

PAGE FARM AND HOME MUSEUM

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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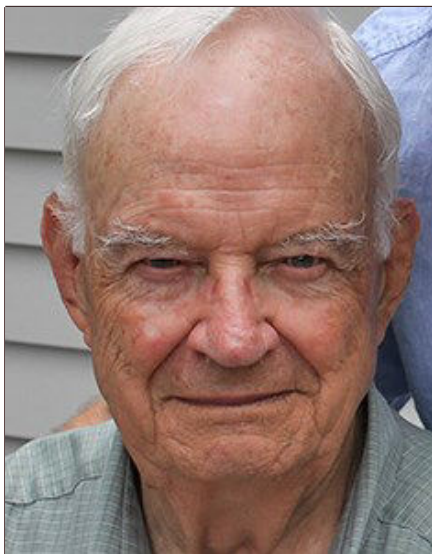
The photograph on the cover of this year's annual report is of a sampling of our Page Farm collection. The milk bottle caps were donated by Henry and Phyllis Page. The cottage cheese container was donated by Brian and Mary Ann Gerry. The milk carton was donated by Shelly Ouellette.

In Memory of our Dear Friends:



David Henner and Susan Henner
11/03/1949-01/12/2023
05/24/1950-06/06/2023

Jane Harvey and Harmon Harvey
01/23/1932-12/21/2022
07/27/1932-11/24/2022



Harold C. Gibbs, Ph.D.
04/29/1928 - 05/25/2023

Virginia A. Farrington	10/02/1926-05/24-2021
Paul E. Hand, Ph.D	01/14/1931-02/06/2023
Joanne Harper Jones	03/20/1942-12/07/2022
Marilyn Bonnie Plissey	02/14/1937-07/16/2023
David M. Rand	12/21/1934-02/21/2023
Dr. Josef Roggenbauer	09/00/1929-09/28/2022
Erlon S. Varney	03/14/1933-12/28/2022
Dr. David N. Widmer	11/06/1934-12/07/2022



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Annual Meeting of the Membership
Friends of the Page Farm and Home Museum
October 13, 2023
Agenda

- I. Welcome by Gary Anderson
Finance Chair of the Board of Directors
- II. Approve Agenda
- III. Report of the Museum Executive Director
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance, Gary Anderson, *committee chair*
 - B. Nominating, Gary Anderson, *committee chair*
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
 - A. Adam Davis Student Employee of the Year Award
 - B. Hugh Murphy Volunteer of the Year Award
- VII. Date for 2024 Annual Meeting
- VII. Adjourn

Letter from the Chair of the Board October 13, 2023

Hello friends and family and welcome to the 31st annual meeting of the Page Farm and Home Museum. I would like to thank everyone for attending tonight.

I am excited to welcome you back to your Museum after such a long hiatus from meeting in person. I hope you have had time to visit the new exhibits in place including, “The Buzz on Bees,” and “Dr. Edith Marion Patch.” We also have a new collection of Bangor Stoneware on exhibit in the “Farnworth’s General Store.”

I certainly do appreciate your efforts to attend the meeting considering the time and format change. Due to contract negotiations with the new catering provider, we were not able to host our usual *Harvest Supper*. I understand that the contract is now settled, so it may change next year.

I would like to thank our very hard-working board and Patty and her student staff for all that they have done this year to tackle important projects, continue to provide quality educational programming, and keep the Museum running smoothly. I also want to thank you, the membership of The Friends of the Page Farm and Home Museum for your stalwart support! Without you, none of this would be possible.

I look forward to another year of bringing Maine Farm and Home history alive to the people of the state and to visitors.

I hope you are pleased with all that the Museum has accomplished in the past year.

Michael Pullen, Board Chair

2023 Report of the Executive Director

Patronage:

Since last October, 2022, we have hosted 49 individual groups, including college classes, area day programs, etc., for tours, individualized programs and/or presentations. In addition, we cataloged 3,111 independent visitors to the Museum.

Education:

Pathways to the Past: Pathways is the Museum tour menu offered to school and home-school groups. For the academic year 2022/2023, we facilitated 38 field trip experiences for school grades k through high school. Field trip season for school groups is typically April to June.

Collections:

The Buzz on Bees exhibit has been installed and features the bee hive donated by Francis Drummond and the beekeeper's helmet given by Susan Cherbuliez.

Jim Hiltonsmith has donated a rotary butter worker. The donation is featured in our latest issue of the Museum's newsletter, The Cracker Barrel.

The Museum is collaborating with the School of Forest Resources to develop and install the Nutting Hall exhibition project. Dr. Livingston, Max McCormick and Liz Erickson are partners in this project to create a timeline exhibition of Albert Nutting's work in the School and his contributions to forestry in the state of Maine.

Outreach and Programming:

Twelve UMaine student volunteers helped clean up the garden to prepare for planting on Maine Day, April 26.

Approximately 60 people attended Maine National History Day, April 29. The Museum was an exhibition hall, as well as, a Scavenger Hunt location.

The Museum attended the UMaine Retiree Homecoming Fair on June 16th.

The Great Fall Potato Sale was held in early November. The Museum was able to carry this out as an outdoor event .

We held two wreath making workshops in late November and early December.

We were able to host our Holiday Shoppe on December 3, 2022. It was a fabulous success.

Operations:

We are in the process of converting our outdated collections inventory software to PastPerfect Museum Software, which is a national standard. The build plan is established. We have purchased the online version that will be hosted by PastPerfect and stored “in the cloud.” We will have the ability to host a copy on a UMaine server. The database has been submitted for evaluation and merging.

This conversion will be a very large project. As such, the Museum Board of Directors has decided to hire a half time administrative assistant to oversee much of the day-to-day operations so that the director can focus on the conversion. Patty and Judy have prepared a job description for the new position, which has been approved at the college level and will be shared with Human Resources for their approval. The position will start January 1, 2024. In the meantime, Katie will work on the project with Patty. This position was not built into the budget that was ratified in April, as the position had not been developed nor approved. UM Foundation has approved carrying over \$30,000 in Loring funds to use on this project.

AV Services has graciously updated the Museum’s AV equipment, at minimal cost. The upgrade included a new (donated) LCD projector.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Henner

Finance Committee Report

October 13, 2023

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has supported the Page Farm and Home Museum. Your support has allowed the museum to have tremendous impacts to a wide range of visitors.

Carryover funds at the end of 2023 were \$216,045.10 which was higher than the expected \$141,748.10. Income was higher than predicted at \$167,615 compared with the budgeted amount of \$126,259. While the budget for the museum showed an expected deficit of \$19,403.56, the net revenue minus expenses was positive in the amount of \$59,267.74.

Operating funds also ended the year lower by approximately 10% from year end 2022. Restricted funds also ended the year very close to balances at the end of 2022. The museum received \$33,667 in funds from the College of NSFA and Central Administration. An additional revenue stream of \$81,909 came from the University of Maine Foundation and \$7610 from a payover from funds managed by the Maine Community Foundation. The University of Maine Foundation payover for 2024 will be \$89,554; the Pamela D. Chute Fund paid over for the first time in 2023 with \$4,596.

Expenses were lower than budgeted (\$12,371 actual vs \$31,875 budgeted) due to excellent cost control in several expense categories. The biggest reductions in expense categories were in printing and copying, alterations and improvements, and interdepartmental services. Overall, total net expenses were \$19,503.57 under budget and revenue \$41,355.52 over budget.

Overall, the museum finishes the year with a Carryover of \$216,045 into 2024.

I encourage everyone to visit the museum.

Gary Anderson

Finance Committee Chair

University of Maine Foundation

Page Farm Home Museum Endowment Funds

As of June 30, 2023

Description	Principal	Market Value	FY24 Income
Chute, Pamela D. Fund	181,000	182,353	5,266
Coffin, John W. & Miriam H. Fund	2,374	3,382	101
Emerson, Jerome & Hazel Maintenance Fund	6,389	8,257	0
Holmes, Jane Fund	50,487	74,146	2,278
Lafayette Hotels / Danny and Carla Lafayette Fund	15,000	14,653	0
Loring, Ellen J. Fund	288,061	340,836	10,461
Lurvey, Mildred E. Fund	3,102	6,186	190
Orcutt, Amos E. & Lola R. Fund	19,041	22,514	621
Page, Henry and Phyllis Page Fund	795,158	951,103	29,217
Page Farm and Home Museum Fund II	1,076,853	1,273,118	39,041
Piper, Helen D. and Edward H. Piper Fund	8,674	11,332	348
Ploch, Louis A. and E. Jean Fund	4,281	5,642	173
Pullen, Winston E. & Mary N. Fund	30,830	36,672	1,127
Smith, Charles B. Jr. & J. Alice Smith Fund	20,100	23,902	731
Wade, Laurence V. & Deanna L. (Cunningham) Fund	1,250	1,264	0
Totals	2,496,212	2,947,103	89,554

Fair Market Value as of:

Future Commitments

Harold & Marion Chute CRT (present value)	23,139	6/30/2023
Neil & Lois Crane CRT (present value)	23,389	12/31/2021
Larry & Deanna Wade Gift Annuity 50% interest	106,778	6/30/2023
Totals	153,306	



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FY2023Final: FY2024 Budget

REVENUE	Budget	Actual	Variance	%VAR	FY24 Budget
Gifts Government/other NP	-	-	-		-
Gifts from Corp. / Found.	10,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	200%	10,000.00
Gifts from Individuals	2,000.00	1,575.00	(425.00)	79%	1,500.00
Gifts from Alumni	1,500.00	1,150.00	(350.00)	77%	500.00
Gifts from UMS Foundations	10,000.00	13,980.00	3,980.00	140%	10,000.00
Gifts	23,500.00	36,705.00	13,205.00	156%	22,000.00
UM Foundation Payover	81,909.00	81,909.00	-	100%	89,554.00
MCF Distribution	8,000.00	7,610.00	(390.00)	95%	8,000.00
Program Revenue	150.00	1,219.00	1,069.00	813%	1,000.00
Programming Carry Forward	2,075.00	1,378.94	(621.06)	66%	750.00
Education and General	10,600.00	33,667.00	23,067.00	318%	10,812.00
Tmp Invest Income Dist	25.00	5,125.58	5,100.58	20502%	2,500.00
Transfers in/ E&G	102,759.00	130,909.52	28,225.52	127%	112,616.00
TOTAL REVENUE	126,259.00	167,614.52	41,430.52	133%	134,616.00
SALARIES & BENEFITS		Actual			
Non Faculty Salaries	58,661.44	60,125.16	(1,463.72)	102%	61,327.67
Temp Pro	-	(691.20)	691.20		-
Temp Pro Benefits	-	(55.33)	55.33		-
Non Faculty Benefits	29,376.00	30,663.81	(1,287.81)	104%	31,277.08
Student Wages	6,000.00	5,932.91	67.09	99%	6,000.00
Total Salaries & Benefits	94,037.44	95,975.35	(1,937.91)	102%	98,604.75
Prof. Affiliations & conf. reg	250.00	-	250.00	0%	250.00
Svcs. Non-Empl. (Security)	325.00	427.97	(102.97)	132%	456.00
Supplies & Materials	4,500.00	3,705.01	794.99	82%	5,000.00
Postage & Shipping	250.00	221.18	28.82	88%	250.00
Printing and Copying	2,250.00	903.12	1,346.88	40%	2,250.00
Travel	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	0%	1,000.00
Travel Grant	2,000.00	228.00	1,772.00	11%	2,000.00
Facility Maintenance	3,000.00	2,427.05	572.95	81%	3,000.00
Alterations & Improv.	9,000.00	2,669.37	6,330.63	30%	6,000.00
Rentals & Leases	400.00	514.80	(114.80)	129%	400.00
Advertising	900.00	585.24	314.76	65%	900.00
Interdepartmental Svcs	3,000.00	689.69	2,310.31	23%	3,000.00
Software/Support	-	-	-		3,000.00
equipment <5000	5,000.00	-	5,000.00		5,000.00
Total Supplies and Svcs	31,875.00	12,371.43	19,503.57	39%	32,506.00
Total Revenue	115,974.00	167,614.52	41,430.52	145%	134,616.00
Salaries and Benefits	92,589.55	95,975.35	(1,937.91)	104%	98,604.75
Operating Expenses	42,788.00	12,371.43	19,503.57	29%	32,506.00
Total Net Expenses	135,377.55	108,346.78	17,444.44	80%	131,110.75
Revenue - Expenses	(19,403.55)	59,267.74	58,874.96		3,505.25
FY-End Transfer out		-			-
Carry-over	141,748.10	156,777.36			216,045.10
Balance	122,344.55	216,045.10			219,550.35

2023 Nominating Committee Report

The committee, consisting of, Gary Anderson; Carl Smith; Mike Pullen; David Bagley; and Patty Henner (ex-officio), propose the following slate of Board Members and Officers for the coming year with terms of service as noted:

Position	Name	Term Expires	Notes
Chair of the Board	Michael Pullen	2024	See Rules below
Vice Chair	Judith Round	2024	See Rules below
Clerk	Bruce Bowden	2024	See Rules below
Finance Chair	Gary Anderson	2025	second term expires 2025
Member at Large	Gerry Page	2024	See Rules below

Board Member	Jackie Emerson	2026	Second term expires 2026
Board Member	Carl Smith	2024	Second term expires 2024
Board Member	Susan Watson	2024	Second term expires 2024
Board Member	Mary Bagley	2024	Second term expires 2024
Board Member	Nancy Pullen	2025	Second term expires 2025
Board Member	Amos Orcutt	2025	First term expires 2025
NSFA Coordinator	George Criner		Non-expiring position
Facilities Rep	Claude Junkins		Non-expiring position
Emeritus	Larry Wade		
Honorary	Tom Christianson		

By-Law rules: Officers may serve more than two consecutive terms without an off year. Board members may serve two consecutive terms and then take a year off before being elected again. The Executive Committee consists of the first five positions above. The Dean and Facilities Rep are Board Members by virtue of their position and are not affected by terms.

Adam Fielding Davis Memorial Student Employee of the Year Award

The Page Farm and Home Museum Student Employee of the Year Award was established in 2007 to honor the outstanding contributions of the student staff of the Museum, whom we rely upon a great deal.

The Page Farm and Home Museum renamed the Student Employee of the Year Award the Adam Fielding Davis Memorial Student Employee of the Year Award in 2011.

Adam was one of our student staff members from 2006-2008 and passed away in 2009. He was an incredible individual. His work ethic and sense of humor were a breath of fresh air. Adam was creative and caring. Adam exemplified the role and contributions of our student staff and illustrated the gifts that they bring to this organization.

Liz Tibbetts began working for the Museum in the fall of 2021 as a Student Administrative Specialist. She helped take care of the precious artifacts and exhibitions and assisted in facilitating the Museum's many programs to school children. One of Liz's primary responsibilities was outreach. She participated in reenactments and acted as a docent for tours for school children. Liz has helped present outreach programming for the Great Fall Potato Sale and Holiday Shoppe. As a high-ranking member of her service sorority, Liz also



recruited and coordinated many student volunteers for help with programming and events. Liz most enjoyed working with the many children that visit the Museum each year. She proved to be a very reliable employee and a dedicated team player.

Liz is truly deserving of this year's Adam Fielding Davis Student Employee of the Year Award. Thank you, Liz!

Hugh Murphy Volunteer of the Year Award

In October of 2002, the board of directors of the Page Farm and Home Museum named its volunteer of the year award the Hugh Murphy Volunteer of the Year Award. Hugh's amazing accomplishments span many sectors of society and have earned him much praise and distinction from several different groups. From the time he enrolled at the University of Maine in 1937, Hugh has been on an amazing journey of discovery and wondrous experiences. Hugh's volunteer hours at the Page Museum are uncounted, but countless! In the earliest stages of the evolutions of the last remaining building from the Goddard farm to its status as the Page Farm and Home Museum, Hugh was a faithful worker. Each year, the Hugh Murphy Volunteer of the Year Award is given to an individual who exemplifies Hugh's volunteerism.

This year's recipient is Amos Orcutt. In Amos' first year serving on the board of directors, he has already accomplished a great deal. At the very first meeting of the year, Amos asked Patty what is her biggest goal for the Museum and what the board of directors can do to help achieve that goal. This set off a remarkable journey to upgrade our outdated collections management system. Amos gives knowledgeable counsel on fundraising and, most importantly, donor stewardship. Amos is also not afraid to get his hands dirty. This summer, he worked on repairing the 1949 John Deere B tractor and sickle bar mower tires.

With great pleasure and much appreciation, we are happy to announce that Amos Orcutt is our Hugh Murphy Volunteer of the Year Award recipient for 2023. Thank you for all you do, Amos!



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