A Letter from the President

From my seat the highlights of the 2015 season at the Historic Winslow House were twofold.

First, the construction of an historically-accurate garden on the site of what for 48 years had been the temporary site of the Daniel Webster law office. In May, that structure was finally returned to its rightful home and owner at the Webster Estate. With what was probably its original granite foundation, our colleagues at Seaside Gardeners created a lovely garden with an interior walkway shaped as a cruciform. This aligns with our existing garden to form a fine vista from the tea room. All was accomplished on short notice during May with the wedding season impending. A fine piece of work by all involved!

A second accomplishment is a strong class of directors elected to three-year terms: David Burbine and Virginia Hunt Burbine, of Pembroke; Edward L. Hayes, of Milton; Cynthia Krusell, of Marshfield; Peter Krusell, of Duxbury; and Dawn Verc, of Marshfield. They have a range of skills and interests. You will note that while some are new faces, while others have served the house all their lives. Just right! You also should know that Dawn Verc is president of the above-praised Seaside Gardeners.

Yours fondly, and in optimism,
David A. Mittell, Jr.
Interim President

A Letter from the Executive Director

A wise writer for a local museum association once wrote that working at a non-profit is a bit like eating a whale. You’ll eventually complete your task, but you need to concentrate on taking one bite at a time!

It’s easy to forget sometimes how many facets there are to the Winslow House Association, and how different guests perceive us differently depending on their reason for visiting us. For tourists and history-lovers, we’re a glimpse into Massachusetts’ colonial past. To one of the eleven groups of guests who chose to hold their wedding, bridal shower, or birthday party with us this year, we’re a unique and rustic-chic venue at a historic estate. To residents of the south shore, we’re a community center, which in 2015 hosted over 30 programs focusing on history, healthy living, cooking, and much more.

At the heart of this multi-talented organization is the 1699 Winslow House. This centuries-old home is the sole reason the Historic Winslow House Association exists, and the driving force behind tours, rentals, and programs.

Every day, our organization takes another bite of the proverbial whale. Some days, this means that we spend hours cleaning and organizing the Winslow House or its support structures. Other days, it means that we might not go to the Winslow House campus at all, but instead spend the day running errands, attending meetings, and talking with other members of the community. We juggle repairs to our historic house with improvements to the function hall; we revise tours, craft membership drives, rearrange our archives, and plan new historical interpretation. We pair community outreach with serious internal assessment, the type which even (especially!) nonprofits need to undertake from time to time.

With every task we undertake we ask ourselves, “will this help the 1699 Winslow House?” If the answer is yes, then it was time well spent.

To help us carry out our mission, we’ve been fortunate to have a few new faces on our Board of Governors. Please help me in welcoming aboard Edward Hayes, David and Virginia Hunt Burbine, and Dawn Verc, all of whom were elected at September’s Annual Meeting of the Winslow House Association.

Please also extend your warmest thanks to outgoing Governors Kathleen O’Connor and Jim Fitzgerald, each of whom spent many years and countless hours working towards the fulfillment of our goals.

See you in 2016!

Aaron M. Dougherty
Executive Director

1699 Historic Winslow House & Cultural Center
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Thank you, Volunteers!

By Aaron M. Dougherty
Executive Director

There’s a lot to cover here at the 1699 Winslow House. As a museum, function hall, and steward for some of the most historically significant treasures in the town of Marshfield, we suffer from a shortage common to many small historical sites; a lack of time.

This is exactly why we appreciate all of the hard work put in by our loyal corps of volunteers. Whether they’re giving tours, providing support during lectures and other events, or working on a specific project, our volunteers help us to bring Marshfield’s history to life in a number of different ways. For 2015, we were lucky enough to be assisted by two particular volunteers working on two very specific projects, both of which have had a significant impact on our ability to carry out our mission.

Transcribing the Paul White Papers
Kathy Gilroy

You may remember the Paul White Papers from mentions in previous issues of Caresswell Chronicles. The papers are a collection of over 300 eighteenth century documents belonging to Winslow relation Paul White, a Loyalist merchant living in Marshfield during the Revolution. We received a grant from Mass. Humanities in 2013 that enabled us to start sorting, cataloguing and transcribing these papers, with the goal of analyzing the documents for anything of historical interest. However, transcribing 300 documents takes time, and we quickly realized that we needed some help!

Enter Kathy Gilroy. Kathy had previously worked with me while I was the interim Executive Director at the Hanover Historical Society. With the opening of the 2015 season, she contacted me to see whether the Winslow House Association might have any projects for volunteers interested in inspecting and researching historical documents.

Over the next several months, she was able to complete the transcription of the collection, create a database specifying each document’s date, topic, and author, and house and organize each paper in a permanent file for future researchers.

Updating the Collections Catalogue
Erin Kane

For every item in the Winslow House collection, we need to have some basic information about it. What is it? Where did it come from? How did we acquire it? This important information is grouped together into a collections catalogue; a database that allows us to monitor and locate every historical item on the Winslow House grounds. We’ve gone through several such databases in the past, ranging from a set of multiple binders to an increasingly large Excel file. Our most recent database is a program called Past Perfect, which gives us the ability to locate specific artifacts and record historical information about them for research.

Erin Kane came to us this summer from George Mason University, where she is seeking a dual degree in History and International Politics. During her stint at George Mason, she worked in the Library of Congress to conduct archival research on the Pinkerton Detective Agency. When she contacted the Winslow House Association in early May about volunteer opportunities, she was most interested in historical research and curatorial work.

From May until September, Erin was at the Winslow House almost every week, tirelessly combing through the house’s nooks and crannies to locate any artifacts that had never been accessioned. She grouped these items by material, helped us create a maintenance plan for cleaning and caring for them, and entered many new items into Past Perfect, allowing us to more efficiently control our collection.

Along with Kathy and Erin, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all of the volunteers who have helped us carry out our mission over the 2015 season, by giving tours, helping out at special events, selling memberships, and much, much more. CONTINUED ON PAGE 3.
**2015 Volunteer Support**
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 Charles Smith
 Lynn Sullivan
 Andrew Talbot
 “We are Marshfield” Project
 Deborah Whitney
 Karen Yourell

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**Autumn 2015 Program Calendar**

**Lectures**

Friday September 11, 7:00 PM  
“The Columbia Expedition,” Andrew Giles Buckley

Sunday September 13, 2:00 PM  
“A Path in the Mighty Waters,” Stephen Barry

Tuesday September 15, 7:00 PM  
“A Storm of Witchcraft,” Emerson Baker

Wednesday September 16, 7:00 PM  
“Kidnapping the Enemy,” Christian McBurney

Thursday September 24, 7:00 PM  
“Paul White: History of a New England Loyalist,” Aaron M. Dougherty

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**Special Events**

Saturday September 5, 7:00 PM  
Speakeasy Night

Sunday September 20, 4:00 PM  
2015 Meeting of the Historic Winslow House Association

Friday October 9, 6:30 PM  
Twilight Tours

Saturday October 17, 7 PM  
Haunted Tavern Night

Thursday October 29, 6:30 PM  
Winslow Burying Ground Tours

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**Kids Programs**

Sunday October 25, 10 AM–2 PM  
Historical Triangle Scavenger Hunt

Sunday October 25 2:00 PM  
Archaeology Day!

Stay tuned for great winter events!  
<http://www.winslowhouse.org/events-programs/>

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**2016 Rentals**

Are you looking for a wedding venue or site for a meet and greet? Look no further! The 1699 Winslow House and Cultural Center can offer a rustic, vintage function hall and beautiful open lawn with the convenience of modern kitchen and washroom facilities. Spaces are already filling up for 2016, so to reserve your spot or view the House, contact us by phone at 781-837-5753 or email at info@winslowhouse.org.

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**2015 Membership/Donations**

It’s not too late to make your tax-deductible donation to the Winslow House for 2015. Your contribution will fund educational programs, new public events for 2016, and the preservation of one of Marshfield’s historic treasures. If you are a member or would like to become one, please visit:  
<http://www.winslowhouse.org/join-us/membership/>  
for information on paying your 2015 dues!
**Summer and Autumn 2015**
*Photos courtesy of Julius Prince Jr. of Duxbury*

Clockwise from top left:

1. Presenting the new Board of Governors of the Historic Winslow House Association!
2. Dr. Donna Curtin of the Plymouth Antiquarian Society, giving her presentation at the 2015 Annual Meeting.
3. Making a silhouette of his brother at the August “Colonial Camp Day.”
4. Craft time!
5. Talking about colonial women at “Dinner with Penelope.”
Upcoming Events at the Winslow House

Saturday October 17th, 7:00 PM
Haunted Tavern Night
This year’s spooky theme is centered around Monsters. Musical guest “An Unkindness of Ravens” will pay tribute to the most iconic monsters of the silver screen and classic literature. A night of thrills, chills, and popcorn spills awaits you at the second annual Haunted Tavern Night! Special Event

Sunday October 25th, 10:00 AM – 2 PM
Historical Triangle Scavenger Hunt
Join Marshfield’s Historical Triangle for its second annual Scavenger Hunt! The 1699 Winslow House, Marcia Thomas House, and Daniel Webster Estate are less than a mile from each other on Marshfield’s Webster Street, and on Sunday, October 25th, you and your family can visit all three museums in a single afternoon. Help us celebrate fall with a fun-filled scavenger hunt across the fields and lawns of some of our town’s most iconic historical sites. Events for Kids

Sunday October 25th, 2:00 PM
Archaeology Day!
Join us for an afternoon of digging at the Winslow House. Come learn about the method archaeologists use to ensure that artifacts from the past are preserved and protected. Using some of the tools of the trade, come see if you can figure out the story that an artifact has to tell. Event for Kids

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2015 Annual Appeal
Our 2015 Annual Appeal, which kicked off just a few weeks ago, has already raised over $2,000! Thank you to all of our generous donors for their contributions, whatever the amount. With your help, we’ll be able to maintain our historic house, keep the lights on for our function hall, and offer more great public programs for the 2016 season. If you haven’t donated yet and are interested in doing so, please send a check made out to the “Historic Winslow House Association,” to:

The Historic Winslow House Association
PO Box 531
Marshfield, MA 02050-0531

For more information on donating, or to see other ways you can help support us, you can visit:

<www.winslowhouse.org/join-us/>

From all of us here at the 1699 Winslow House, thank you again for your help during our 2015 Annual Appeal!

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Winslow Flower Garden Research, Design & Planting

By Seaside Gardeners of Marshfield

Following the May 11, 2015 meeting of Seaside Gardeners at Winslow House, members commenced the annual cleanup of the Herb Garden. Dawn Verc and Susan Sylvester asked Aaron Dougherty, Director of the Winslow House, what was going to happen to the foundation of the old Webster Law office. After discussing the options, it was decided that it would make a fantastic frame for a colonial era flower garden.

With Aaron’s help, the foundation was filled with dirt, top soil was added by Peter Krusell and Susan Sylvester and her husband Rowland started researching possible designs and plants for the new garden.

Information from the Arnold Arboretum provided a list of colonial flowers from the 1700 - 1776 time period. Additional information written by George Weigel was used from the PennLive.com website regarding designs and materials as well as plants. Our plant lists were made with an awareness of native New England or North American plants, with the addition of some other flowers that were commonly grown by the colonists.

Susan and Rowland Sylvester drew the plans for the garden based on the common colonial form of rectangles and central pathways. Dawn Verc selected the pavers for the pathway and Kathleen O’Connor, representing the Winslow House, purchased the pavers and stone dust for the pathways. Rowland Sylvester set out the lines and forms for the installation of the pathways June 3, 2015. Kathleen O’Connor and her cousin Caleb installed the stone dust and pavers June 4, 2015. Plants were selected by Susan Sylvester, from two local nurseries; Tomasi Nursery in Pembroke, and Nessrallas in Marshfield. Kathleen O’Connor purchased the plants and composted manure for the Winslow House garden. Susan Sylvester and a team of gardeners from Seaside Gardeners planted the entire garden in one day June 5, 2015. Thanks to Marcia Joyce, Lorraine Weeden, Nancy Higgins, Ruth Farrugia for their hard work. Thanks also to Polly and Craig Washa who delivered and spread the composted mulch/soil from the recycled material at the Marshfield Transfer Station.

Seaside Gardeners tend the Flower Garden and the Herb Garden every week from May through October weeding and watering as needed. Our volunteers share their love of gardens and hope to continue the partnership with the Winslow House in the years ahead. We are happy to hear that brides and grooms enjoyed the gardens and had pictures taken near the gardens. We anticipate some need to replace plants that get eaten by deer, woodchucks, and rabbits or die from extreme heat or cold during the New England seasons. We will collaborate with the Winslow House to work within your budget concerning replacements. We understand there is interest in providing permanent educational signs for the garden information and we will work with you to create the plans for these new additions to your great educational outreach.

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