The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House



2017 Annual Report

A Note About Our Cover Photo:

During our 15th Annual Colonial Christmas, 325 school-aged children visited the Jacobus Vanderveer House during our weekday devoted to educating school groups. Thanks to funding from the **Anne L. and George H. Clapp Charitable and Educational Trust** and transportation donated by **Barker Bus Company**, third through fifth-grade students from three public schools and three homeschool groups enjoyed an interactive performance by Betsy Ross, portrayed by Kim Hanley of Philadelphia's American Historical Theatre. Ms. Ross discussed her life and challenges during the American Revolution while cutting a five-point star to be sewn onto the first United States "stars and stripes" flag. The children were also treated to military demonstrations by members of John Lambs Artillery Company and learned about domestic life during the Colonial period, courtesy of Lady Ellen Ruck.

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1 Message From The President

Dear Friends,

This is a museum built by the community for the community.

Every year, we open our Dutch doors to increasing numbers of visitors of all ages, cultures and interests from New Jersey and beyond. We bring together children and adults, seniors and veterans, heritage groups and historians.

We educate, entertain, and enlighten them. We facilitate discussion and debate, and we further the study of a little known period of Revolutionary War history that happened here, in Bedminster, in Somerset County!

I'm delighted to be a part of it, and your generous support shows that you are, too! Thank you! Your contributions have a "revolutionary" impact on fulfilling the mission set forth by our founding members 20 years ago.

In these pages, you'll see the impact of your support. You'll read how we've engaged more visitors, members, and community partners through communications, public programming, education and outreach, and leadership.

Building for our future will require continued support from our community. Within the next 18 months we hope to raise the barn that is the focus of our Raising The Bar(N) Capital Campaign. It will provide much-needed space for our educational programming. It will provide a secure, permanent exhibition space for the thousands of Revolutionary War artifacts excavated 30 years ago during the Pluckemin Archaeology Dig. *And*, it will become a very special venue for our community.

Thank you for making a revolutionary difference in our past, present and future!

Sincerely,

Craig Sutherland

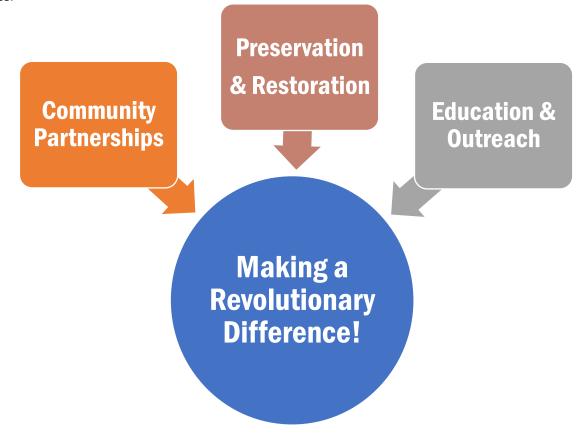


2 | Fulfilling Our Mission

In 1998, The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House embarked on an ambitious mission . . .

To restore, develop and operate the Jacobus Vanderveer House property, significant in United States Revolutionary War military history, as a nationally important site and an educational and community resource.

In 2017, we continued to make great strides towards fulfilling that mission by focusing on key areas to engage visitors of all ages, cultures, and interest in our historic site.



3 The Impact of Your Support in 2017

155,000

Dollars in Donations to the Jacobus Vanderveer House

44,000

Social Media Impressions

4,500

Visitors to the Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum

1,800

School-aged children learned about the Vanderveer House, General Knox and local Revolutionary War history

150

Museum Members

35

Foundations and Corporate Partners sponsored our programs

20

Public programs engaged visitors of all ages

4 Education & Outreach



How About A Pony Ride With That History Lesson?

On Thursday, June 22, children ages 6-12 were invited to attend a half-day educational program, called *Pony Tales*. The children learned about 16-year-old Sybil Ludington, who rode 40 miles on the night of April 26, 1777, on her pony named Star, to alert militia forces about the approach of British troops to Danbury, Conn. The story was told by Bedminster resident Carol Simon Levin, a youth services librarian at the Bridgewater branch of the Somerset County Library. The children acted out roles in the story and following the fascinating tale, had the opportunity to ride ponies themselves and learn about horse care. Ponies were provided by PonyShare, an award-winning mobile equine program, based in Morris County.

According to historians, after the battle in Danbury, George Washington traveled to the Ludington home to thank Sybil personally for her role in stopping the British advance into New York. She rode twice the distance of Paul Revere and, unlike Revere, was not apprehended. If paintings and statues of her are accurate, she also did it sidesaddle. Now THAT'S a history lesson these children will never forget!



Field of Honor® Benefits Veterans

On Sunday, July 2, The Friends welcomed Congressman Leonard Lance (NJ-07), Bedminster Township Mayor Steve Parker, veterans, and approximately 165 local residents to a community picnic, featuring a Field of Honor® display of 200 American flags, at River Road Park. The flags, standing seven feet, were purchased by individuals and tagged with personal messages to loved ones. Many others offered support for our nation's active duty servicemen and women.

Picnic-goers enjoyed live music by Hoi Polloi, grilled fare served up by chefs from Trattoria Mediterranea, of Bedminster, and tours of the circa-1772 Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum. The event, sponsored by Trump National Golf Club, Ferriero Engineering, Investors Bank, Far Hills Pharmacy, and Lighting Elysium, raised \$3,000 for VetRest, a non-profit organization helping veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS).

Kids "Dig" History And Uncover Important Evidence At Archaeology Camp



Eighteen children in grades 3 through 7 got a hands-on lesson in archaeology and how it relates to local history when they uncovered evidence of an early barn foundation and other outbuildings on the Vanderveer property during archaeology camp. The field work was conducted August 24-28 at two 2 ½ by 10-foot trenches, each extending north to south, at the site of an 1850's barn that was destroyed by fire in the 1950's.

The archaeology camp, offered by The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House in partnership with the Township of Bedminster Recreation Department, involved an authentic field study, led by archaeologists from Hunter Research Inc., of Trenton. What the campers found will assist The Friends in determining the location at which to reconstruct our recently acquired 1830 Dutch barn.

The campers, who ranged in age from eight to twelve years old, acknowledged that the digging had added meaning when they understood how it related to the history of the circa 1772 farmstead, which was once owned by Jacobus Vanderveer, who lent his home to General Henry Knox during the winter of 1778-79 while Knox commanded America's first military training academy in Pluckemin (known as the Pluckemin Artillery Cantonment).



Hunter Research Archaeologist Joshua Butchko indicated that, in addition to fragments of coal, charcoal and brick, the campers found pieces of glass, nails, and some unique late-18th century/early 19th century ceramic stoneware that would, most likely, match other items found closer to the Vanderveer House.

The camp, which received a historic preservation and history award in 2016 from the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission, was made possible by a grant from Investors Bank Foundation and the Anne L. and George H. Clapp Charitable and Educational Trust.

Throughout the week, campers also learned more about Colonial life during a field trip to East Jersey Olde Towne Village in Piscataway, where they visited the home of Elias Vanderveer, younger brother of Jacobus Vanderveer. Students met 18th Century re-enactors and Colonial demonstrators, who led an interactive presentation on the earliest inhabitants of the area — the Lenape Indians — and supervised them in activities such as clay pottery and ice cream making, open hearth cooking; and a mock artillery drill and attack led by a re-enactor portraying black Revolutionary War hero Ned Hector.

Watch a video of the campers in action: https://youtu.be/fmPrpxtrrlo

5 | Financial Statement

THE FRIENDS OF THE JACOBUS VANDERVEER HOUSE

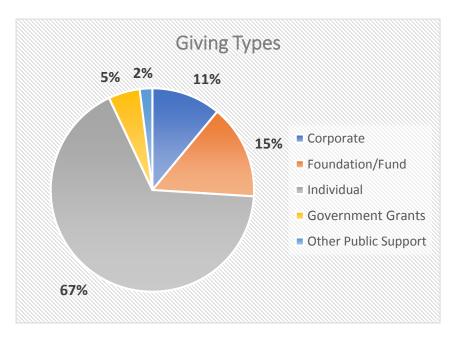
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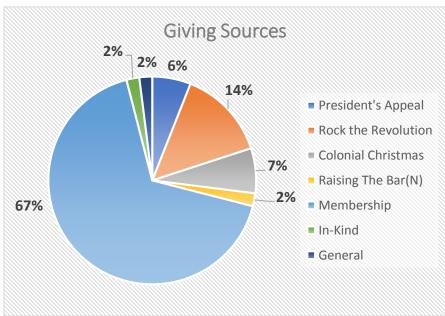
		Temporarily		Permanently		Total				
	Un	Unrestricted		estricted	Restricted		2016		2015	
Operating revenues and other support										
Public support	\$	106,222	\$	37,000	-	\$	143,222	\$	222,513	
Government grants		6,265		94,190	-		100,455		12,131	
Investment income		173		107	-		280		190	
Net assets released from restrictions		87,800		(87,800)	-		-			
Total operating revenues and other support		200,460		43,497	-		243,957		234,834	
Operating expenses										
Program	\$	184,408		-	-	\$	184,408	\$	198,800	
Management and general		39,733		-	-		39,733		29,235	
Total supporting services		224,141		-	-		224,141		228,035	
Change in net assets		(23,681)		43,497	-		19,816		6,799	
Net assets at beginning of year	1	,400,196		95,277	-	:	1,495,473		1,488,674	
Net assets at end of year	\$1	,376,515	\$	138,774	-	\$1	1,515,289	\$1	.,496,473	

6 Building for the Future & Development

Corporate, foundation, individual, municipal, county, state, and heritage partnerships are essential to helping us provide quality educational programming. From subsidizing the cost of our award-winning archaeology camp or re-enactors to bussing elementary students to our historic site, our partners are making a revolutionary difference in educating others about Revolutionary War history.

Giving Update





Community Partnerships



Foundation Partnerships

Our Archaeology Camp was made possible by a grant from one of our Foundation Partners, Investors Bank Foundation. During the week-long program, campers assisted by archaeologists from Hunter Research, Inc. of Trenton, uncovered evidence of an early barn foundation and other outbuildings on the Vanderveer House property. Antie Celli (fourth from left), Pluckemin Branch Manager for Investors Bank, and Barbara Gray, Personal Banker, Investors Bank (fourth from right), present a check on behalf of Investors Bank Foundation to children and counselors attending Archaeology Camp.



Heritage Partnerships

One of the many benefits of our Heritage Partnership with the Crossroads of the American Revolution is the opportunity to take our educational programming to larger unique venues, such as TD Bank Ballpark. In July, the Friends offered baseball fans and pint-size patriots the opportunity to put their own John Hancock on a replica of the Declaration of Independence during Revolutionary Spirit Night, hosted by the Somerset Patriots.

Community Partnerships (Continued)



Museum Partnerships

The Friend's partnership with Morristown National Historic Park affords the opportunity to collaborate on educational programming at our respective venues. In 2017, the museum partners co-sponsored a program on the famous duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr, portrayed here by actors from Philadelphia's American Historical Theatre with Jude Pfister, Chief of Cultural Resources at Morristown National Historic Park (center).



Corporate/Business Partnerships

In July, the Friends hosted our 2nd Annual *Field of Honor*®. This powerful, moving and patriotic community event was made possible thanks to support from our Corporate and Local Business Partners.

The Friends continue to work closely with the Township of Bedminster as owners of this historic property. We are grateful to the town for their continuing support.

Fundraising Events

Rock the Revolution at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club



On Friday, April 28, The Friends of The Jacobus Vanderveer House hosted a *Rock The Revolution* dinner dance at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club to raise funds to erect an early 19th century Dutch barn on the historic Vanderveer property. More than 100 supporters danced the night away to all-time favorite tunes while pitching in to purchase building materials for the barn in the Lend-A-Hand Silent Auction. Rather than purchase items for themselves, guests bought items for the barn, such as buckets of nails, gallons of paint, doors, windows, and cabinets for artifact storage. One hundred percent of the nearly \$40,000 raised at the event benefited The Friends' Raising the Bar(N) Capital Campaign.

We are especially grateful for the evening's sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Molé; The Andrew S. Gaffney Foundation; Glenmede; J.M. Stringer Gallery of Fine Art; Fiddlers Elbow; Bevan, Mosca & Giuditta, P.C.; R. Craig & Elizabeth Sutherland; CohnReznick; Design Consultants; Investors Bank; & Camelot Custom Building.

We are also thankful for the time and talents of some very special individuals: our Honorary Chair Jeanne Galbraith; our Chair Paula Runnells; our energetic event committee; Lady Ellen Ruck for her beautifully attired Colonial models; Mr. Robert Matthews, our host member at Fiddler's Elbow; and our trustees – especially Leslie Mole and Jennifer Becker – who served as vice chairs of the event.

We were delighted to welcome two former Bedminster mayors, both of whom have been steadfast supporters: the Hon. Robert Holtaway and the Hon. Joseph Metelski. We were also proud to have with us Ellen Vreeland, the Friends' second president and one of the founding members of the dream team who helped mastermind the preservation and rehabilitation of the Jacobus Vanderveer House, as well as its signature fundraising event, Colonial Christmas.







15th Annual Colonial Christmas – Fundraiser and "Friendraiser"

Colonial Christmas Draws Nearly 2,000 Visitors From Near And Far

Visitors of all ages – and from near and far – enjoyed the sights and sounds of Christmas past and present during the Friends' 15th Annual Colonial Christmas. The two weekend-long event — sponsored by Bevan, Mosca & Giuditta, P.C.; Investors Bank; Meeker Sharkey & Hurley; The Provident Bank Foundation, Yolanda A. Cillo, M.D.; and Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Molé – kicked off with a tree lighting on Friday, November 24 (sponsored by Investors Bank) and continued through Sunday, December 3.

The popular fundraiser featured tours of the circa 1772 museum, which was festively decorated for the holidays by Lynn and Jessica Angelone of Angelone's Florist in Raritan, Gail Whiting of Design Consultants in Bedminster, Susan Miniman of Susan Laura Interior Design in Bedminster along with her daughter Sara Miniman, broker/manager of Weichert's Bedminster office and Jeanne Galbraith, of Mendham. Visitors also enjoyed holiday shopping with boutique merchants and artisans; a Colonial Café, courtesy of Morristown's George & Martha's American Grille; Colonial musicians, re-enactors and crafters; pet photos with Santa Paws; military demonstrations; an exhibition of Revolutionary War documents; a reindeer program; Santa visits; a gingerbread house workshop for children; and a holiday decorating workshop for adults with Laura Clare.

Proceeds from Colonial Christmas benefit exhibit development, historical interpretations, educational events, and leadership programs offered throughout the year.





7 Preservation & Restoration

To further its mission of restoring, developing and operating the Jacobus Vanderveer house property as a national historic site and an educational and community resource, The Friends of The Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum have launched a Raising the Bar(N) Capital Campaign to raise an early 19th century barn, which will become the centerpiece of a planned farmstead surrounding Bedminster's historic Jacobus Vanderveer House. The farmstead will include a barnyard and kitchen garden, as well as outbuildings, such as a hay barrack, kitchen garden, privy and smokehouse.

The barn is currently housed in a trailer on the Vanderveer property. Once it is reassembled and completed, the 33' x 51' barn will provide much-needed year-round space for meetings, community events, and educational programming; exhibitions; and a secure repository for thousands of archaeological artifacts that were excavated during the Pluckemin Archaeology Project (1981-89) — one of the most significant Revolutionary War archaeological investigations ever undertaken.

These artifacts and the accompanying documentation are currently being housed in a warehouse facility in Central New Jersey. Once these artifacts can be permanently stored in a climate-controlled facility, they will be available for exhibition and interpretation to the thousands of history lovers who reside in Somerset County and the greater New York area. In addition, the adaptive reuse of this rare and important historic Dutch barn will enable the nationwide community of American History scholars to gain access to these artifacts to further the study of the Pluckemin Artillery Barracks of 1778-79 and its significance to our nation's history.

The Friends envision the barn to become a unique venue for public, private and corporate events that will help financially sustain the historic property's future maintenance and operational costs.

In June 2016, a \$94,190 Historic Preservation Grant from the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders funded the acquisition and relocation of the early 19th century barn from a private property on Old York Road, Branchburg to the grounds of the Jacobus Vanderveer House. While the grant from Somerset County covered the cost of dismantling and relocating the barn, preparation of National and New Jersey Register nomination forms, initial construction documentation and schematic designs, additional funds must be raised to construct a new foundation, reassemble and repair the historic frame, and enclose the barn with new siding, roof, windows and doors. The remaining phases of the farmstead project are estimated to cost \$1.4 million. To date, \$200,000 has been raised toward that goal.

We look forward to securing additional support for this important project in the coming year.

Raising the BAR(N)





Figure 1 - Schematic Design (Exterior)

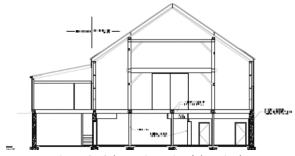


Figure 2 - Schematic Design (Elevation)

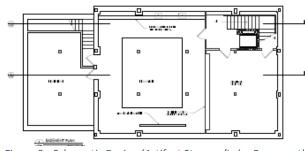


Figure 3 - Schematic Design (Artifact Storage/Lab - Basement)

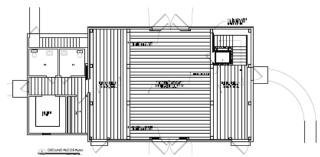


Figure 4 - Schematic Design (Public Space - Main Floor)

8 Our Members

This Annual Report is a tribute to the philanthropy of individuals, corporations, foundations, and organizations who contributed to The Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum during 2017. We are profoundly grateful for their generosity.

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