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HISTORY

MUSEUM

WEST POINT FOUNDRY

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.



2020: ADAPT. EVOLVE. ENRICH.

Dear Putnam History Museum Supporters,

Thank you! Your ongoing support of the Putnam History Museum enabled us to adapt, evolve, and overcome challenges together in 2020. With your support this past year, we provided public history programming, projects, and experiences to our visitors like never before.

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

With our deepest gratitude,

Mark Forlow, Board Chair Cassie Ward, Executive Director



EXPERIENCING SOCIALLY-DISTANT HISTORY IN 2020

<u>Visitor Participation - Outdoors, Indoors, and Online</u>

- Served 600 visitors through in-person programs, exhibitions, and events.
- Achieved 70,000 virtual impressions through digital networks and websites.

<u>Exhibitions - Bringing the museum outside and to living rooms</u> worldwide!

- HerStory: Putnam County Women and the Vote
- West Point Foundry: Trailblazer of Industrial America
- Historic Kitchen and 19th Century Objects
- New-York Historical Society Traveling Exhibition: Hudson Rising
- Full virtual exhibitions and tours

<u>Public Programs & Special Events</u>

- Putnam County's Stone Chambers Lecture
- Historic Kemble Home Mini-Documentary
- Cold Spring Socially–Distant History Crawl
- History Hike at Little Stony Point
- History Hike of the West Point Foundry
- History Hike of the North & South Redoubts
- PHM Virtual Gala featuring: PHM Board Chair & Cold Spring Village Historian Mark Forlow, Stone Chambers Expert Chip Marks, Antipodean Print Shop Owner David Lilburne, Hudson Valley Master Storyteller Jonathan Kruk, Old Soul's owners Tara and James Caroll, and the Hudson Valley's Historic String Band the Mapletones
- 62nd Annual Candlelight Thanksgiving Service



EDUCATION & MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

School Programs and New Virtual Resources

Throughout 2020, the PHM created several virtually accessible resources for teachers, students, and the public.

- Jean Saunders Local History Contest, 7th Grade
- Black History & Culture in the Hudson Valley, Hudson Highlands,
 & Putnam County Resource Page
- PHM Education Portal, including: Online lesson plans, blogs, learning activities, and videos.
- PHM From Home Series
- West Point Foundry Micro-Series on YouTube
- A Vintage Postcard Tour of the Hudson Highlands
- Museum Alphabet Series

Museum Collection

- PHM Artifact Inventory Project: 256 objects, artifacts, and paintings have been photographed and cataloged.
- Archival Donations: The museum acquired two photographic collections, including 27 images of Garrison's Landing, two 19th century pamphlets, one 20th century painting, and three archival documents.

Historical Research

Library volunteers and PHM staff assisted with over 50 research requests, as well as innumerable internal requests. Research topics included: women's history, genealogy, Black history, Cold Spring waterworks, environmental history, WPF workers' housing, & more.



FINANCES & SPECIAL FUNDING

<u>Financial Report</u>

2020 Income \$208,470 2020 Expense \$221,229

2020 Investments \$1,179,323

Income and expense figures are tentative and have not been adjusted by our accountant to reflect depreciation and investment activity. Final figures will be reported on PHM's 2020 form 990 and are available upon request.

Major Funding

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

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Town of Philipstown

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