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Liz & Jim Carter
Chez’s Italian Ice
Chippanee Country Club
Ciao Bella
The Clark Art Institute
Cloud 9 Golf Shop
Mrs. J. R. Cochrane*
The Connecticut Forum
Connecticut Public Broadcasting Inc.
Cynthia & Martin Cooper
Joseph Coray
S. B. Coughlin & David Kesselman
Cure Restaurant
Deepwater Seafood
Delamar West Hartford
Dish Bar & Grill
Dragon Baskets
Marie H. Dudley
E&D Pizza Company
Eastern Mountain Sports
Eddy Farm
Jane Edwards & Louis Neudorff
Effie’s Place Restaurant
Elizabeth Enders
Emily’s Catering Group
Linda Ericson-Ebel
The Farmington Garden Club
Farmington Polo Club
Ferns Acres Creamery
First & Last Tavern
Fitzgerald’s Foods
Floral Designs by Justine
Foxwoods Resort & Casino
Friends of Hill-Stead
Gazebo Inn
George Washington’s Mount Vernon
Gillette Ridge Golf Club
Golf Club of Avon
The Golf Shop at Mohegan Sun
Goodspeed Musicals
Green Tails Pet Market
William G. Hanson
Hartford Symphony Orchestra
Hartford Yard Goats
Helen Hayes
Nina Mayhall Hayes
Heather & Michael Hazel
Barbara & Gerald Hess
Hickory Ledges Farm
Hitchcock Printing & Distribution Services
Hoffman Auto Group
Alex & Tyler Huppe
Danny & Christine Huppe
Ilili Restaurant
Infinity Music Hall & Bistro
The Inn at Cook Street
International Tennis Hall of Fame
IRIS Photography
J. E. Shepard Company
Jalapeno Heaven
Mrs. Kathleen & Dr. Peter Jannuzzi
Kathy & Scott Jensen
Sandy & Bron Johnson
Jacqueline Jones
KPM Arts & Antiques
Larsen Ace Hardware
Le Bernardin
Lilian Asterfield
Lime Rock Park
Litchfield Distillery
Lobster Pot Restaurant
Max Restaurant Group
MC Perkins Cove
McIntyre Golf Company
Meehan & Goodin Engineers & Surveyors
Melissa Ann Meredith
Merry Maids of Farmington
Mistral Bistro
Mitchell Auto Group
Monarch Jewelers
Jack Montmeat
Naples Pizza
NBC Connecticut - WVIT
The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America at Dumbarton House
The National World War II Museum
Susan Newbold
Norfolk Chamber Music Festival
Emily & Brendan O’Connell
Mary Anne* & David Odegard
Ogunquit Playhouse
The Olive Bar
One Fine Day
Susan & Greg Orred
Orvis Avon
Dana & Paul Pescatello
Pets & Paws
Ann & W. Hollis Petersen
Pig of the Month Club
Playhouse on Park
Preservation Society of Newport County
Brie P. Quinby & Evan R. Cowles
Rhonda & Michael Rawlins
Roosters Men’s Grooming Center
Raffaele Rubio
Russell’s Creative Global Cuisine
Salute
Kathleen Schwartz Flower Design, LLC
Seabury - An Active Life Care Community
Lisa See
Shady Glen, Inc.
Shakespeare & Company
Mark A. Shaw
Pat & Jeff* Shaw

Shredneck LLC
Shubert Theater
Katherine M. Simmons
Sit Stay Forever
Southwest Airlines
Spruce Peak Realty
David Strong & Frank McLane
Nancy M. Stuart
Sub Edge Farm
Superior Products Distributors, Inc.
Tanglewood
The Venetian
TheaterWorks
Lavell Thompson
Janet & Daniel Tracy
Tudor Place Historic House and Garden
Tunxis Country Club
Tumpke Wine & Spirits
Tejal & Manoj Vallam
Valley Racquet LLC
Vineyard Vines
Sarah D. Wadsworth
Walpole Woodworkers
Sarah Worden Natural Design
Walt Disney World Community Relations
Lori Warner
Warner Theatre
Marianne & William Watson
Waypoint Spirits
William G. Hanson
The Wise Old Dog
Wood ‘N Tap
ZINC New Haven

*deceased

PARTNER MEMBERS
Avon Public Library
Avon Old Farms School
Berlin-Peck Memorial Library
Burlington Public Library
Canton Public Library
Case Memorial Library
Cheshire Public Library
Eastern Connecticut State University
East Granby Public Library
East Hartford Public Library
The Ethel Walker School
The Farmington Library
Goshen Public Library
Granby Public Library
Hartford Public Library
Hotchkiss Library
Lucy Robbins Welles Library
Middlebury Library
Miss Porter’s School
New Britain Public Library
New Milford Public Library
Norfolk Library
Oliver Wolcott Library
Prosser Public Library
Russell Library
Simsbury Public Library
South Windsor Public Library
Southington Public Library
The Torrington Library
Tunxis Community College
Wallingford Public Library
Welles-Turner Memorial Library
West Hartford Public Library
Westbrook Public Library
Wethersfield Public Library
Willimantic Public Library
Willington Public Library
Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library
Woodbury Public Library

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## Schools Served

**Public School Districts**
- Avon
- Bethlehem
- Bristol
- Canton
- Deerfield, MA
- Durham
- East Hampton
- East Hartford
- Farmington
- Glastonbury
- Lebanon
- Litchfield
- Manchester
- New Britain
- North Branford
- Plainville
- Simsbury
- South Windsor
- Vernon
- West Hartford
- Westport
- Wethersfield
- Wolcott
- Woodbridge
- Woodbury

**Private & Magnet Schools**
- Ana Grace Academy of the Arts
- Annie Fischer Montessori Magnet School
- Arts at the Capitol Theater
- Avon Old Farms School
- The Ethel Walker School
- Miss Porter’s School
- Renzulli Academy
- Westover School

**Colleges/Higher Education**
- Central Connecticut State University
- Christie’s Auction House Education
- Post University
- Three Rivers Community College
- UCONN Health Center

## 2018 Financial Summary

**Operating Revenues**
- $1,525,000

**Operating Expenses**
- $880,000

**Net Income**
- $645,000

**Percentage Breakdown**

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**Operative Fund Balance**
- $1,355,000
ASSETS
$5,202,000

13% Equipment & Building Improv. $666,000
6% Receivables $310,000
3% Cash & Cash Equivalents $134,000
77% Investments $4,019,000
1% Other $73,000

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS
$5,202,000

8% Unrestricted Undesignated $438,000
27% Permanently Restricted $1,430,000
42% Temp. Restricted–Endowment $2,169,000
13% Unrestricted Fixed Assets $666,000
7% Temp. Restricted – Purpose $370,000
2% Liabilities $102,000
1% Unrestricted Cap Repairs & Maint Resv $27,000

OPERATING EXPENSES BY FUNCTION
$1,563,000

30% Educational & Visitor Services $476,000
18% Fundraising $275,000
16% Administration $251,000
27% Collections & Conservation $418,000
9% Poetry Programs $143,000

OPERATING EXPENSES BY TYPE
$1,563,000

52% Salaries & Benefits $820,000
20% Contracted Services $311,000
14% Occupancy $218,000
9% Other $134,000
5% Office $80,000
In September 2017, HSM was awarded a $25,000 Museums for America Collections Stewardship grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for surveys of two collections: Textiles and Decorative Arts. The textile survey was completed in late November 2017 by Sandra Aho, who operates SA Threads Textile and Costume Conservation, LLC, Manchester, Connecticut. The decorative arts survey was completed in June 2018 by Helene Gillette-Woodard and Christine Puza, from Williamstown Art Conservation Center, Williamstown, Massachusetts.

This project marks the completion of all collection category surveys [furniture and wooden objects were surveyed in 2000 and paintings were surveyed in 2002], and positions HSM to apply for Federally-funded conservation grants, upon the writing of a Long Range Preservation Plan, slated for completion late 2019. The first projects to be addressed will be textiles, particularly framed needle works and Theodate’s garments displayed in her closet in the master bedroom (first and foremost the ca. 1910 beaded gown displayed on the dress form), as they are among the most fragile items in HSM’s collection. As well, Theodate's Silk Box, in which she stored her most treasured family mementos, is in need of conservation due to splits in the silk covering, and Mrs. Pope's bridal trousseau fabric swatches, contained inside the box, are in need of professional conservation, even though they are among the smallest of items. In all, 105 textile items were examined, including clothing, decorative Asian table runners and mats, oriental rugs, original draperies and bed hangings and original upholstery.

The decorative arts conservators identified seven objects that would benefit greatly from conservation: the marble bust of Marcus Auelius and the gilded bulls-eye mirror in the Dining Room, the pair of Italian maiolica apothecary jars in the Ell Room, the reclining nude figure by Sterling Calder in Second Library, the Chinese Chippendale-style secretary and bookcase in the Parlor Bedroom, the eighteenth century French bracket clock and the painted tri-chair settee in the Second Floor Hall. Overall, Ms. Gillette-Woodard and Ms. Puza identified 27 objects for which treatment is necessary, 48 objects for which treatment is recommended, 5 items requiring no treatment but that should be monitored and 36 items requiring no treatment.

Both textile and decorative arts conservators made storage and display improvement recommendations, which are being implemented as time and resources allow. Some are quite simple, such as repositioning oriental rugs so that furniture is not placed directly on them and securing objects in display cabinets with shims, small brackets or museum wax, especially plates set into display grooves which can still roll into one another during heavy vibration.

While on-site, the conservators noted that many of the paintings do not have protective backings. As part of an in-house program, curatorial and operations staff are installing Coroplast® backing and rehanging paintings on a cleat system to better secure artwork per specifications provided by Williamstown Art Conservation Center staff.

Both groups of conservators commended Hill-Stead for improvements to light control in the museum, with the installation of new scrim shades in 2017, but strongly advocate for continued improvements with the addition of a dual shade system which will include a 100% light blocking shade for use as needed when the museum is not open or when light conditions are such that further reduction in light levels is required.

Melanie Bourbeau, Curator & Director of Interpretation & Programs
REQUESTS FROM COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES

GIFTS TO ARCHIVES:
Full-page newspaper advertisement, 1927, featuring Anesthesia’s Faith: Given by Ms. Rhonda Caldwell, Milford, CT. Ms. Caldwell found the framed page in her aunt’s home in San Francisco. The American Weekly was a Sunday newspaper supplement published by the Hearst Corporation from November 1, 1896, until 1966.

While undocumented, it seems likely there must have been some connection between the Hilderbrand Company that produced “A Picture Story of the World’s Highest Producing Guernsey Cow,” a 6 ½ minute silent film starring Anesthesia’s Faith and Tepodate, interspersed with text frames of milk and butterfat production statistics, and the Standard Cap and Seal Corp., who used the illustration of Anesthesia’s Faith for this advertisement.

RESEARCH INQUIRIES:
ARCHIVES-RELATED:
Farmington / Unionville history and Suburban Park 1895-1905
TPR and WWI connections: Lusitania, Farmington and the home front efforts for Seasons Magazine (Farmington Valley edition) and CT State Library WWI Project

COLLECTION-RELATED:
St. Lucie and Renaissance paintings
Manet and the parrot in Woman with a Guitar
Oriental rug repair
Claude Monet
Furniture appraisal recommendations
Whistler’s The Blue Wave, Biarritz and its relationship to seascapes by Courbet
Venetian glass mirror, Parlor Bedroom Conservation measures and light control, regarding sheerweave shades (Torrington Historical Society and Hotchkiss-Fyler House Museum, Torrington, Connecticut)

RIGHTS & REPRODUCTION:
Absinthe Drinker, ca. 1875 for PhD dissertation on Édouard Manet, Columbia University
Portrait of Mary Cassatt, Theodate Pope, photographer, 1903-1905, for Japonismes/Impressionnismes by Marina Ferretti Bocquillon. Published by Editions Gallimard, Paris, France, March 2018
Jockeys, Edgar Degas, 1886 for Degas en Normandy, Peintre au Chavel et du Course by Mariel Oberthur. Published by Gourcuff-Gradenigo, September 2018
Sarah Handing a Toy to the Baby, Mary Cassatt, ca. 1901 for MA/MSc thesis for “Art History: Collecting and Provenance in an International Context.” University of Glasgow, 2018-19
Symphony in Violet and Blue, James McNeill Whistler, 1893 for The Theatre is a Blank Page, performed at University of California, Los Angeles, April 28 – May 12, 2018. Staged by Ann Hamilton Studio, Columbus, OH, and SITI Company (The Saratoga International Theater Institute)
UPCOMING EVENTS
HILLSTEAD.ORG FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION

JUNE
2: CT Trails Day and Estate Walk
2: Discovery Days
8: CT Open House Day
8: Yoga at Hill-Stead
11: Casual Croquet
13: Annual Meeting
19: Conversation on Craft with Claudia Rankine
19: Poet Claudia Rankine Performs
21: New Member Tour
21: Make Music CT Day
22: Yoga at Hill-Stead
23: CT Historic Gardens Day
23: Pop-Up Shop: Catherine Elliott
23: Resident Bee-Keeper Jones Apiaries with an Observation Beehive
25: Casual Croquet
28: Arts & Leisure VIP Tour

JULY
7: Discovery Days
7: Estate Walk
7: Pop-Up Shop: Susan Frei Nathan Fine Works on Paper & botanical artist Beverly Duncan
9: Casual Croquet
10: Writing Workshop with Terrance Hayes
10: Poet Terrance Hayes Performs
21: Writing Workshop with Aimee Nezhukumatathil and Rajiv Mohabir
21: Indian Poetry, Music & Culture
23: Casual Croquet
24: Poetry in Action Book Discussion
31: Writing Workshop with Mai Der Vang and Chris Abani
31: Poetry of Our World Performance

AUGUST
4: Discovery Days
4: Pop-Up Shop: Experience Provence
6: Casual Croquet
7: Poetry in Action Poetry Slam
11: Writing Workshop with Elizabeth Acevedo
11: Young Poets Day with Elizabeth Acevedo and Winners of Fresh Voices Student Poetry Competition
20: Casual Croquet
22: Veranda Views
22: Christian Peltenburg-Brechneff Into the Garden exhibition opening reception

SEPTEMBER
1: Discovery Days
1: Pop-Up Shop: Ann Lightfoot Jewelry
6: New Member Tour
14: Degas, Divots and Dancing Annual Benefit Dinner Auction
17: Beatrix Farrand Film
20: Arts & Leisure VIP Tour
27: L’Affaire Musicale Concert
29: Kitchen Tour Event with Kitchen & Bath Design + Construction

Botanical art by Beverly Duncan