

# PAGE FARM AND HOME MUSEUM

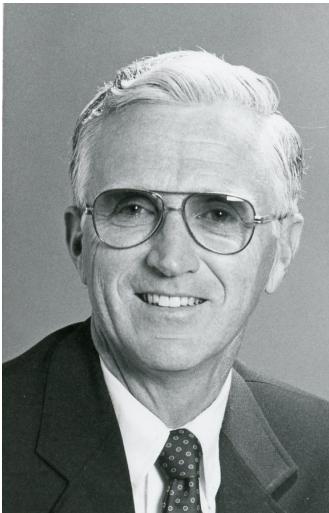
## ANNUAL REPORT 2025



Preserving the Past to Assure the Future

The image on the front of this year's report is that of the newly built grape arbor in the Museum's Heritage Gardens.

# In Memory of our Dear Friends:



Linwood "Woody" Carville  
08/20/1931-08/02/2025



Dione Williams Hutchinson  
05/07/1932-11/28/2024



Warren "Jake" Orcutt  
08/09/1944-10/24/2024



Susan Rand Pullen  
10/12/1961-01/19/2025

Barbara Arms	04/19/1932-03/20/2025
Edwin T. Brooks	10/26/1938-12/16/2024
Joseph C. Dell	12/01/1934-03/02/2025
Marlene S. Doucette	02/08/1935-08/14/2025
John B. Douglas	10/03/1933-07/01/2025
Cynthia C. Dunlap	03/15/1931-01/28/2025
Francine Grant	08/25/1943-09/19/2024
Wayne A. Hamilton	01/19/1932-02/15/2025
Stuart P. Haskell	09/11/1933-03/11/2025
Mary E. M. Huff	01/31/1944-11/26/2024
Charles W. Kittredge	03/02/1926-01/08/2025
Roger S. Leach	11/08/1927-12/27/2024
Terrie A. Lilly	09/20/1945-06/18/2025
Marilyn MacLeod	11/23/1927-09/30/2024
Dorothy E. Pratt	10/12/1921-06/25/2025
Louise T. Snow	01/07/1930-05/30/2025
Lois A. Starbird	09/23/1927-07/17/2025
Philip B. Thomas	03/05/1916-07/23/2025
G. Robert Topliff	01/05/1931-02/27/2025
Bourke C. Trask	06/13/1932-02/27/2025





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Annual Meeting of the Membership  
Friends of the Page Farm and Home Museum  
October 24, 2025  
Agenda

- I. Welcome by Judith Round, Chair BOD
- II. Approve Agenda
- III. Report of the Museum Executive Director
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Finance Report, Amos Orcutt, Finance Chair
  - B. Nominating, Bruce Bowden, *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 2026 Annual Meeting
- VIII. Adjourn



Letter from the Chair of the Board  
October 24, 2025

Thanks to the foresight of the founders of the Page Farm and Home Museum and the many donors who have supported the Museum during both the highs and lows we have faced; I am pleased to report that the Museum is on solid footing. Details are available in the report of our Finance Chair, Amos Orcutt.

Even though the Museum was without indoor plumbing for seven weeks this summer, we were able to reschedule the tours and programs originally scheduled for that time. We have seen a massive increase in college class tours as well as homeschool groups.

We are in the process of restoring the Blacksmith Shop, which was a gift from Charles and Alice Smith. The Carpenter Shop completed the grape arbor, which was extended an additional four feet to meet the entire width of the fencing. They also rebuilt the doors on Anne's house, the garden shed named after long time friend, Anne Johnson.

Matthew Magnani's Museum Anthropology class developed a new virtual tour of the Museum, which can be found on our website and was featured on Fogler Library's Digital Commons@UMaine website.

Staff member Katie has continued to make progress on having all our artifacts digitized, photographed and available for the public to view via our website.

As always, I am grateful for the leadership of Patty Henner and for the continued support of our many friends and donors. We live in uncertain times and fortunes that rise can also fall. Your annual support helps maintain programs and support workstudy students. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Round

Chair, Board of Directors

## 2025 Report of the Executive Director

### Patronage:

Since last October, 2024, we have hosted 47 individual groups, including college classes, area day programs, etc., for tours, individualized programs and/or presentations. In addition, we cataloged 8,177 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 2024/2025, we facilitated 51 field trip experiences for school grades k through high school. Field trip season for school groups is typically April to June. Homeschool field trips are particularly on the rise.

### Outreach and Programming:

Matthew Magnani's Museum Anthropology class developed a new virtual tour of the Museum, which is located on the Virtual Visit page of our website.

Patty and Gretchen, the director of the Hudson Museum, guest lectured Liam Riordan's Local History class in late March. This lecture was followed by a class visit to each facility.

Mary Freeman brought her Maine History class for a presentation and guided tour.

Jordan Ramos hosted *Maine Wild Blueberry Harvest Heritage: painting series, exploring the interconnected relationship between fields and communities* exhibition.

Maine National History Day took place on May 3. We presented a Passport to the Past scavenger hunt activity.

The Great Fall Potato Sale, while not quite as successful as prior years, netted us 144 individual orders. We will need to identify a new vendor, as our current vendor is retiring from farming.

Ye Olde Holiday Shoppe was well attended. The vendors were quite happy. The Museum took a nose-dive financially. We only sold half of our wreaths. Six booked vendors no-showed. With increases in advertising, we realized that we needed to make some changes to the program. We are a non-profit entity and, as such, do not strive to make a fortune, but we would like to break even for this program. This year, we are aligning our shoppe with the Hudson Museum's Holiday Market.

#### Collection:

Galen Lander donated his multi-generationally owned and operated 1939 Allis-Chalmers tractor to us. If you refer to the front cover of the Annual Report, you will see it temporarily parked in front of the garden. Our plan is to move the tractor into the Winston E. Pullen Carriage House before winter.

Katie and (sometimes) Patty are still working through problem files in PastPerfect. Katie is simultaneously inputting new records for recently donated collections. We have several newly donated collections to process. We will provide public access on our website by the end of the calendar year, including photographs in the records files.

#### Operations:

We survived without indoor plumbing for most of the summer due to the discovery of a collapsed sewer pipe tied to the construction of the new Aquaculture Center behind the Museum. We had to reschedule many homeschool field trips, making our busy Fall even busier.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Henner

## Finance Committee Report

October 24, 2025

The Museum has had another financially successful year. We are all very grateful for your support. Carry over funds at the end of fiscal year 2025 (June 30) totaled \$280,487. Revenue was \$182,486 and expense \$160,222 vs the budgeted amounts of \$185,472 and \$186,122 respectively, leaving a carry over of \$22,264 for the fiscal year.

The value of endowments is \$3,499,879 as of 6/30/25. This compares to our endowment value 10 years ago of \$1,885,289 a significant increase. Income from the endowments is \$93,636 which represents a variety of named funds restricted for various purposes.

The Board voted to establish a maintenance reserve account from the Henry & Phyllis Page Endowment Fund (general operating), which will set aside approximately \$30,000 per year.

Because of the Board's and Patty Henner's smart budgeting, planning, and management the museum is financially sound.

We wish to thank the dean of the College of Earth, Life and Health Science, Diane Rowland, and in particular Dr. Lee Hecker, Assistant Director of MAFES for their support of the museum and its advocacy.

I encourage everyone to visit and contribute to the Page Farm and Home Museum which preserves Maine's agricultural heritage.

Amos E. Orcutt

Finance Committee Chair

**University of Maine Foundation**  
**Page Farm Home Museum Endowment Funds**  
**As of June 30, 2025**

<b>Description</b>			<b>Market</b>
	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>FY26 Income</b>
Chute, Pamela D. Fund	181,000	214,998	5,804
Coffin, John W. & Miriam H. Fund	2,374	3,983	108
Holmes, Jane Fund	50,487	87,250	2,356
Lafayette Hotels/Danny & Carla Lafayette	15,000	34,306	480
Loring, Ellen J. Fund	288,061	412,427	10,828
Lurvey, Mildred E. Fund	3,102	7,280	197
Orcutt, Amos E. & Lola R. Fund	19,041	26,690	718
Page, Henry and Phyllis Page Fund	795,158	1,119,158	30,215
Page Farm and Home Museum Fund II	1,076,853	1,499,338	40,463
Piper, Helen D. and Edward H. Piper Fund	8,674	13,334	360
Ploch, Louis A. and E. Jean Fund	4,281	6,640	179
Pullen, Winston E. & Mary N. Fund	30,830	43,153	1,165
Smith, Charles B. Jr. & J. Alice Smith Fund	20,100	28,347	763
Wade, Laurence V. & Deanna L. Fund	2,000	2,975	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,496,962</b>	<b>3,499,879</b>	<b>93,636</b>

**Quasi-Endowed Funds**

J&H Emerson Maintenance Fund	6,839	10,841
Henry & Phyllis Page Reserve Fund	15,003	15,208

**Future Commitments**

		<b>Fair Market Value as of:</b>
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>153,306</b>	



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## FY2025 Final: FY2026 Budget

REVENUE	'25 Budget	Actual	Variance	%V	'26 Budget
Gifts from Corp. / Found.	20,000.00	20,010.00	10.00	100%	20,000.00
Gifts from Individuals	750.00	725.00	(25.00)	97%	750.00
Gifts from Alumni	500.00	500.00	-	100%	500.00
Gifts from UMS Foundations	<u>16,375.00</u>	<u>24,400.00</u>	<u>8,025.00</u>	<u>149%</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
<b>Gifts</b>	<b>37,625.00</b>	<b>45,635.00</b>	<b>8,010.00</b>	<b>121%</b>	<b>31,250.00</b>
UM Foundation Payout	92,478.00	92,478.00	-	100%	93,636.00
MCF Distribution	8,000.00	7,990.00	(10.00)	100%	8,000.00
Program Revenue	1,000.00	813.00	(187.00)	81%	350.00
Education and General	35,369.00	34,151.00	(1,218.00)	97%	34,834.00
Tmp Invest Income Dist	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>12,171.99</u>	<u>2,171.99</u>	<u>122%</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
<b>Transfers in/ E&amp;G</b>	<b>146,847.00</b>	<b>136,850.99</b>	<b>(9,996.01)</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>146,820.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>184,472.00</b>	<b>182,485.99</b>	<b>(1,986.01)</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>178,070.00</b>
Non Faculty Salaries	63,786.76	65,096.44	(1,309.68)	102%	66,660.26
Non Faculty Benefits	32,531.25	28,087.16	4,444.08	86%	29,330.51
Professional Salaries	30,560.40	29,036.63	1,523.77	95%	40,213.34
Professional Benefits	15,585.80	12,689.01	2,896.79	81%	17,693.87
Student Wages	<u>12,000.00</u>	<u>9,030.93</u>	<u>2,969.07</u>	<u>75%</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>154,464.21</b>	<b>143,940.17</b>	<b>10,524.03</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>165,897.98</b>
<b>Supplies and Services</b>					
Prof. Affiliations & conf. reg	250.00	236.00	14.00	94%	250.00
Svcs. Non-Empl. (Security)	456.00	456.00	-	100%	456.00
Supplies & Materials	7,500.00	6,807.41	692.59	91%	7,500.00
Postage & Shipping	150.00	168.69	(18.69)	112%	150.00
Printing and Copying	2,250.00	940.72	559.28	42%	1,500.00
Travel	1,000.00	372.06	627.94	37%	1,000.00
Travel Grant	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	0%	2,000.00
Facility Maintenance	3,000.00	910.70	2,089.30	30%	3,000.00
Alterations & Improv.	3,500.00	-	3,500.00	0%	3,500.00
Rentals & Leases	252.00	-	252.00	0%	252.00
Advertising	900.00	873.98	26.02	97%	900.00
Catering/meals	2,400.00	1,628.12	771.88	68%	1,800.00
Software/Support	3,000.00	3,887.73	(887.73)	130%	800.00
equipment <5000	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>0%</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Supplies and Svcs</b>	<b>31,658.00</b>	<b>16,281.41</b>	<b>14,626.59</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>23,108.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>185,472.00</b>	<b>182,485.99</b>	<b>(1,986.01)</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>178,070.00</b>
Salaries and Benefits	154,464.21	143,940.17	10,524.03	93%	165,897.98
Operating Expenses	<u>31,658.00</u>	<u>16,281.41</u>	<u>14,626.59</u>	<u>51%</u>	<u>23,108.00</u>
<b>Total Net Expenses</b>	<b>186,122.21</b>	<b>160,221.58</b>	<b>25,150.62</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>189,005.98</b>
<b>Revenue - Expenses</b>	<b>(650.21)</b>	<b>22,264.41</b>	<b>23,164.61</b>		<b>(10,935.98)</b>
<b>Carry-over FY24</b>	<b>258,000.00</b>	<b>258,222.76</b>			
<b>Balance</b>	<b>257,349.79</b>	<b>280,487.17</b>			

## 2025 Nominating Committee Report

The committee, consisting of, Chair Bruce Bowden; Amos Orcutt; Mike Pullen; 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	Judith Round		See Rules below
Vice Chair	Bruce Bowden		See Rules below
Clerk			
Finance Chair	Amos Orcutt		See Rules below
Member at Large	Gerry Page		See Rules below

Board Member	Jackie Emerson	2026	Second term expires 2026
Board Member	Neil Crane	2027	First term expires 2027
Board Member	Mary Bird	2027	First term expires 2027
Board Member	David Bagley	2027	First term expires 2027
Board Member		2025	
NSFA Coordinator	Lee Hecker		Non-expiring position
Facilities Rep	Joshua Young		Non-expiring position
Emeritus	Larry Wade		
Honorary	Mike Pullen		
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.

We are pleased this year to recognize the efforts and commitment of Alex.



Alexandra Ruff is a fourth-year biochemistry student; she joined the Museum staff in May of 2023 and quickly became an integral part of the crew.

Alex is quick to lend a hand for any project, be it hauling potatoes or assisting with school tours, and always brightens up the Museum with her cheerful attitude and bubbly personality.

Alexandra is truly deserving of this year's Adam Fielding Davis Student Employee of the Year Award.

Thank you, Alex!

## 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.

With great pleasure and much appreciation, we are happy to announce that Boris Slopac is our Hugh Murphy Volunteer of the Year Award recipient for 2025.

Boris has quickly become at home at the Museum, learning and taking in all that he can about the facility and our artifacts.

Boris has been a great addition to the team, helping with odd jobs and joining us in programming for school groups and the Orono community.

Alas, we will be losing Boris as a volunteer in January, as he will join the student body at the University of Maine.

Thank you for all you do, Boris!





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