2020 Annual Appeal & Impact Report

2020 At The Old Stone House

The year 2020 has made an impact on us all. At the Old Stone House, we have turned an otherwise historically unprecedented year into one of which we can take pride. This year has given us the unexpected opportunity to develop our “fundamentals.” We have built up our membership, hired dynamic and talented new staff and built relationships with new advisors, board members, partner organizations and donors. We’ve made major progress on three main initiatives: 1. Historic green spaces; 2. Early education; 3. Alexander Lucius Twilight’s story and the exploration of his impact. Each contributes to the essential sense of place at the Old Stone House.

We’ve only just begun. We need your help to preserve, educate and inspire in the many forms it takes. We thank our supporters for seeing us through this difficult year. To those thinking about making a donation—perhaps your first—be assured that your generosity has a real, tangible and important impact. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Molly Veysey, Executive Director

Preservation

“What an amazing place the Old Stone House Museum is and Mary was a wonderful tour guide. My boys learned so much from her and what was supposed to be an hour to hour and a half tour became an almost 2.5 hour tour because of how great both your collection is and Mary!”
—Anonymous Private Tour Participant

Our volunteers contributed more than 530 hours in service with staff this year on our programs and projects.

- Structural improvement to the interior of the Old Stone House fourth floor landing, Eaton House Library and Hall House
- Repair of Martin Warner Davis’s violin case, son-in-law to Thomas C. Stewart, longtime trustee and secretary of the Orleans County Grammar School
- Creation of a satellite Old Stone House Museum exhibit in the Pierce Pharmacy Building in Barton, Vermont
- Creation of our first online exhibit “1820-2020: From Blackboard to Whiteboard, 200 Years of Innovation in Education” and more than 90 private museum tours

Before (above) and after restoration (right).
(Photos by Bob Hunt.)
Detach And Mail Back Your Support Today!

Your annual fund contribution helps bring us one step closer to achieving our vital mission: Preservation, Education & Inspiration! Please detach this portion of the report and use the enclosed return envelope to make a contribution to support our work.

Amount of 2020 Annual Fund Contribution: $________
(Please make checks payable to Old Stone House Museum)
Your Name (As You Want It Recognized In Our Annual Report): _____________________________________________
Your Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________
Your Email: _________________________________________________________________________________________
Your Phone Number: _________________________________________________________________________________

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Education

“I just wanted to share with you and your team how much my two children LOVE the Kids’ Friday program at OSHM. This summer has been unique and having activities and a lunch to look forward to what may seem small, but it means a lot! ...We have always enjoyed OSHM. Now, we love it just that much more.” —Nicole Gratton, Newport, VT

Pandemic conditions meant we had to be creative to serve our community’s children and their families.

- A brand new one-mile Twilight Education Trail provides interpretation of both natural and human history on our pastoral campus
- “To Go” Kids’ Friday served nearly 300 children and handed out 250+ free lunches in partnership with Green Mountain Farm-to-School
- The Fall Homeschool Program provided STEAM-based outdoor programming for more than 100 children
- 2,252 views of museum programs on Zoom Video Conferencing and YouTube with more than 22,500 reached
- Virtual Old Stone House Day was headlined by Shanta Lee Gander and William Edelglass
- Development of an Alexander Lucius Twilight curriculum on equity and inclusion based upon the National Academy for the Social Studies standards

Inspiration

“What you’re doing is such valuable work. We are so grateful to you.” —Marcy Bartlett, White River Junction, VT

We engage with artists, leaders and community members to provide inspiration for every age level.

- Launch of Alexander Twilight Day Celebration with United States Representative Peter Welch in attendance and the story in The Boston Globe and state and local media
- Addition of 25+ new members to our Advisory Committee with a wide variety of expertise
- Artists Stephen M. and Eve Ogden Schaub (evensteve.com) created artwork and a documentary on Alexander Lucius Twilight for Burlington City Arts
- Our membership passed 200 for the first time in years with additional support from community business partners and a variety of foundations
- A new State of Vermont Historic Roadside Site Marker on Alexander Lucius Twilight

Creating EveNSteve’s new artwork about Alexander Lucius Twilight.
( Photo courtesy of EveNSteve.)

Families made Wild Colors Pasta as part of our Fall 2020 Homeschool Program in a lesson loved by participants of all ages.
( Photo by Dana Karuza.)