



*Plein Air at 1737 Luykas Van Alen House*

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# COLUMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## CCHS UPDATE 2021

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# COLUMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*Dear Members and Friends of the CCHS,*

Despite complications facing us during the continuance of the pandemic, we have been able to continue our mission.

Currently we look forward to renewing our winter lecture series via Zoom, giving guided tours by advance appointments to several new exhibits in our museum galleries and the James Vanderpoel House, preparing our next issue of our magazine to be devoted to Columbia County in celebration of the forthcoming 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Revolution, while we are completing our second season of Drive Through History self-guided road trips.

For the second consecutive year we experienced a significant increase in new memberships.

A number of cultural grants have been awarded to us during 2021 from Humanities New York, Hudson River Bank & Trust Foundation, and the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

We are hopeful the day will soon come when we can open our historic properties on a normal basis and see our members, visitors and friends in person! Thank you for your support.

*Robert Peduzzi*  
*President, Board of Trustees*

## EARLY HERITAGE OF COLUMBIA COUNTY PERMANENT EXHIBIT

This November saw the installation of a new permanent outdoor exhibit at our Rural Properties consisting of eight narrative panels which can be viewed year-round from dawn to dusk.

CCHS staff researched and developed the panels, which explore facets of the County's diverse history, including: early Dutch settlers, colonial Dutch architecture, rural education, the literary legacy of Washington Irving in Kinderhook, and a 1952 radio broadcast by Eleanor Roosevelt at the Ichabod Crane Schoolhouse. For a panel on the Indigenous peoples of the area, we partnered with Heather Bruegl of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians.

The exhibit was made possible by grants from Dutch Culture USA | The Embassy of the Netherlands in New York, Hudson River Bank & Trust Foundation, Humanities New York, County of Columbia, and Hudson River Valley Greenway.



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## THREE EXHIBITS NOW ON VIEW BY APPT.

Please visit [www.CCHSNY.ORG/visit](http://www.CCHSNY.ORG/visit) to book your visit.

### REFINEMENT, GRACE & SYMMETRY: FEDERAL STYLE IN AMERICA



Presenting paintings, fashions, furnishings and decorative arts of the Federal Period (1790-1830). Currently installed in the Masters and Callan Galleries, James Vanderpoel 'House of History.'

### CASED PHOTOGRAPHS



Highlighting early photography processes, with more than fifty daguerreotypes, ambrotypes and tintypes dating from the 1840s through the 1860s. On view in our upstairs Alcove Gallery, CCHS

### EARLY HAND TOOLS & FARM IMPLEMENTS



Early handmade tools; and early fabricated farm implements from our Permanent Collection and loaned from private collections. Both floors of the Museum Galleries.



## COLUMBIA COUNTY HISTORY & HERITAGE MAGAZINE

Published annually, *Columbia County History & Heritage* magazine explores the people, places and stories that have shaped the history and culture of Columbia County, and is a benefit of CCHS membership. Our 2021 issue, *Dutch Culture in the Hudson Valley*, features some of the foremost voices on the New Netherland colony and Dutch settlers in New York, including a lead article by bestselling author Russell Shorto.

In 2022 look for our next issue, "Revolution!," part one of a two-part series ...

## 2021 UPDATE FINANCIAL POSITION

The physical assets of the Columbia County Historical Society include its collections of more than 15,000 works of art and other historical objects and furnishings; 60 acres of land in Columbia County; and four historic properties: Luykas Van Alen House, Ichabod Crane Schoolhouse, James Vanderpoel 'House of History' and the CCHS Museum & Library building.

At year end 2020 the Historical Society's current liquid assets totaled \$65,967, all of which is restricted and unrestricted cash; liabilities totaled \$13,720.

The Historical Society has no debt.

## Columbia County Historical Society Financial Overview Twelve months ending 12/31/20

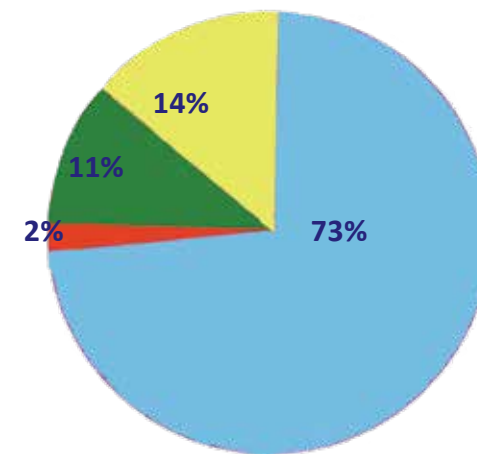
### Operating Income

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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Individual Contributions           | 166,916        |
| Membership                         | 24,465         |
| Corporate, Government, Foundations | 33,174         |
| Lectures and Other Income          | 4,714          |
| <b>Total Ordinary Income</b>       | <b>229,269</b> |

### Expenses

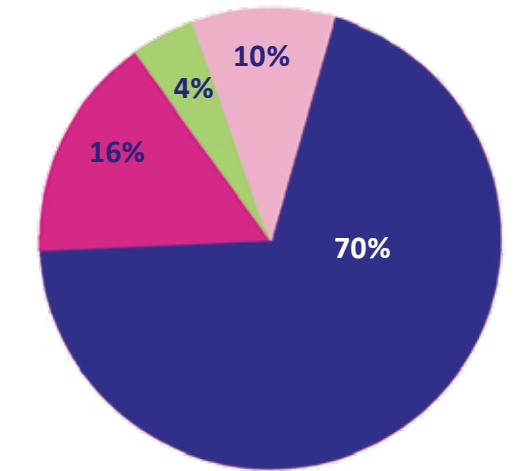
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| Development                                | 12,548         |
| Education, Exhibits, Collections, Programs | 195,302        |
| Properties, Maintenance, Insurance         | 44,859         |
| Administrative                             | 27,277         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                      | <b>279,987</b> |

### Operating Income



- Individual Contributions
- Corporate, Government, Foundation Income
- Membership
- Lectures & Other Programs

### Expenses



- Development
- Education, Programs, Exhibits & Collections
- Properties
- Administrative

# 2021 CCHS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

## VANDERPOEL HOUSE RESTORATIONS UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that exterior weatherization updates to the James Vanderpoel 'House of History' are complete! This essential project, funded by a 2019 grant from the Gerry Charitable Trust, included repair of damaged window sills, repainting of exterior windows, and restoration of 16 wooden shutters by Preservation Carpentry students at Columbia-Greene Community College.



## BELATED VANDERPOEL BIRTHDAY FÊTE

On a steamy August evening, we welcomed guests onto the rear lawn of the James Vanderpoel 'House of History' for our annual First Columbians fundraiser, belatedly celebrating 200 years of the Federal-era landmark after our 2020 gala was put on hold due to the pandemic. With live jazz to set the scene, we marked the occasion with *hors d'œuvres*, artisanal spirits, and a decadent offering of birthday cupcakes!



## SPRING DISCUSSION COLLABORATION: J.M. KAPLAN FUND



In April, CCHS partnered with the J.M. Kaplan Fund to present a virtual round-table discussion on the philanthropic legacy of Joan Davidson, coinciding with the release of Roberta Brandes Gratz's new book *It's a Helluva Town: Joan K. Davidson, the J.M. Kaplan Fund, and the Fight for a Better New York*.

## LIVINGSTON FAMILY PORTRAITS RESTORED

During 2021, CCHS oversaw the conservation of two late-18<sup>th</sup> to mid-19<sup>th</sup> century portraits in our Permanent Collection: *Portrait of Mrs. Livingston (Margaret Livingston Livingston)*, attributed to Monsieur Robert, and *Portrait of Moncrieff*



## DUTCH FARMING HERITAGE TRAIL

The Dutch Farming Heritage Trail, located on NY-9H behind our Rural Properties, is a popular spot year-round. Now adjacent to the new Cultural Legacy narrative wayside panels. Open from dawn to dusk.



## RESEARCH LIBRARY NOW OPEN BY APPOINTMENT



Barbara P. Rielly Memorial Research Library, CCHS

During the past 18 months our research library has been busy fulfilling a record number of research requests. We are now accepting in-person appointments at CCHS' Library. Please visit [www.CCHSNY.ORG/visit](http://www.CCHSNY.ORG/visit) to book your visit.

## DRIVE THROUGH HISTORY ROLLS ON

Our *Drive Through History* road trip program hit the road once again in 2021, with five new itineraries exploring Columbia County culture and heritage. First launched in Summer 2020, these free, self-guided driving tours invite visitors and our community to safely learn about history at their own pace.



## COLUMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

a 501(c)(3) cultural education organization was founded in 1916 and chartered by the Board of Regents of NYS Department of Education to collect, preserve, interpret and present the history, heritage and culture of Columbia County, New York. In addition to a research library and museum with permanent collections of more than 15,000 objects, CCHS owns and maintains the 1737 Luykas Van Alen House, c.1820 James Vanderpoel 'House of History' and c.1850 Ichabod Crane Schoolhouse.

