

HUDSON HIGHLANDS

PUTNAM

HISTORY

MUSEUM

WEST POINT FOUNDRY

**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR 2021**

The mission of the Putnam History Museum is to collect, preserve, interpret, and present the history of Putnam County, Philipstown, the West Point Foundry, and the Hudson Highlands. Through exhibitions, programs, and events, the museum uses its collection to engage the community with the vibrant history of our region--and to foster greater understanding of the role it has played in the growth of our nation.



Dear Putnam History Museum Supporters,

As we reflect upon the PHM's activities for 2021, we are humbled by the incredible support each of you have provided the museum in the past year -- thank you.

You have supported the museum through generous financial contributions, by participating in virtual programs like the Thomas F. Hayden Virtual Lecture Series, Trivia Night, & NY Brew Talk, by attending our History Hikes, Crawls, and Hunts, by exploring our outdoor, indoor, and virtual exhibitions, and by once again attending our annual in-person events like the Lawn Party at the William Kemble Home.

Your participation in each of these aspects of the PHM is greatly appreciated and gives us the drive to adapt, evolve, interpret, and preserve history through any circumstance. On behalf of the entire board and staff, thank you for all of your enthusiasm and support.

In this report, you will find the different ways in which your support made a direct impact at the Putnam History Museum in 2021.

With our deepest gratitude,

Mark Forlow, Board Chair

Cassie Ward, Executive Director



HISTORICAL PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION, & INTERPRETATION

• Building & Grounds •

- Repaired and painted all exterior trim, including repairs to window jams and cupola. Sections of our museum building date back to 1828.
- Replaced the front wooden fence
- Repaired and painted PHM's single outbuilding in the rear of the property
- Repaired and sealed portions of the museum's basement floor

• Museum Collection •

- Library: Cataloged over 1,200 documents in the museum's research library, which are all searchable online.
- Artifact Inventory: Completed a 157-page transcription project, detailing the museum's accessions from the early 1900s to the early 2000s.
- Highlights from our Archival Donations include:
 - 1850 Fishkill Landing Map
 - Cast iron West Point Foundry sign
 - Haldane school memorabilia and scrapbook
 - Collection of Philipstown and Putnam Co. maps; "Early History of Cold Spring" booklet
 - Collection of Garrison research materials
 - Collection of Jaycox diaries
 - Box of West Point Foundry archival materials, letters, contracts, legal documents
 - Film reel, "opening of the Bear Mountain Bridge"

• Historical Research •

Library and research volunteers and PHM staff assisted with over 400 public research hours, as well as innumerable internal requests. Research topics included: Chief Daniel Nimham, Philipse Family, Slavery in Putnam County, Bird & Bottle Inn, Genealogy, House Histories, Plumbush, Hotel Manteo, Don Mclean, Pete Seeger, and more.



EXHIBITIONS & EDUCATION

• Exhibitions •

- *Putnam at Play: Recreation and Leisure in the 19th and 20th Centuries*
- *Hiking the Highlands*
- *Seasons*, featuring rotating historical images related to each season
- *Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow*
N-Y Historical Society Travelling Exhibition – presented at PHM
- *HerStory: Putnam County Women and the Vote*
- *West Point Foundry: Trailblazer of Industrial America*

• School Programs/Materials •

Additions to the PHM Education Portal, including:

- Educational Video: PHM Interview with the Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project
- Lesson Plans:
 - 7th–11th Grade: American Revolution
 - 11th Grade: Industrialization
 - 11th Grade: Environmental Movement
 - 8th Grade: The Women’s Suffrage Movement
 - 3rd Grade: Changing the Environment
- Educational Activities:
 - Guided Questions for West Point Foundry Exhibition
 - The Parrott Cannon in the Civil War
 - Key Players in the Hudson Highlands During the American Revolution
 - Women in World War II
 - Hudson Valley Geography
 - Her Story: Women of Putnam County
- Children’s Program at the West Point Foundry with the Foundry Montessori School



PUBLIC PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

• Historical Events/Public Programs •

Hudson Valley Hauntings Lecture, January 2021
Chains Across the Hudson Lecture, February 2021
Hudson Valley Contributions to the Union War Effort Lecture, February 2021
Historic Brew Talk & Tasting, March 2021
Putnam County Trivia Night, March 2021
Inspiration. Bravery. Perseverance. Character. Democracy. Lecture, March 2021
Cornish Estate History Hike, April 2021
Mysterious Stone Sites of the Hudson Valley Lecture, April 2021
Hudson River School Lecture, April 2021
Garrison's Landing and Arden Point History Hike, May 2021
Benedict Arnold's Flight History Hike, May 2021
Hudson Valley Brick Industry Lecture, May 2021
Little Stony Point History Hike, June 2021
Long Island Pirate and Rumrunners Lecture, July 2021
Putnam County county-wide History Hunt, August 2021
Art, Industry, and Innovation in 19th Century Peekskill, August 2021
Lake Ooscawana History Hike, September 2021
Women at the Helm Lecture with Butterfield Library, September 2021
Colonial Hygiene Lecture, September 2021
Annual Lawn Party & Tour at the William Kemble Home, September 2021
Women Soldiers in the Civil War, November 2021
North & South Revolutionary War Redoubts History Hike, November 2021
Annual Thanksgiving Service & Historical Recollections, November 2021

Cold Spring History Crawl, On-going
Upper Main Street & Nelsonville History Crawl, On-going

• Visitor Participation •

- Served 1,602 visitors through in-person and virtual programs, exhibitions, and events.
- Achieved 190,000+ virtual impressions through the PHM's digital networks and website.



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2021 Expenses \$271,069 (Includes \$22,908 Capital Expenditures)

2021 Investments \$1,237,564

Income and expense figures are tentative and have not been adjusted by our accountant to reflect depreciation and investments. Final figures will be reported on PHM's 2021 form 990 and are available upon request.

• Major Funding •

A cornerstone gift from Marion & Pat Dugan provides sustaining annual support.

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• Additional Funding •

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• Grants •

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*Replica Parrott Cannon
at the William Kemble Home*

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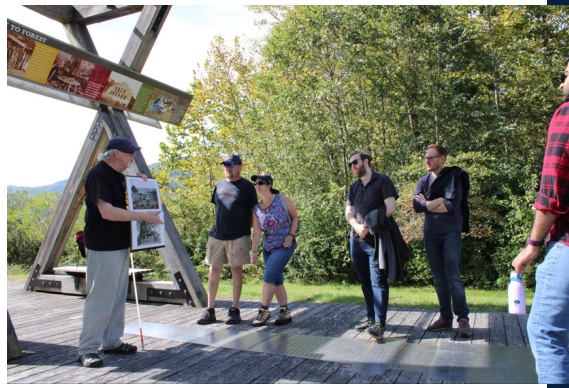
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2021 PHM Lawn Party at the Historic William Kemble Home

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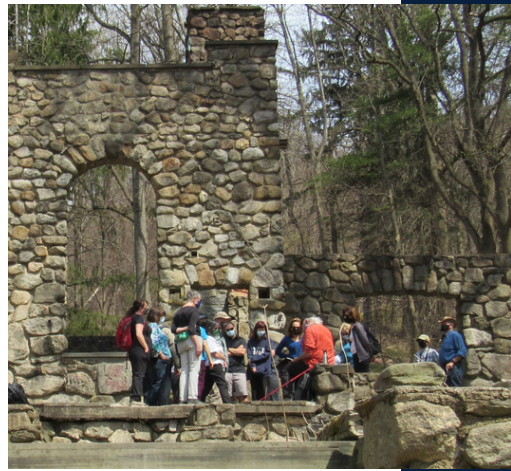
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