magic!' - and the evening lived up to its billing!

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Given our size, the Museum is not in a position to spend a lot of its resources on advertising and promotional opportunities. But our marketing department has led the way in showing how we can extend our visibility and reach through long-term partnerships with the Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce and three other chambers throughout the region. In addition, the Museum takes a leadership role in a number of statewide initiatives such as The Connecticut Art

Trail, Connecticut's Historic Gardens, and the State's Office of Tourism. Regionally, we are active with the new Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition and Community Connections, a new network for all of the non-profits in our area to work together effectively. Even Café Flo is based on an effective partnership between Gourmet Galley and the Florence Griswold Museum.

But little of this would be possible without the loyalty and steadfast support

of our members and volunteers. As you peruse this report, I hope you will share pride in what we have accomplished together!

Jeffrey Andersen Director



THE MUSEUM'S FISCAL YEAR 2014 ended with

both revenue and expenses near projections. Membership and attendance were less than budgeted but government support increased as a result of the Museum's line item appropriation in the State budget and federal funding from the Institute for Museum and Library Services. The Annual Fund and the Benefit both surpassed their goals again this year. Other Museum activities including the Museum Shop, facility rentals, Café Flo, Midsummer Festival, GardenFest, Wee Faerie Village, Winter Studies, the travel program, and holiday teas all contributed to earned income as well, which accounted for 20% of revenue.

An important part of the Museum's financial stability is the strength of the endowment and investments. The Museum's endowment and other restricted funds invested for long-term purposes ended the year with a market value of \$16.9 million with income accounting for 29% of revenue.

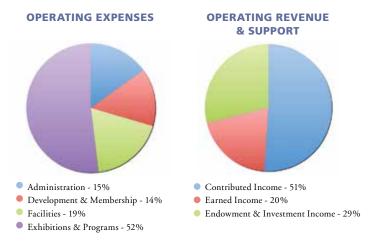
The Museum's operating costs have continued to remain consistent. Facilities costs have remained in check through diligent sourcing of electricity and heating fuel. Curatorial expenses vary more than other departments according to the requirements of the year's exhibitions but have remained within budget.

Like many other museums and nonprofits in this uncertain economy, the Museum has increased its focus on budgeting and financial controls to assure our commitment to operating within our means. Through the continued support of trustees, members, business partners and other donors, the Florence Griswold Museum will continue to deliver on its mission while safeguarding the institution's funds.

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	2014	2013
OPERATING SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Annual Giving	276,196	269,058
Contributions	261,036	181,300
Membership Dues	174,996	189,009
Business Support	75,950	75,039
Foundation & Government Support	257,889	212,514
Fundraising Events	192,050	185,884
Visitor Services (Admissions and Shop)	370,625	427,153
Education/Public Programs	116,656	118,006
Endowment and Other Investment Income	700,185	652,058
TOTAL OPERATING SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2,425,582	2,310,022
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Administration	358,448	347,999
Development and Membership	345,005	343,442
Technology	32,045	39,729
Facilities	410,188	419,026
Visitor Services & Marketing	503,328	477,579
Education	324,447	294,524
Curatorial	409,383	353,360
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,382,845	2,275,659
NET OPERATING INCOME	42,737	34,363



ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION

Gifts, bequests, and purchases of significant objects are essential to the growth of the Museum's collection. All of the objects outlined below have added depth to the collection, enabling the institution to build on its commitment to fully portray the art and history of the region. The Museum is grateful for the generous gifts received this year and every year.

FINE ART

Gertrude Nason (1890-1965) Brass Band, ca. 1940 Oil on canvas, 31 x 19 1/4 inches Florence Griswold Museum. David W. and Mary S. Dangremond Acquisitions Fund Purchase 2014.1

Gertrude Nason (1890-1965) Spring Flowers, n.d. Oil on canvas, 33 x 24 inches Signed lower right: Gertrude Nason Gift of Mrs. Ruth Wilson Sutro 2014.2

Charles Platt (1861-1933) Old Boat-House, Gloucester, Etching, 5 ½ x 9 ½ inches Signed in plate lower right: C.L. Platt Gift of Frank Racette 2014.3

Unidentified Artist Portrait of John Griswold, Jr. (1783–1856), ca. 1825 Watercolor on ivory, 4 x 3 3/8 inches Unsigned Gift of Pamela Baker Weiss 2014.4

Eugene Higgins (1874–1958) Untitled (Peasant Family), 1907 Monotype on paper, 12 x 16 ½ inches Signed lower right: 1907 Eugene Higgins Gift of Barbara Belgrade Spargo in memory of Ruth Belgrade 2014.5.1

Frederick Childe Hassam (1859 - 1935)A Long Island Windmill, 1929 Etching, 4 % x 10 15/16 inches Signed & dated in plate lower right: CH/1929 Signed in margin lower right: CH imp Gift of Barbara Belgrade Spargo in memory of Ruth Belgrade 2014.5.2

Ann Chernow (born 1936) Untitled, from the "Legacy" series, ca. 1992 Oil on board, 7 x 15 ½ inches Signed lower right: Ann Chernow Gift of Barbara Belgrade Spargo in memory of Ruth Belgrade 2014.5.3

Everett Warner (1877-1963) Untitled (Paris), 1903 Etching, 9 1/2 x 6 3/4 inches Signed & dated in plate center: E.L. Warner Paris, Signed in margin lower right: Everett Warner imp Gift of Barbara Belgrade Spargo in memory of Ruth Belgrade 2014.5.4

Wilson Henry Irvine (1869-1936) The Birches, 1907 Oil on lined canvas, 24 x 18 inches Signed and dated lower right: Irvine '07 Gift of George M. Yeager 2014.6.1

Wilson Henry Irvine (1869-1936) Home from the War, ca. 1918 Oil on canvas, 30 x 25 inches Signed lower left: Irvine Gift of George M. Yeager 2014.6.2

Wilson Henry Irvine (1869-Sea Mists Oil on canvas, 24 x 27 inches Signed lower left: Irvine Gift of George M. Yeager 2014.6.3



Gertrude Nason (1890-1965), Brass Band, ca. 1940

Wilson Henry Irvine (1869-1936) The Marshes Oil on canvas, 25 x 30 inches Signed lower left: Irvine Gift of George M. Yeager 2014.6.4

Katherine Langhorne Adams (1885 - 1977)Untitled, (Waterfall), n.d. Oil on canvas, 40 x 29 3/4 inches Signed lower left Florence Griswold Museum Purchase 2014.7

Will Howe Foote (1874–1965) Portrait of Beatrice Pope [later Beatrice Hoffman], 1907-08 Oil on canvas mounted on wood panel, 16 x 20 inches Unsigned Gift of the John L. Hoffman Trust 2014.8

Josef Albers (1888-1976) Variant VII (miniature edition) [from: Ten Variants], 1967 Original color silkscreen, 8 % x 10 % inches Signed and dated lower right: Josef Albers 1967 Gift of Charles T. Clark in memory of Yale Kneeland 2014.9



Wilson Henry Irvine (1869-1936), The Marshes



Ann Chernow (born 1936), Untitled, from the "Legacy" series, ca. 1992



Miriam Anne Barer (b. 1923), The Skaters, 1943



Henry Ward Ranger (1858–1916), The Forest Road, Early Spring, 1911

Miriam Anne Barer (b. 1923) The Skaters, 1943 Egg tempera on masonite, 17 x 21 inches Gift of the Tamsky Family 2014.10

Henry Ward Ranger (1858–1916)

The Forest Road, Early Spring, 1911
Oil on canvas, 28 x 36 inches Signed and dated lower left: HW Ranger, 1911
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webster 2014.11

John Darnel [or possibly Dannel], New Bedford, Massachusetts 4-drawer Chest of Drawers once belonging to Florence Griswold, 1818 Mahogany, pine, and brass 39 x 42 % x 21 inches Florence Griswold Museum Purchase 2014.12

Willard L. Metcalf (1858–1925)

On the River, ca. 1888
Oil on canvas, 21 x 25 ½
inches
Signed lower right: W.L.
Metcalf
Florence Griswold Museum
Purchase
2014.13

William Kent (1919–2012) Owl and Cigar with Two Insects, 1969 Slate print on synthetic acetate satin, 20 x 18 inches Gift of Mr. and Mrs. James Korst 2014.14

ARCHIVES & LIBRARY

Photo album containing photos of the Florence Griswold House, Miss Florence, and a festive party of young people including Ellen Noyes Chadwick and Mary Meeke Chadwick. Gift of Sally Dussere

Eight mounted "Scrapes" (small abstract "landscapes" created by scraping paint tools against paper or canvas) by Henry C. White (1856–1921) and 3-page letter from White to "Mr. Dennis" discussing enclosed "scrapes" and the method for creating them. Gift of Margaret Robinson

Materials relating to the Old Lyme Country Fair 1948–1955, including programs (1951–1955), 1 blue ribbon, press releases, newspaper clippings, hand bills, tickets, committee lists, exhibition categories and prizes. Gift of the First Congregational Church, Old Lyme, Connecticut

Nine Letters Addressed to Florence Griswold by various correspondents, 1901–1919. Gift of George and Betsy White

157 original photographs taken by Winfield Scott Clime ca. 1930s–1950s. Gift of Timothy A. Eastland

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Suitcase that belonged to Lyme artist Lucien Abrams, ca. 1900 Leather and metal, 14 x 23 x 5 ½ inches Gift of Nena Evans

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John Darnel [or possibly Dannel], New Bedford, Massachusetts, 4-drawer Chest of Drawers once belonging to Miss Florence Griswold, 1818

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Educational services lie at the heart of the Museum's mission. "To foster the understanding of American art, with emphasis on the art, history, and landscape of Connecticut" is a goal that has touched thousands of students whose schools are listed below.



Outreach event at Sails Up 4 Cancer for the Sunshine Kids at the Mystic Shipyard.

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Presentation, Florence Griswold and the Art Colony at Old Lyme, Stonington Men's Club, Stonington

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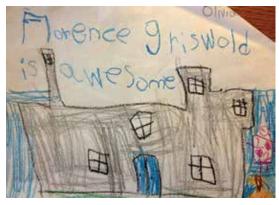
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Yes, Olivia, we agree. And we think our young fans are pretty fabulous too.

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Based on the design of the historic portable studio used by the artist Benjamin Eggleston, a new Art Cart operates as a learning station. The Art Cart was part of The Agora Project, an initiative funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services that encourages the community to use the Museum as a place for visitors of all ages to gather. David D.J. Rau, Director of Education and Outreach, Mike Rockwell, Bruce Lawrence, and John Bogaert of Bogaert Construction faithfully built a reconstruction of the portable studio based on historic photos and designs by Keith Ragone.

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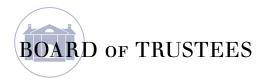
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