



Henry Sheldon
Museum of
Vermont History

Annual Reports

2020 and 2021

Honoring Our Executive Director

We dedicate this 2020–2021 Annual Report to our Executive Director, Bill Brooks, who led the Henry Sheldon Museum for almost ten years and whose contributions will long be remembered. Bill retired on December 31, 2021, after a lengthy and accomplished tenure at the Museum. Bill went above and beyond expectations, working tirelessly to execute the Sheldon's vision and enrich its many offerings to our community.

Drawing on his background in folk art, Bill wholeheartedly embraced art as means of sharing stories and history, organizing numerous exhibits showcasing both historical and contemporary Vermont artists. One of the most evocative shows, *Fashion and Fantasy at the Edge of the Forest*, captured the public's imagination by combining nature-inspired creations by Wendy Copp with historical clothing from the Museum's collections.

An avid collector himself, Bill approached the Museum's collection with an eye for the personal. *Doughboys and Flyboys* (2018), which marked the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended WWI, combined Sheldon materials with pieces from Addison County private collections.

A familiar face around town, Bill was an enthusiastic ambassador for the Sheldon throughout the numerous local businesses he frequented. He nurtured valued partnerships with prominent local organizations like the Middlebury Rotary Club, the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival, and of course, Middlebury College.

Despite the shadow cast by Covid over the last two years, the Museum entered 2022 on strong footing financially and programmatically. The fruits of Bill's longstanding service will be apparent for years to come and his enormous contribution will be recognized with a laudatory fund to be announced in the early months of 2022. We wish Bill all the best in his well-deserved retirement and all future adventures and endeavors.



photo by Caleb Kenna

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.

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Annual Report design by Lyn DeGraff.

2020: Working Under COVID Conditions

A Year of Social Distance

While the COVID-19 pandemic forced the Sheldon to close its doors, the Museum did NOT go dark. The creation of a new Museum website in spring 2020 allowed the Sheldon to leap into the virtual world, offering two online exhibits and numerous virtual and socially distanced programs. The Museum was bolstered by PPP funds and an NEH Cares grant administered by the Stewart-Swift Research Center.

A Special Note of Thanks to Our “Regulars”!

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Suki Fredericks and dog Cordelia discover the East Shoreham Bridge on the 2020 Road Trip Scavenger Hunt.

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Summer 2020

Picnic Basket Raffle

The Third Annual Picnic Basket Raffle was offered virtually for the first time and brought in record-breaking ticket sales! We raffled seven spectacular picnic baskets painted by local artists: Gayl Braisted, Lillian Kennedy, Warren Kimble, Kathy Mitchell, Danielle Rougeau, Sonny Torrey, and Ashley Wolff.

A Neighbor Project: The Downtown Middlebury Portrait

A virtual exhibit by local artist Rebecca Kinkead, *The Downtown Middlebury Portrait* included over a hundred 7 x 5 inch oil portraits of local community members created in the spring of 2020 during twenty-minute portrait sessions throughout the town. In conjunction with the exhibit, the Sheldon offered two live virtual collage workshops with Rebecca Kinkead and produced an interview with her for our website.



Rebecca Kinkead, photo by Caleb Kenna

July 30, 2020

Virtual Collage Portrait Workshop

with Rebecca Kinkead

August 8, 2020

Virtual Kids' Collage Portrait Workshop

with Rebecca Kinkead

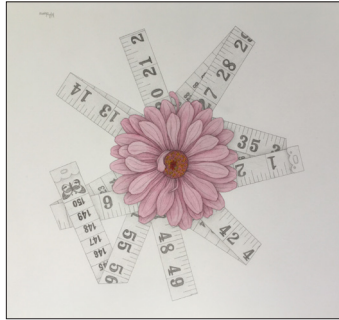


Picnic baskets painted by Danielle Rougeau, Warren Kimble, and Sonny Torrey

Summer 2020

Virtual Drawing on the Past by Miriam Adams

Through the juxtaposition of natural and man-made objects, Miriam Adams creates images of striking intimacy. Her graphite and water-color drawings on paper depict a variety of everyday domestic objects. Drawings of her father's tools, of garments sewn by her mother, of a wedding fan that belonged to her husband's grandmother are matched with more ephemeral items to suggest family relationships and insights. This virtual exhibit presented Adams' drawings alongside an array of unique domestic objects from the Sheldon Museum's collection, exploring how emotion becomes attached to the objects we use.



Summer 2020 Exhibit Sponsors

Robert and Rhea Brooks Family Fund, Churchill & Janet Franklin, and Rick & Martie Fritz

Fall 2020

Addison County Road Trip Scavenger Hunt (October)

The Sheldon Museum invited all ages to participate in a Road Trip Scavenger Hunt, traversing Addison County while following clues to 10 landmarks along the route.

Virtual Annual Meeting (November) with guest speaker Dorothy Moss, curator of painting and sculpture at the National Portrait Gallery and coordinating curator of the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.

Miniature Christmas Tree Raffle (November–December)

The Sheldon's annual Miniature Christmas Tree Raffle featured, virtually, nine one-of-a-kind miniature trees decorated by talented local artists. Suzanne Douglas, Nancie Dunn (Sweet Cecily), Robin Huestis (Round Robin), Lauren LaBerge Taddeo (Sweet Charity), Sarah Pope, Donna Sargent and Miranda Gero, Sarah Stahl, Ashley Wolff, and a "Secret Santa Artist."

An Evening of Carols with Ronnie Romano (December)

We missed our Holiday Open House this year—a time when visitors delight in the model trains, and listen to carols played on the Sheldon's Chickering piano—and offered a special virtual holiday concert with Ronnie Romano.

2020: Research Center

Although the 2020 COVID pandemic cast a dark shadow on many archives across the country, the Stewart-Swift Research Center fared well during this ominous year. While in lockdown in the spring, our staff designed a more user-friendly website, richer in new resources to better accommodate our local and national researchers. We also submitted a successful application for the National Humanities Cares grant for the project, "Archives Alive: Building Primary Source Collections during COVID-19 at the Henry Sheldon Museum, Vermont." The Sheldon Research Center was one of only 317 applicants funded out of over 2,300 from across the nation.

Throughout the year the RC spearheaded multiple publications authored by its staff and associates—all based on research in our archival holdings. Among them were articles about remarkable Addison County women; Vermonters vacationing in places far and near; dramas and upheavals of historical presidential elections; and an essay on Victorian mourning habits. Despite the many challenges of 2020, we were remarkably successful in sharing our archival resources and expanding outreach beyond the Museum.



Lucinda Cockrell, volunteer, and Sheldon Trustee, is working on one of the NEH-funded projects—finding aid to ephemera collection

RC Gifts and Acquisitions

- **Sarah Ashe**—ephemera found in the ceiling of 36 South Street in Middlebury



- **Tad Hoehl**—Charles Swift correspondence and materials related to Grosse Pointe
- **Peggy Peabody**—Fire District #1 records, East Middlebury
- **Dave Potter**—Lake Dunmore photographs
- **William Swett**—Nash, Jewett and Swett family papers
- **Gary S. Shattuck**—a book *By the Wand of Some Magician: Embracing Modernity in Mid-nineteen Century Vermont*
- **Jean Richardson**—a book *A History of the Village of North Ferrisburgh, Vermont, 1762–2019*
- **"T" Tall**—Town Reports, Cornwall, Vermont, 1986–2014



RC Publications

All articles initially published in the *Addison Independent* are now available through our website: <https://www.henrysheldonmuseum.org/rc-publications>

“Connecting with the Past in Today’s Present:”

six essays on Addison County women by RC staff and associates

“Traveling the Past: Vermonters on Vacation:”

four essays by Lucinda Cockrell, David Stameshkin, Glenn Andres, Ellery Foutch

“Political Echoes from the Sheldon Museum Archives:”

three essays by Eva Garcelon-Hart and Lucinda Cockrell, Bill Hart, Ellery Foutch

“The Material World of Victorian Mourning”

by Taylor Rossini

RC Awards

The RC was awarded a 2020 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) CARES grant in the amount of \$29,362 for the project “Archives Alive: Building Primary Source Collections during COVID-19 at the Henry Shel-



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don Museum, Vermont.” The funds supported expanding access to our ephemera, photography, and map collections; further development of social media presence; the implementation of the Research Center’s online quarterly newsletter; and the continuation of the digital preservation project initiated by a previous NEH grant awarded in 2018. It also supported the retention of two staff members and hiring Archives Assistant, Taylor Rossini, a recent graduate of Middlebury College.

RC Facilities

March 2020—Stewart-Swift Research Center archival storage was outfitted with a new, state-of-the art **HVAC system** to monitor environmental conditions in which

paper-based collections are stored. It replaced a thirty-year-old system implemented when the storage facility was originally constructed in 1992.



September 2020—A **commemorative plaque** and informational sign for Research Center holdings was installed on the Stewart-Swift Research Center’s façade. The plaque and sign were generously donated by the owners of “Mountain Signs,” Ripton.

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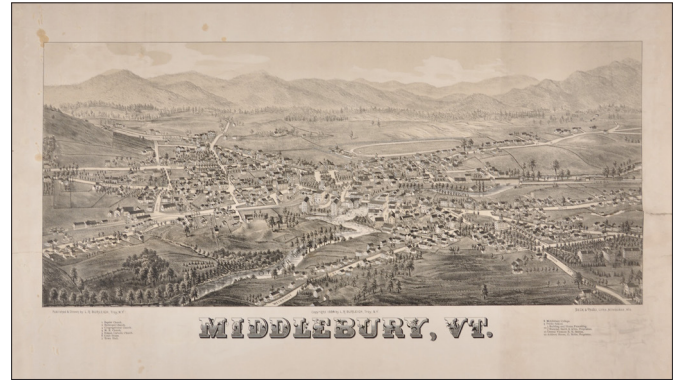
In-kind Donations

September 2020—James
P. Blair donated an Epson
Pro scanner to the Research
Center

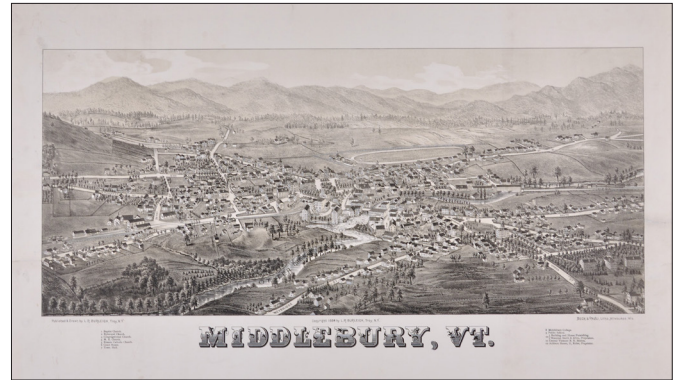
Conservation/Preservation

- Three bird's-eye view
prints of *Middlebury, VT*,
by L.R. Burleigh, 1886
- Print, *Vermont Hotel*,
Larrabee Point, VT, ca. 1890s

Thank you to Jim Pizzagalli
for his generous contribution
that allowed us to conserve
these prints.



Max Kraus, Jim Blair,
and Eva Garelon-Hart



Burleigh print before and after conservation

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Ann LaFiandra poses with her portrait by Rebecca Kinhead.

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Adèle Pierce with Governor Jim Douglas at Pops Concert event, 2003.

Adèle Eells Pierce (1921–2021)

In 1978, Adèle Pierce began her long association with the Sheldon Museum, as a staff member, volunteer, and trustee. She was responsible for opening and managing the Sheldon's first museum store in 1983, and in 1992, she was a founding member and chair of the Sheldon's Pops Concert Committee. Under her leadership, the concert and fireworks grew to be a premier annual event, the most profitable Museum fundraiser for the last three decades. In celebration of Adèle's Pops Concert leadership, June 28, 2007 was proclaimed "Adèle Pierce Day" by Governor James H. Douglas.

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The following list includes the names of people who donated in 2020 and/or 2021

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Participants on the 2021 "Where's Henry" Scavenger Hunt

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2020

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1000	Operating Checking Account NBM	113,631.41
1070	Donation Box Money	30.00
1080	Petty Cash Box	23.19
1100	NBM Certificate of Deposit	127,482.42
1250	Shop Cash Drawer	230.78
1540-02	Special Projects Checking Acct.	
	Salary Compensation	5,274.80
	1540-02 · Special Projects Checking Acct. - Other	<u>86,123.40</u>
Total	1540-02 · Special Projects Checking Acct.	<u>91,398.20</u>
	Total Checking/Savings	332,796.00

Other Current Assets

1120	Inventory Asset (Inventory Asset)	-10.70
1200	Museum Shop Inventory	1,800.25
1499	Undeposited Funds	<u>-1,899.94</u>
	Total Other Current Assets	<u>-110.39</u>
	Total Current Assets	332,685.61

Fixed Assets

1610-00	Land	3,000.00
1620-00	Buildings	226,251.00
1620-01	Accum. Depreciation - Buildings	-202,657.91
1630	Building Improvements	479,093.04
1635	Accum. Depr - Build Improve	-324,061.93
1640	Furniture and Equipment	86,315.54
1645	Accum Depr - Furniture & Equipm	-75,885.31
1650	Exhibits	131,279.95
1655	Accumulated Depr - Exhibits	<u>-80,940.85</u>
	Total Fixed Assets	242,393.53

Other Assets

1800	· Morgan Stanley	
1810	· WalterCet Endowment Fund	273,196.74
1840	· Buildings Preservation Fund	115,990.04
1880	· Unrestricted Fund	690,318.76
1890	· Research Center Fund	132,585.87
1895-00	· Grant Escrow Acct.-SSB	9,788.03
1900	· Collections Fund	<u>301,172.91</u>
	Total 1800 · Morgan Stanley	<u>1,523,052.35</u>

Total Other Assets
1,523,052.35

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES & EQUITY
Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	
2000 · Accounts Payable	-770.59
Total Accounts Payable	-770.59
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 · Payroll Liabilities	
2100-03 · FUTA Payable	2.04
2100-1 · SUTA Payable	-65.96
2100 · Payroll Liabilities - Other	<u>-12.84</u>
Total 2100 · Payroll Liabilities	-76.76
2110 · Direct Deposit Liabilities	88.00
2200 · Sales Tax Payable	111.26
2300 · Line of Credit	41,500.00
26900 · Unbilled Purchases	<u>3,624.26</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>45,246.76</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>44,476.17</u>
Total Liabilities	44,476.17

Equity

3010	· Fund Balance - Unrestricted	1,388,231.42
3020	· Fund Balance Restricted	193,301.20
3900	· Retained Earnings	226,199.10
	Net Income	<u>245,923.60</u>

Total Equity
2,053,655.32

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY
2,098,131.49

Ordinary Income/Expense January–December 2020

Income

4100-00	Administration/Personnel Income	2,482.42
4125	Admissions	831.00
4150-00	Exhibit Sponsors	14,125.00
4175	Collections Receipts-JH	0.00
4200	Education School Programs	25.00
4225	Donation	76,982.07
4250	Memberships	26,965.00
4251-00	Annual Meeting	1,800.00
4300	Personnel	326.75
4350	Programs	4,382.00
4375	Research Center Income	31,051.78
4400	POPS Concert Income	7,840.00
4450	Grants / Special Account	109,690.20
4515-00	Stock Litigation Income	99.88
4660-00	Special Events	6,560.00
48000	Museum Gift Shop	1,380.67
Total Income		284,541.77

Cost of Goods Sold

5500-01	Museum Shop COGS Purchases	2,005.29
Total COGS		2,005.29
Gross Profit		282,536.48

Expense

5100-00	Administration	28,562.29
5150-00	Facilities	48,911.60
5200	Public Relations - Marketing	16,745.39
5325	Grant / Special Account Expense	29,922.50
5360	RESEARCH CENTER	6,045.22
5370	JH Collections	240.67
5400	Membership	987.45
5425-00	Donation Expense	330.00
5550	Gallery Expenses	799.99
5600	Public Program Expenses	214.51
5700	Education School Programs	9.37
5800-00	POPS Concert	408.01
6560	Payroll Expenses	153,294.15
7000	Depreciation Expense	21,717.00

Total Expense **308,188.15**

Net Ordinary Income -25,651.67

Other Income/Expense

Other Income

4500	Dividend & Interest	22,474.72
4884-00	Unrealized Gain/Loss	255,463.23
7500	In-Kind Donation	978.99

Total Other Income **278,916.94**

Other Expense

6600	Investment Fees	6,106.94
6700	Loan Interest Expense	1,258.29
9000	Prior Year Adjustment	-23.56

Total Other Expense **7,341.67**

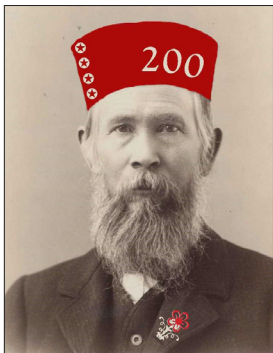
Net Other Income **271,575.27**

Net Income **245,923.60**

Happy Birthday, Henry!

Henry at 200: Collector, Museum Founder, & More

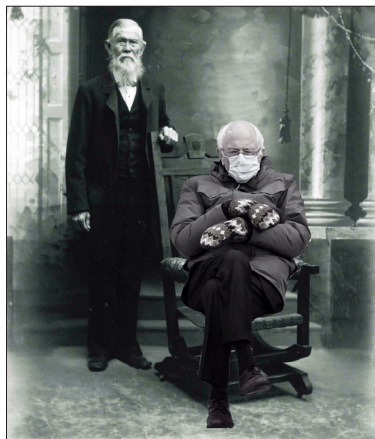
July 13–December 31, 2021



"... I have spent all my leisure the past year trying to benefit future generations..." wrote Henry in his 1881 diary referring to his extensive collecting of local, regional and national historical materials."



Henry's Cabinet of Curiosities



The year 2021 marked the 200th anniversary of Museum founder Henry L. Sheldon's birth

Henry at 200 explored our founder Henry L. Sheldon's life and collecting fervor, which led to the establishment of what has become known as the oldest community-based Museum in the country, and an outstanding archive, the Stewart-Swift Research Center. Henry amassed one of the richest but little known historical collections in all New England, rendering Middlebury perhaps one of the best documented towns in the entire region. The exhibit featured a variety of historical documents, photographs, scrapbooks, autographs, Middlebury imprints, diaries, music ephemera, relics, a lock of Napoleon's hair, and more.

The Sheldon thanks Ellery Foutch for researching and curating three exhibit cases in the Judd-Harris House highlighting Henry Sheldon's collections of curiosities, relics, and canes.

Exhibit Organizing Team

Eva Garcelon-Hart
Taylor Rossini
Lucinda Cockrell

Exhibit Installation Team

Eva Garcelon-Hart
Taylor Rossini
Lucinda Cockrell
Ellery Foutch
Silvia Gonzalez

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

History Happens Here

Middlebury College Professor Emeritus of History of Art and Architecture Glenn Andres explored Middlebury's remarkable history of persons and events from Revolutionary times onward that have had more than local, in many cases national and even international, significance.

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

The Birth and Re-Birth of the Sheldon Museum

Dressed as Henry Sheldon, historian Dr. David Stameshkin brought the history of Henry and his museum to life.



Sunday, August 15, 2021

Henry's 200th Birthday Bash

We took the Sheldon's collection to the streets! The Museum celebrated the 200th birthday of founder Henry L. Sheldon with sidewalk art inspired by the Museum collection, face painting, music, and festive treats! Generously supported by David and Colleen Stameshkin.

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Organ Recital by St. Stephen's George Matthew, Jr.

We partnered with St. Stephen's Episcopal Church to offer an organ recital by George Matthew, Jr.—Henry L. Sheldon's present-day counterpart as organist.

Middlebury College Choir singers, led by Ronnie Romano, performed selections from Henry's own concert programs with organ accompaniment by George Matthew.

Sidewalk artist Katie Runde recreates a daguerreotype from archival collection alongside other chalk drawing participants.



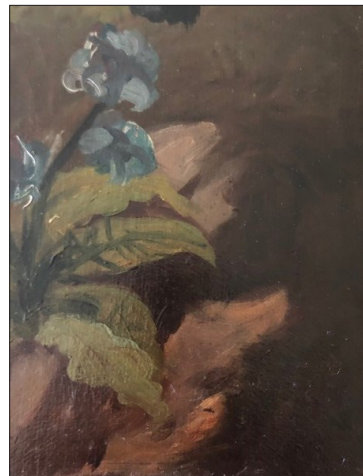
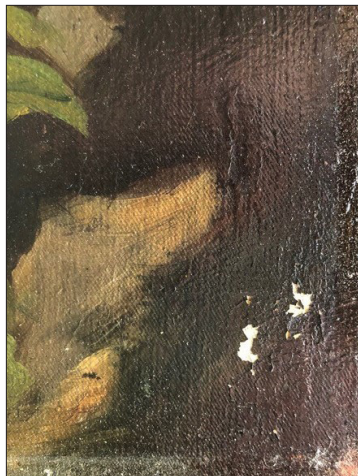
2021: Collections Conservation



Boy with a Boat, artist unknown ca.1840s

Boy with a Boat

In May 2021, the Sheldon's *Boy with a Boat* was expertly cleaned by Suki Fredericks, a Vermont-based paintings conservator. In addition to surface cleaning, losses in the lower right corner of the painting and flesh tones were retouched. We are delighted to see the painting returned to its original brilliance.



Above: before and after detail of lower right corner.
Conservation partially supported by Marsha Rooney and Barney Fix

2021: Doors Open!

After weathering 2020 with perseverance and creativity, the Museum outdid itself in 2021 with a year of unprecedented vigor and service to our community. 2021 marked the 200th anniversary of Museum founder Henry L. Sheldon's birth, and when the Museum reopened its doors on July 13, it was with extra festive pomp and circumstance in celebration of Henry and his unique contribution to the Middlebury community.

January–February

Love Lines

You professed your love, wrote romantic verses, and offered thoughtful dedications! Submitted Love Lines were featured in the February 11, 2021 Arts & Leisure section of the *Addison Independent*.



Ursula
S. Hatch
hairwork
album,
1842

Folded Love

We offered a virtual origami activity with antique Valentines from the Sheldon archival collection. From puppy loves to long-time companions, we put a new spin on an old-fashioned idea.

Forget Me Not: Memorial Practices in 19th-Century Vermont

Middlebury College Professor Ellery Foutch discussed memorial wreaths and mourning objects created in Vermont in the 1800s. Crafted from

hair, fabric, and materials considered precious to the deceased, these artifacts offer a window into the lives and emotions of Vermonters of the past.

April

Charity and Sylvia: A Same-Sex Couple in Early Vermont

Archivist Eva Garcelon-Hart presented the story of two extraordinary women, Charity Bryant and Sylvia Drake, who were accepted in early 19th-century rural

Vermont as a married couple. Hosted by the Brownell Library, the talk was one of Vermont Humanities' most viewed programs of 2021.

Everlasting Flowers: Botanical Models in New England Collections

April showers bring May flowers! Professor Ellery Foutch offered a spring-time talk presented by the Henry Sheldon Museum about the study of botany in New England at the turn of the 20th century.

2021: Exhibits



Free Little Art Gallery

We unveiled a miniature art gallery in the Museum's garden. Thanks to Michael Manley for his incredible craftsmanship.

Faces of Addison County: A Trent Campbell Retrospective

July 13–December 31, 2021 (opened virtually April 2)

The Sheldon Museum was pleased to honor Trent Campbell in this retrospective exhibit. Campbell, a longtime resident of Middlebury, learned photography at his grandfather's knee in his home state of Minnesota. He became the *Addison Independent* photographer in 1998 and he took award-winning photos around the county for more than 20 years.

Exhibit Organizing Team

Jim Blair, William F. Brooks, Jr., Trent Campbell, Owen Campbell, Kazimir Juvan, Nikki Juvan, Mary Ward Manley, Michael Manley, Taylor Rossini

Exhibit Installation Team

Mary Ward Manley, Michael Manley, Taylor Rossini

Exhibit Sponsors

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Gallery Talks: Trent Campbell with Angelo Lynn

Thursday, August 5, 2021

with John McCright

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Tuesday, July 20, 2021



top: Winston Howe, an apple picker from Jamaica, at Sunshine Orchard, Cornwall, 2003

bottom: Kathleen Hescock took Runty the Porker for a walk in Shoreham, 2011

2021: Exhibits

Kate Pond from the Heart: A Sculptor's Process

July 13–September 11, 2021

This exhibit featured maquettes (preliminary models) and drawings that reflect the artistic process of internationally exhibited Vermont sculptor Kate Pond. Pond grew up on a hill farm in Montpelier, Vermont and studied art at Skidmore College and in Paris, France. She resides in Burlington and has installed public sculptures in the United States, New Zealand, Canada, Norway, and Japan.

"My sculpture isn't precious; it invites participation: with people, and with the sun, shadows and alignments at different seasons of the year. The position of the sun, moon and stars creates a structure, as a painter uses a rectangle for a frame of reference."

—Kate Pond

Exhibit Organizing Team

Bill Brooks, Mary Ward Manley,
Kate Pond, Fred Stetson

Exhibit Installation Team

Mary Ward Manley, Taylor Rossini,
Silvia Gonzalez, Bill Brooks,
Bill Parkhill, Kate Pond

Thursday, July 22, 2021 and
Thursday, September 2, 2021

Gallery Talk with Kate Pond

Friday, July 30, 2021

Exhibit Reception

left to right: Katie Pond with *Gesture*; Children climbing on Pond's *Five and Eight* sculpture. Photo by David Maughan



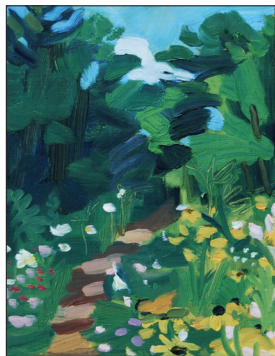
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2021: Exhibits



Camel's Hump from Weybridge, VT, 2021, by Caleb Kenna



Thursday, October 7, 2021

Gallery Talk with Caleb Kenna and Jill Madden

Friday, October 8, 2021

Exhibit Opening Reception

Forest Meadow, Sucker Brook, 2021,
by Jill Madden

Sightlines: Picturing the Battell Wilderness

October 5–December 31, 2021

Sightlines featured paintings by Jill Madden and photographs by Caleb Kenna capturing colorful sightlines within the Green Mountains of Vermont, particularly the Bread Loaf and Battell Wilderness areas. Both artists visit the mountains year round and their work records varied seasonal views of the captivating peaks and valleys so central to the recreational and environmental challenges of Vermont. Complementing Caleb and Jill's work were two wooden topographical models by Treeline Terrains, a recent start up by three Middlebury College 2021 graduates: Jacob Freedman, Nathaniel Klein, and Alex Gemme. The Treeline Terrains models were raffled to benefit the Sheldon Museum.

Exhibit Organizing Team Bill Brooks, Mary Ward Manley

Exhibit Installation Team Mary Ward Manley, Michael Manley, Taylor Rossini

Sightlines Sponsors

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2021: Exhibits

Monday, October 11, 2021

Bill McKibben: “Bread Loaf as a Vital Center”

Middlebury College Scholar in Residence in Environmental Studies Bill McKibben discussed his wilderness experiences and the environmental and recreational importance of the mountains.



Lake Pleiad, Hancock, VT, 2020, by Caleb Kenna

Thursday, October 28, 2021

David Bain: “Joseph Battell: A Life and A Legacy”

Middlebury College Senior Lecturer in English and

American Literatures David Bain offered a biographical talk on Joseph Battell (1839–1915), a leading citizen of Middlebury who bequeathed his mountain lands to Middlebury College.

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Will Amidon: “Bread Loaf and Battell Wilderness through the Laser Lens”

Middlebury Geology Professor Will Amidon, discussed a new technique to visualize landscapes using high-resolution topographic images of Earth’s surface—Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR)—which collects data by firing a laser from an aircraft and uses the reflection to estimate land surface elevation.

Thursday, December 2, 2021

3-D Wood-Carved Maps: Connecting to Place in a New Way

Jacob Freedman of Treeline Terrains discussed the group’s business designing custom 3D landscapes connecting everyone to the places they love.



Nathaniel Klein and Jacob Freedman of Treeline Terrains

2021: Programs and Events

September 10–20, 2021

Virtual Armchair Auction

You supported the Henry Sheldon Museum from the comfort of your favorite armchair! The Sheldon's first ever virtual Armchair Auction featured original art, overnight stays, home goods, and fabulous offerings from local businesses! This brand-new program raised almost \$17,000.

Monday, November 8, 2021

2021 Virtual Annual Meeting with guest speaker Alexander Wolff

Cornwall author Alexander Wolff spent a year in Berlin, sifting through family letters and diaries and mining German archives, for his book *Endpapers*. In this presentation, he traced the process of researching and ultimately writing this family saga.

2021 Holiday Season at the Sheldon

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Midd Night Stroll

The Sheldon stayed open late to participate in the town's Midd Night Stroll with other local businesses.

An Evening of Carols at the Sheldon Museum

Pianist Ronnie Romano and vocalist Wendy Taylor offered an evening



of carols at the Sheldon on the historic Chickering piano.

Miniature Christmas Tree Raffle

Nine one-of-a-kind miniature trees were decorated by talented local artists. This year's artists were: Suzanne Douglas, Kelly Hickey, Robin Huestis (Round Robin), Sandy Jackson, Lauren LaBerge Taddeo (Sweet Charity), Sarah Pope, Sarah Stahl, Pat Zeliff, and a "Secret Santa Artist."

2021 Holiday Train Exhibit

Trains rolled down the tracks after a two-year hiatus, sponsored by Rhea Brooks, Rotary Club of Middlebury, Tulgey Wood Foundation, and Bill Brooks.

Train volunteers: Dick Bemis, Craig Davis, Bill Frank, Ben Fuller, Peter Fuller, Peter Grant, Larry Lawson, Larry Maier, Ed McGuire, Chris Monje, Adam Rice, Llyn Rice, Gerry Slager, Christie Sumner, "T" Tall, and Sawyer Visco-Lyons.

2021: Facilities Projects

2021 offered an important opportunity to address much-needed maintenance in both the Museum's historic and modern structures. The Buildings & Grounds Committee spearheaded efforts to restore the Museum's historic windows, upgrade HVAC systems, and address unexpected facilities needs, including the failure of the Museum's only elevator.

Windows are the Eyes to the Soul

We are working with the preservation group Willard Street Traditions to restore the Judd-Harris House's 29 historic windows.

Window sponsors

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in honor of Bill Brooks and Mary Manley
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David & Colleen Stameshkin
Cookie Tager

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Sheldon Family Association

Elevator

The Museum's 1992 elevator failed unexpectedly early this fall, rendering the second and third floors of our building inaccessible to folks with mobility issues.

The repair comes with a price tag of \$70,000+, but thanks to an anonymous donor's generous gift of \$35,000 as a matching challenge, many others supported the effort and Otis Elevator will begin work

in early 2022.

Elevator sponsors

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Esther Howlett
Erin Mongeluzi
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VT Community Foundation

Boiler

The Museum is in the midst of a comprehensive HVAC system upgrade. Phase II of the project will replace two

end-of-life oil-fired furnaces with a single gas-fired, energy-efficient replacement. A Vermont Arts Council Cultural Facilities grant was received for the project.

Other Building Improvements

Barn door restoration

Work by Lance Phelps
Sponsored by
Mark & Suzanne Friis
Ron & Nancy Rucker

Judd-Harris House and Research Center painted

Paint provided by
Distinctive Paint and
Interiors; paint work by
volunteers Lynn McKenna
and Ron Rucker

New carpet

Funds contributed by
Alpha Alpha Chapter of
Delta Kappa Epsilon
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Marsha Rooney & Barney Fix

New glass in front door

2021: Local Partnerships

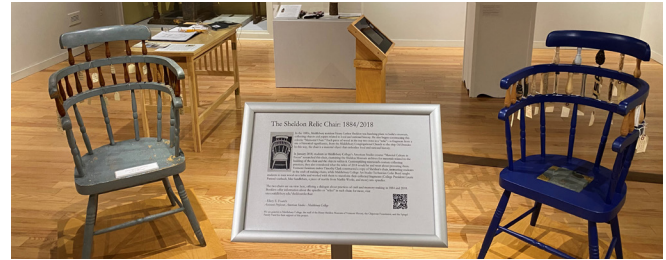
Thanks to our town for opportunities to shine and share as partners

Henry on the Go!

In celebration of Henry's 200th, life-size cutouts of our founder popped up around town. Thanks to the National Bank of Middlebury, the Middlebury Inn, Bundle, and the Middlebury town offices for hosting Henry throughout the summer!

MNFF: Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival

In August, the Museum played host to the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival for several events in the Museum garden. Thanks to the Festival for providing the tent for outdoor programs.



Middlebury Garden Club

The Middlebury Garden Club continues to beautifully maintain and support the Museum garden and provide seasonal decorations for the Judd-Harris House throughout year.

Historic New England

Through our partnership with Historic New England, Sheldon members receive free admission to all of their sites.

Henry's Relic Chair at the Vermont Historical Society

Students in Middlebury College's American Studies course "Material Culture in Focus" recreated Henry Sheldon's "relic chair" with materials of contemporary local significance. The chair was displayed alongside Sheldon's original creation at the Vermont Historical Society in Montpelier.

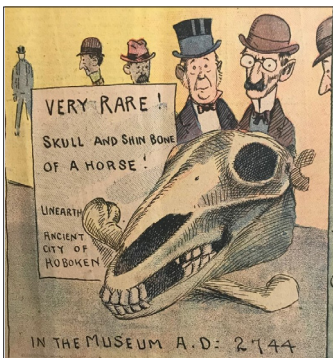
2021: Research Center

In this pivotal year of celebrating Henry L. Sheldon's 200th birth anniversary, the Stewart-Swift Research Center took the lead in curating a commemorative exhibit that included never or rarely displayed documents and artifacts honoring Henry's collecting passions and life story. On view were Sheldon family memorabilia, scrapbooks, diaries, documents, photographs, a 1497 Latin Bible, and more. The exhibit was accompanied by public talks and events and the publication of Henry Who? A Life in Cartoons, an artistic rendition of Henry L. Sheldon's life.

In February, during Black History Month, we wrote three articles about the historical presence of people of color in Middlebury and Addison County. In March, we celebrated Women's History Month with an essay on the lives of two progressive heroines with surprising links to our collections. During winter and spring, we supported three virtually taught Middlebury College classes that required substantial research assistance and facilitating of digital access to archival materials. Throughout the year we also made numerous improvements to our Archives website and filed a successful application with Vermont Humanities Council to fund the virtual lecture series, "Elephant in the Room: The Future of Museums."

RC Gifts and Acquisitions

- **Shaye Anis**—unpublished paper "Contextualizing Bravery: Understanding William Slade's Rhetoric in Context of the Abolition Movement from 1835–1848."
- **Frank Coco**—35mm slides of Middlebury and Addison County, 1980s
- **Lucinda Cockrell**—historical postcards of HSM interiors and collections, election sign "2020 Biden-Harris"
- **Pamela Crosby**—Cabinet card portrait of Karl Isaac Solomon Sterns
- **Jack Dowling**—unpublished paper "Construction of Oppression Through Advertisements."
- **Hilarie Gade**—Ledger of Grand View Hotel, Addison, Vermont, 1877–1893
- **Edward Koren**—two bound volumes—Sunday Pictorial Supplement, *The New York World*, 1898–1901
- **Anne W. Lawing**—Foot/Halpin family materials and WWI letters and photographs from the Philippines
- **David Munford**—a photo book *Middlebury: Images of America* by David Munford, Arcadia Publishing, 2020
- **Margaret McBride**—Louise Manning photographs and guest books, 1920s–1958
- **Catherine Nichols**—Partridge family photographs
- **Charlotte Phillips**—correspondence relating to Warner-Phillips family



The New York World

- **Thomas Hughes**—
The Topaz, March 21 and
March 28, 1842
- **Rutland Historical
Society**—Middlebury
postcards, 1960s–70s
- **Gary Shattuck**—
unpublished paper “Dr.
Virgil W. Blanchard: The
‘Multifarious’ Physician”
- **RC purchase**—glass plate
negatives by Middlebury



Ink drawing of Sophonisba
Breckinridge

photographer A.D.
Palmer, 1880s

RC Publications
Black History Month
Three essays by Eva
Garcelon-Hart, Amy
Mincher, and Bill Hart

Women’s History Month
Two-part essay by
Taylor Rossini



Elephant in the Room: Exploring the Future of Museums

The RC was awarded a \$5,000 Vermont Humanities Project Grant in support of the virtual monthly lecture series “The Elephant in the Room: Exploring the Future of Museums” to convene national museum curators and visionaries between October 2021 and April 2022.

Our ultimate goal is to question the kind of history cultural heritage organizations perpetuate with a critical eye toward race,

gender, and class and to provide a framework for how institutions of all sizes and resources can engage in essential conversations about diversity, equity, and inclusion in museum practice.

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Henry at 200 exhibit, detail

Middlebury College Classes

We partnered with three Middlebury College courses providing archival materials for students to conduct original research, two January term classes—“Histories of Struggle: Middlebury Town and Gown” (Bill Hart, Black Studies/History) and “Hair-work” (Ellery Foutch, Ameri-

can Studies)—and one spring course, “Vermont Collaborations Public Humanities Lab” (Ellery Foutch, American Studies).

Collections on the Move

RC collections are sought by museums nationwide:

- Three “spirit” drawings by Wella P. Anderson collected by Solomon Jewett are on loan to the Minneapolis Institute of Art as part of a two-year (2021–2022) traveling show, “Supernatural America: The Paranormal in American Art.”

- *Double Silhouette of Sylvia Drake and Charity Bryant* was loaned to the Bennington Museum of Art for their summer 2021 exhibit, “Love, Marriage and Divorce.”

RC Contributors

Anonymous
Charles Billings
Polly Darnell & Willie Jansen
Ron & Nancy Rucker

The J. Robert Maguire Endowed Fund—

established by Travis Beal Jacobs. The fund will direct income to the Stewart-Swift Research Center for the purpose of encouraging and facilitating use of the RC’s valuable collections to further the understanding of our history.

Maguire Fund Contributors

Travis Beal Jacobs
Walter B. Edgar

“... I have spent all my leisure the past year trying to benefit future generations by preserving the handiwork of the articles representing all the different occupations of the early pioneers which I have called a Museum. May those who many years hence look at these articles take as much pleasure in doing so as I have in collecting them.”

— from Henry Sheldon’s diary, 1881

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2021

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1000	Operating Checking Account NBM	161,697.66
1070	Donation Box Money	30.00
1080	Petty Cash Box	50.00
1100	NBM Certificate of Deposit	128,014.42
1250	Shop Cash Drawer	200.00
1540-02	Special Projects Checking Acct.	<u>117,382.34</u>
Total Checking/Savings		407,374.42

Accounts Receivable

1150-00	Accounts Receivable	<u>21.35</u>
Total Accounts Receivable		21.35

Other Current Assets

1120	Inventory Asset (Inventory Asset)	-32.22
1200	Museum Shop Inventory	3,634.17
1499	Undeposited Funds	<u>-1,134.94</u>
Total Other Current Assets		<u>2,467.01</u>

Total Current Assets **409,862.78**

Fixed Assets

1610-00	Land	3,000.00
1620-00	Buildings	226,251.00
1620-01	Accum. Depreciation - Buildings	-208,923.53
1630	Building Improvements	479,093.04
1635	Accum. Depr - Build Improve	-335,809.63
1640	Furniture and Equipment	90,172.54
1645	Accum Depr - Furniture & Equipment	-75,966.07
1650	Exhibits	131,279.95
1655	Accumulated Depr - Exhibits	<u>-84,260.21</u>
Total Fixed Assets		224,837.09

Other Assets

1800	Morgan Stanley	
1810	WalterCet Endowment Fund	334,691.92
1840	Buildings Preservation Fund	144,636.87
1880	Unrestricted Fund	883,589.33
1890	Research Center Fund	163,524.44
1895-00	Grant Escrow Acct.-SSB	9,788.03
1900	Collections Fund	368,779.40
1800	Morgan Stanley—Other	<u>140,347.46</u>

Total 1800 Morgan Stanley **2,045,357.45**

Total Other Assets **2,045,357.45**

TOTAL ASSETS **2,680,057.32**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable		
2000	Accounts Payable	<u>406.14</u>
Total Accounts Payable		406.14

Other Current Liabilities

2100	Payroll Liabilities	
2100-03	FUTA Payable	2.04
2100-1	SUTA Payable	-65.96
2100	Payroll Liabilities - Other	<u>-12.84</u>
Total 2100 Payroll Liabilities		-76.76

2110	Direct Deposit Liabilities	88.00
2200	Sales Tax Payable	663.31
2300	Line of Credit	41,500.00
26900	Unbilled Purchases	<u>3,636.26</u>

Total Other Current Liabilities **45,810.81**

Total Current Liabilities **46,216.95**

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Equity

3010	Fund Balance - Unrestricted	1,388,231.42
3020	Fund Balance Restricted	193,301.20
3900	Retained Earnings	472,122.70
Net Income		<u>580,185.05</u>

Total Equity **2,633,840.37**

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **2,680,057.32**

Ordinary Income/Expense January–December 2021

Income

Product Sales/Publications Inc	6.00
4100 Administration/Personnel Income	44,546.00
4125 Admissions	3,424.19
4150 Exhibit Sponsors	31,985.38
4175 Collections Receipts-JH	5,175.00
4200 Education School Programs	2,395.37
4225 Donation	269,608.46
4250 Memberships	32,700.00
4251 Annual Meeting	250.00
4350 Programs	6,225.97
4375 Research Center Income	19,570.30
4400 POPS Concert Income	2,990.00
4450 Grants / Special Account	119,462.50
4660-00 Special Events	19,485.00
48000 Museum Store	18,333.43
Total Income	576,157.60

Cost of Goods Sold

5000 Cost of Goods Sold (Cost of Goods Sold)	22.52
5500-01 Museum Store COGS Purchases	9,706.47
Total COGS	9,728.99

Gross Profit **566,428.61**

Expense

5100 Administration	35,585.18
5150 Facilities	61,168.92
5200 Public Relations - Marketing	4,237.58
5325 Grant / Special Account Expense	32,669.89
5360 Research Center	1,537.35
5370 JH Collections	646.73
5400 Membership	675.00
5425 Donation Expense	858.84
5550 Gallery Expenses	7,117.74
5600 Public Program Expenses	2,588.39
5660 Special Events (Exp)	1,183.25
5800 POPS Concert	413.78
6560 Payroll Expenses	196,504.03
7000 Depreciation Expense	21,413.44
Total Expense	366,600.12
Net Ordinary Income	199,828.49

Other Income/Expense

Other Income	
4500 Dividend & Interest	27,374.21
4884 Unrealized Gain/Loss	360,467.14
Total Other Income	387,841.35

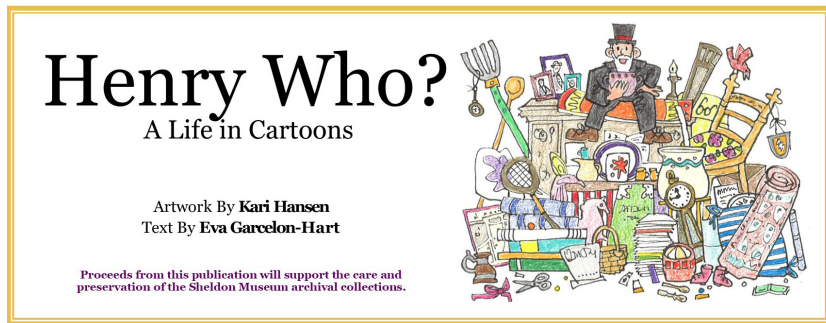
Other Expense

6600 Investment Fees	5,978.25
6700 Loan Interest Expense	1,506.54
Total Other Expense	7,484.79
Net Other Income	380,356.56
Net Income	580,185.05

Museum Store

The Museum Store unveiled two new original publications this year.

- An updated edition of Glenn Andres' *A Walking History of Middlebury, Vermont*, first published in 1975 with a new walking map of town designed by Middlebury College graduate Tenzin Dorjee
- *Henry Who? A Life in Cartoons*. An illustrated biography of Museum founder Henry L. Sheldon with cartoons by Kari Hansen and text by Eva Garcelon-Hart.



Many thanks to volunteer Store Manager Sarah Stahl for sourcing a wide variety of one-of-a-kind goods for the Store.

A Walking History of Middlebury, Vermont



By Glenn M. Andres

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Lucinda Cockrell

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.

President, Board of Trustees

I am delighted to write to you a positive tale of amazing accomplishments for the Sheldon Museum, realized when perseverance, innovation and hard work were applied by the staff, trustees and community.

The significant challenges and changes that marked 2020 and 2021 prompted new initiatives, creative solutions, and increased support for the Museum. Despite facing temporary closure and lost revenue in 2020, museum staff and trustees challenged themselves to identify inventive and enhanced ways of serving the community, researchers, and families.

Words and pictures throughout this report tell stories of people finding inspiration from art and history when the museum was closed to the public, as well as when it reopened in July 2021. A new and more robust website was launched, literally taking the Sheldon into homes and schools. The installation of six exhibits, over twenty-five programs and events, including a major community birthday bash in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of our founder, Henry L. Sheldon, and successful fundraising initiatives were nothing short of miraculous.

In 2021, we also developed a Strategic Plan structured around four goals to refocus and advance the Sheldon Museum's mission and help ensure a successful future. Many of these achievements would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of our patrons, members, donors, volunteers, trustees, and, especially, our amazing staff.

We are heartened by the resilience and renewed purpose these last two years have brought. As more change awaits, we will continue to advance our mission in important and wonderful ways, engage diverse audiences, foster education, and, in the words of our founder Henry L. Sheldon, "benefit future generations."



One Park Street was filled to the brim for the “enjoyment of all,”
as Henry’s last will hoped.

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