HEARTHSIDE'S 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Major Event:** Held our 3rd 1904 World's Fair, with the most participation yet, from sponsors, presenters, and attendees. Introduced new partnerships and presentations with Bryant University Confucius Institute, RI Manufacturers Council, Eastern Medicine Singers and Native American dancers; and RI Genealogical Society
- **Programming:** Introduced new and unique programming with a Revolutionary War Reenactment, Downton Abbey Fox Hunt and Luncheon at Chase Farm Park; partnering with Heritage Ballet for incorporating Sleeping Beauty into our opening tour day; hosting the Massachusetts Bay Colony Antique Phonograph Society meeting and exhibit on antique phonographs; recorded performance on antique piano onto Edison phonograph with two young pianists
- **Special Project:** Completed Hearthside dollhouse feature in hallway bookcase
- **Gift Shop:** Expanded selection of items, including a 1904 World's Fair magazine that we enhanced with additions on Rhode Island's participation at the Fair, resulting in year-end profit for the first time in the Shop.
- **Education:** Began to develop educational programming, with the first program offering being a course on Cursive Writing.
- **Restoration:** Rebuilt floor of gazebo and completed painting of rear bedroom, master bedroom woodwork, and servant's quarter's floor, ceiling, and walls.
- **Publicity:** Featured on a regular basis in *Providence Journal* and *The Valley Breeze*, with several front page articles on our major events. Articles in magazines include *Rhode Island Monthly* feature article on Lincoln which showcased Hearthside and Chase Farm. Personal appearances on *GoLocalProv Live* to promote World's Fair and speaking engagement at South County History Center on Victorian Mourning. Created promotional ad showcasing Great Road Moshassuck District historic sites to place in area publications.
- **Recognition:** Selected by *Yankee Magazine* for the Best in New England Editor's Choice as "Best Historical Experience in RI." Also selected as "Top Five Places in NE with Romantic History," and "Best Old-Fashioned Christmas," resulting in three feature articles in one year.
- **Collections:** Numerous private donations of artifacts and hundreds of antique clothing pieces from North Smithfield Historical Association.
- **Partnerships:** University of Rhode Island Textile Department for conservation of a select sampling of dresses as part of Community Partnership project; Rhode Island College Public History intern; Brown University panelist on Utilizing Archives; RI Historic Sites Marketing Alliance Reciprocal Membership Benefit Program.
- **Grants:** $10,000 Community Grant from Rhode Island Foundation for schoolhouse restoration; selected as the showcase project and hosted statewide grant awards ceremony. $1,000 CVS Volunteer Challenge Grant.
- **Chase Farm Park:** Provided oversight and in-kind labor for restoration and interpretation of Pullen's Corner Schoolhouse; Replaced Blacksmith Shop roof with funding through town budget resolution
- **Visitations:** Hosted 3,370 visitors through 32 tours, programs and special events. Partnered with RI Historical Sites in a Reciprocal Membership program to offer free tours for one month for members from participating museums
- **Volunteers:** From January through December, 110 volunteers logged in over 8,000 hours valued at $24.14 per hour = $193,120 donated labor.