

EAST  
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# East Hampton Historical Society

Keeping the Past, Present in East Hampton



**During the past year,** the East Hampton Historical Society has fulfilled its mission “to illuminate the past and inspire the community through the preservation and interpretation of East Hampton’s history” by –

- Initiating the restoration of the Mulford Farmhouse to interpret the American Revolution in East Hampton.
- Breaking ground on our new state-of-the-art Collections Storage Center to house our collection of nearly 20,000 artifacts.
- Stewarding five historic properties – Clinton Academy (which includes the Town House and Hook Schoolhouse), the Dominy Shops, East Hampton Town Marine Museum, Moran Studio, and Mulford Farm – and making them accessible to thousands of visitors annually.
- Partnering with other nonprofits, schools, and local government to dramatically increase our programming.
- Teaching cultural and natural history to over 5,000 students.
- Presenting our 15th year of Marine Explorers at the Marine Museum and Amagansett Life Saving Station Museum.
- Developing opportunities for visitors to engage with the past using digital technology.

### STRATEGIC PLANNING

In 2024, the Historical Society instituted a long-range strategic plan, including a new mission and vision statement and four strategic priorities:

1. Strengthen the interpretation and preservation of the Historical Society’s sites, stories, and collections.
2. Attract and grow audiences through programs that include the entire Town of East Hampton community from Wainscott to Montauk.
3. Be a key, recognized resource for history in our community
4. Develop the financial and human resources necessary to support our strategic goals and sustain our future.

**At the East Hampton Historical Society,** our vision is to become a key resource where history comes alive, and our community comes together to explore East Hampton’s layered past. Practically the entirety of American history can be examined through the lens of East Hampton. Because of your support, the East Hampton Historical Society is fostering civic engagement with our shared history and helping the entire community learn from the past and inform the future.



The Historical Society collaborated with numerous community organizations, including the East Hampton Trails Preservation Society, to educate the community about East Hampton’s history. In September, Allison McGovern PhD led a tour of the Freetown community, which included a stop at the Fowler House, the home of Montaukett family during the late 19th and 20th centuries.



We welcomed another capacity crowd for this year’s Design Luncheon, which featured acclaimed interior designer, Alex Papachristidis talking about his new book, *An Elegant Life*.



Preservation Consultant, Bob Hefner conducted a conditions report, which was funded by the Preservation League of New York, which will inform the restoration of the Mulford Farmhouse.



The Historical Society is grateful to Tony Ingrao and Randy Kemper for serving as the Honorary Chairs of the 2024 Antiques & Design Show. Tony on the left and Randy on the right are pictured at the benefit for the East Hampton Historical Society.



In 2024, the Historical Society received a gift of this Dominy clock, which may have been constructed by Nathaniel Dominy IV just before he died in 1812 or soon after that by his son, Nathaniel V. Visitors can now see the clock in the Dominy Shops Museum, which the Historical Society opened last year.





Photographer and author, Shana Novak took photos of hats that were displayed during the Historical Society's *Hats Off: 300 Years of Headwear in East Hampton* summer exhibition, which was curated by Anna Muller, Curator of Collections. Thanks to Doyle, two framed photos were auctioned off to support the Historical Society's collections care.



The 38th Annual East Hampton House & Garden Tour sold out in record time and featured five spectacular houses in East Hampton and the Devon Colony.



This year, the Historical Society welcomed back Adelaide de Menil, Doug Kuntz, and generations of fishing families to help celebrate the exhibition, *The Finest Kind*, which was curated at Clinton Academy by Director of Education, Stacy Myers.

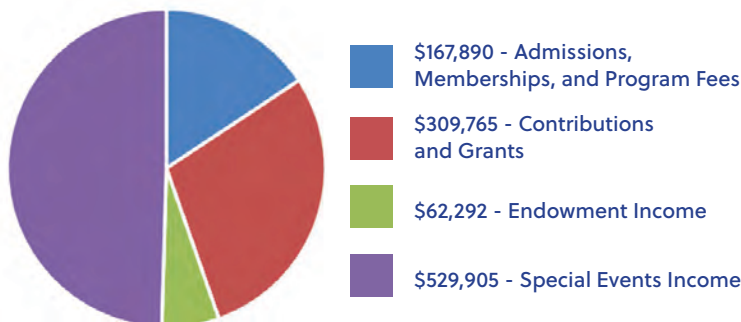


This past year, the Historical Society welcomed thousands of students to its sites. While visiting the *Indigenous* exhibition at Clinton Academy, second graders from John M. Marshall School learned weaving, beading, and how to make pigment.

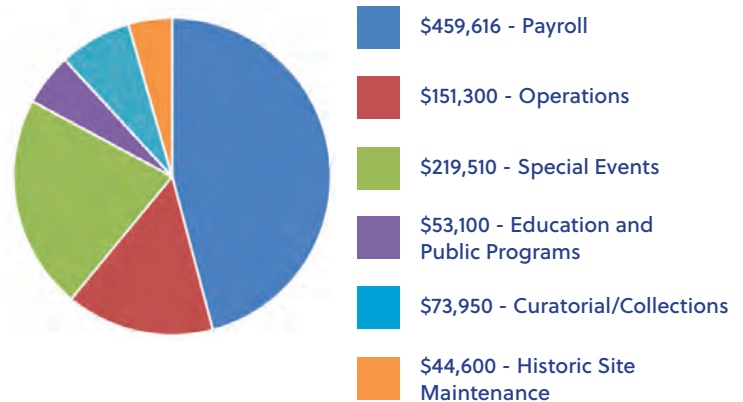


In May, the Historical Society premiered a new augmented reality program at Mulford Farm featuring an avatar of Hugh King. Available via the 1776AR mobile app, Hugh tells the story of the American Revolution in East Hampton. (Photo courtesy of Carissa Katz and the *East Hampton Star*.)

### FY2024 Income for the Historical Society



### Operating Costs for the Historical Society



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