



Director's Message



Kristin Noon
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Over the last 100 years, the museum's mission may have evolved, but certain currents continue. Today, the museum exists to celebrate childhood, interpret history, and explore culture for the enrichment of all generations in the greater North Shore community and beyond.

At its heart, the museum is about community and spending time with friends and family. It's about fun. Lastly, and most importantly, it is about generosity in every sense of the word. Volunteers, donors, visitors, members, interns, staff, and countless more have woven their time, their ideas, and their philanthropy into the wonderful and varied tapestry that is the Wenham Museum.

The power of philanthropy is stronger than ever, and because of you, we have raised over \$1.5 million in the first year of our 100th Anniversary Campaign! Our sights are set high, and with more to achieve, we hope we can count on you for your support once again. We appreciate you and your continued partnership with our mission.

With gratitude,

Kristin Z. Noon

Executive Director

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New Program: Camp Whirlygig

Camp Whirlygig had a successful, fun-filled first summer! Building on the legacy of the beloved Wenham Village Improvement Society (WVIS) summer program, Tea House Camp, and the history-based summer enrichment programming offered by the Wenham Museum, over 90 campers enjoyed child-centered enrichments in:

- studio art, dance and drama
- exploring exhibitions, local history, and culture
- STEM and STEAM experiments
- mindfulness and movement to support emotional development
- outdoor recreation, games, tennis, pickleball, and free play on the playground
- friendship-building activities within camper groups.

Registration for the 2024 session will open in January!

Parent Te<u>stimonial</u>

"Both of my kids said this camp was their favorite (they attended 5 different weekly camps), which is a testament to your creative play schedules and excellent counselors to keep the kids engaged and excited to come to camp!"









We also wish to thank and recognize WVIS, whose support and partnership made Camp Whirlygig possible for the community.

100th Anniversary Celebration



On Friday, June 16th, the Wenham Museum celebrated a century with nearly 100 of our closest friends, family, and supporters. Engaging children and families and fostering a multigenerational audience are core aspects of the Wenham Museum, and during the evening we were honored to recognize two families who allow us to do just that.

Ken and Jean Jones were given the "Celebrating Childhood Award" for their long-time support of the Family Discovery Gallery, offering hours of hands-on, creative play experiences. Ken and Jean were long-time Wenham residents and are retired educators from the HW School District. They have always loved the Wenham Museum and stepped up in a major way in 2006 to help during the Mother's Day flood which devastated our lower galleries. Since the 2006 flood, Ken and Jean have continued to generously support the Family Discovery Gallery on an annual basis in honor of their seven grandchildren.





Photos: At left, Ken and Jean Jones, recipients of the Celebrating Childhood Award. Above, their seven grandchildren.

A Century in the Making

The Davis Family of Wenham received the "Connecting Generations Award," recognizing many generations of their family's support, membership, and friendship for over 40 years! The Davises have a family tradition of sharing local history across generations and can trace their roots in Wenham back to the 1600s through their Dodge ancestors. Today, Charles and Mary Davis continue to share museum experiences with their grandson, Teddy, who greatly enjoys the train room. Through the Wenham Museum, local history and culture is being transmitted from one generation to another by sharing stories and spending time together.







Photos: At left, the Davis family, recipients of the Connecting Generations Award, in Wenham, England in 1973. Above, Harriet Davis and her great-nephew, Teddy.

We've Been Busy!



NEW OUTDOOR PLAY TRAIN

A new 45-foot, wooden, 6-car, climb-on-train has pulled into the station! Located on the museum's front lawn, this train will provide endless fun for guests to enjoy and play on for years to come. Choo! Choo!



NEW OUTDOOR PATIO

A beautiful outdoor patio was established to serve as a community gathering space for residents and visitors alike! This patio includes 114 bricks personalized by museum visitors and friends, stone wall benches, and will soon be adorned with picnic tables, benches, and chairs. We look forward to hosting social gatherings and food-related programs for all to enjoy!



NEW VISITOR SERVICES DESK

Our visitor services desk is bigger and better than ever! This new desk is fully ADA compliant both for visitors and staff and ensures the museum remains a welcoming and accessible place for all.



NEW BRICK WALKWAY

The brick walkway leading up to the museum has been rebuilt and reconfigured to make entry into the museum less slippery and more accessible for every visitor. All previously named bricks on the former walkway were reinstalled to create this new path.



MUSEUM SHOP

Our beloved museum shop has expanded and is stocked with all-new inventory! Please be sure to visit the shop for birthday presents as well as baby and hostess gifts!

Upcoming Events

Engaging our mutigenerational audience with programs, events, and enrichment opportunities is a core aspect of the Wenham Museum experience. Explore our calendar in full at wenhammuseum.org/events.









October

21 & 22 LEGO Train

26 Patton Family Archives Tour

28 Snow White's Halloween Party

November

2 & 7 Patton Family Archives Tour

5 Matt Tavares Visits

5 Gingerbread Contest Opens

9 Brown Bag Lunch

10 M is for Museum

18 Silhouette Artist

18 Drop-in Holiday Crafts

26 Tour de Chooch

December

2 Gingerbread Cookie Decorating

3 Holidays in the Village

8 Human Rights Day Program

9 Stories & Songs with Mrs. Claus

10 "Book Flood" with Local Authors

21 Brown Bag Lunch

24 & 25 Museum Closed

26 Pumpernickel Puppets

26 Ed the Wizard

27 The Yo-Yo-Show

28 Magic Fred

31 Kids' Countdown to NYE!

January

12 M is for Museum

12 Brown Bag Lunch

13-15 HUB Model RR Visit

15 Camp Registration Opens

February

3 Nat'l Black Doll Museum Event

9 M is for Museum

9 Brown Bag Lunch

17 & 18 LEGO Train

20 Barn Babies

21 Curious Creatures

22 Wingmasters

23 Whalemobile

March

8 M is for Museum

9 Barbie Visits

9 Queen Elizabeth II Program

15 Member Coffee

21 Brown Bag Lunch

22 Dragons Love Tacos Party

April

5 M is for Museum

16-19 Vacation Week Programs

26-28 Attic Treasures



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Welcome to the Wenham Museum!

Margaurita Spear Museum Educator



Margaurita joined the Wenham Museum in November 2022. She holds a BA in Painting and Art Education from Montserrat College of Art. She was a K-3 teacher and a founding teacher of the pre-K program at Glenn Urquhart School. Margaurita was also responsible for after school and school break enrichment programming at Glenn Urquhart.

Margaurita currently runs the M is for Museum program, school groups, and vacation week activities. Most notably, Margaurita helped develop and lead Camp Whirlygig in a hugely successful first year. Welcome, Margaurita!

Museum Hours

Tuesday - Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm Sunday: 12 pm - 4 pm CLOSED on Monday

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