A Year of Change

2021 was another year of growth and change for the NCHGS team. I want to thank our members, volunteers, community members, and friends for supporting us through another year of changing pandemic protocols, countless Zoom meetings, and ever adjusting programs and events.

There were many staff changes throughout the year. We said goodbye to longtime assistant curator, Jean Bemesderfer upon her move to Texas. Our education coordinator, Holly Houser, accepted a full-time teaching position, and our beloved executive director, Carey Birgel, stepped away upon her husband’s retirement.

I want to personally thank the Board of Trustees for their trust in me to serve as the next Executive Director of NCHGS. It is a pleasure and honor to lead our tightly knit team of stellar professionals who are a delight to work with every day. I want to especially thank President Steve Jensen for his gracious support during this transition. He has been extremely kind and a steady source of wisdom and thoughtfulness.

Continuing with changes, NCHGS gained three new staff members in 2021: David Nonnemaker joined us as Development Associate, Brad Davis as Curator of Collections & Exhibitions, and Taylor Garrison as Outreach Assistant. We are thrilled to welcome each to the team.

We are happy to report that attendance is near pre-pandemic numbers. We developed tours and programs (both in-person and virtual) to provide guests with new and updated ways to explore Northampton County’s history.

You will notice in this report, we had a very busy year. Some highlights include:

- The Lehigh Valley Wine Auction & Gala, hosted by Celia Welch, was a smashing success.
- "Another American’s Autobiography" exhibition opening was attended by over 200 members and friends.
- Our grant writing and fundraising was extremely successful.
- The new "Eerier Easton" walking tour sold over 300 tickets.

Our team worked hard all year to provide the community with relevant programming and activities. We seek to be a place where our guests can see history from a completely new perspective. We want to be a place of positive change in Northampton County. We are dedicated to growing our network and ensuring every member of the community feels that they have a place at NCHGS.

Megan van Ravenswaay, Executive Director
What Is Culture Connect?

Culture Connect is an online platform that allows you to experience NCHGS in the palm of your hand. We want you to enjoy tours, exhibitions, and more virtually, from the comfort of your own couch. Culture Connect also allows you to easily renew your NCHGS membership and connect with us.

Members can access all Culture Connect materials for FREE!

Culture Connect Highlights

- History & Tours:
  - NCHGS history
  - Sigal Museum history
  - In-depth tour of Sigal Museum’s first floor permanent exhibition
- Activities for Families:
  - "Take a close look" activity
  - Scavenger hunt
- Student Story Spotlight
- Premium Content:
  - Historic Easton Tour
  - Easily Renew Your Membership

Coming soon to Culture Connect

- New tours will be added often! Coming in 2022:
  - Jewish history in Easton tour
  - Northampton County A-Z tour
- Resources for students
  - Tours for 3rd - 5th graders

Scan to access Culture Connect immediately:
Collections Management

- In 2021, NCHGS began to develop a plan to inventory, manage, and care for the museum collection. Several projects are in initial stages.
- Volunteers inventoried the ceramics collection. After completing the inventory, pieces will be displayed in "visible storage" on the third floor of the Sigal Museum.
- NCHGS received anonymous support to hire a library registrar to assist with the implementation of a new collections plan.

Another American's Autobiography:

"Another American's Autobiography" is a temporary exhibition in the Sigal Museum's Chrin Gallery. It was designed and created in collaboration with the Petrucci Family Foundation's Collection of African American Art.

The exhibition features over 25 pieces of art which focuses on the theme of American patriotism and identity as it relates to Black Americans.

"Another American's Autobiography" has been widely praised by visitors and featured in print and virtual media. The exhibit runs until July 10, 2022.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

334 Eerie Easton Tickets Sold

Program & Event Highlights
- Oral and photo history workshops
- Discovery Room grand opening and Cops 'N' Kids of Easton events
- Exhibition opening for "Another American's Autobiography"
- Heritage Day 2021
- Lehigh Valley Wine Auction & Gala
- Passport to History month
- Winter Village featuring visits from Santa
- Book talks with Rebecca Price Janney and Jeremy Zallen
- "Hidden Mothers: A Conversation with Artists Emilio Rojas and Laura Larson" program
- Día de los Muertos in-person program with Adriana Santos

Jane S. Moyer Memorial Library

Total research requests filled: 42
In-person researchers helped: 22
Members using "Free Research" passes: 3
Reporters and Media researchers: 1
Lafayette student researchers helped: 1

Left: Eerie Easton Tour guided by a costumed docent.
Above: Adriana Santos at the Día de Los Muertos event.
The Sigal Museum bounces back:

2021 Visitor Breakdown

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2,164 Visitors

Discovery Room: Grand Opening

On June 26, 2021 we held a grand opening event for the new Discovery Room.

The Discovery Room is a place to play, explore, and discover how much fun art and history are! Kids (and those young at heart) enjoy hands-on activities, costumes, instruments, and games.

Cops ‘N’ Kids of Easton's reading room is housed in the Discovery Room. Cops ‘N’ Kids holds themed storytime readings and crafts and hands-on activities. It is open every Thursday from 11am-2pm and every 1st and 3rd Saturday from 11am-2pm.

Access Programs

- Free admission Sundays & Fourth Fridays
- Free for EBT (Electronic Benefit Cards) holders
- Military discounts
- College student discounts
- AAA Partnership for BoGo museum passes and store discount
- Library passes - Mary Meuser Library Patrons

Left: Cops ‘N' Kids event in the Discovery Room. Right: Photos with Santa during Winter Village.
Lehigh Valley Passport to History is a partnership of over 50 (and counting) historic sites and resources in and around Pennsylvania's Lehigh and Northampton counties. Partners have developed a group website (lvhistory.org) and a Passport to History month which connects visitors with historical activities, events, tours, and exhibitions.

Passport to History by the numbers:

52 Museums, historical societies, and historical sites
8 Counties are reflected in the group
22 Participating members in Passport to History month 2021
1,437 Visitors for Passport to History month
Operations Highlights

- Manage Bachmann Publick House Roof Repair
- Maintain Sigal Museum, Bachmann Publick House, Mixsell-Illick House, Jacob Nicholas House, and Kressler Garden
- Redesign Chrin Gallery for new Exhibit
  - Build temporary walls
  - Rewire and hang new lighting
  - Hang and display art
- Transform Regional Arts Gallery into the Discovery Room
- Maintain a COVID safe space for visitors, staff, and volunteers

Bachmann Publick House Roof

Since acquiring the structure over ten years ago, we have worked to restore and preserve the Bachmann Publick House. The aged roof is no longer protecting this important National Register structure from the weather. In 2020 and 2021, NCHGS began the process of fundraising to replace the cedar-shake roof.

Top: Curator Brad Davis (left) and Director of Operations Andrew Glovas (Right) installing Another American's Autobiography. Right: Kressler Garden. Below: 1753 Bachmann Publick House
Grants Awarded in 2021

- **County of Northampton Hotel Tax Grant Program:** $35,800
  - Programming, marketing, & more
- **County of Northampton Hotel Tax Grant Program:** $11,000
  - Passport to History
- **Grow NorCo Round Two:** $50,000
  - Museum Projects & Programming
- **American Rescue Plan:** $75,000
  - Non-Profit Assistance
- **Institute of Museum & Library Science:** $14,710
  - Passport to History
- **Martin Guitar Charitable Foundation:** $2,500
  - Exhibit Improvements

$18,625 Raised for Bachmann Publick House "Raise the Roof" Campaign

$133,094 raised at Lehigh Valley Wine Auction & Gala


2021 Lehigh Valley Wine Auction & Gala Highlights

The Lehigh Valley Wine Gala featured a lively evening and meal with exquisitely paired wines from host, Celia Welch.

The Lehigh Valley Wine Auction featured live and silent auctions, delicious food, and wine from Argentina.

Both events raised much needed funds for NCHGS and our partner, the Children's Home of Easton.
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2020 and 2019

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FINANCIAL REPORT
AS AUDITED BY BUCKNO LISICKY AND COMPANY ON DEC 31, 2020

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Statement of Revenues and Expenses - Modified Cash Basis
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Easton Heritage Day 2021.
Another American's Autobiography: Selections from the Petrucci Family Foundation's Collection of African American Art

Jim Petrucci & Family
The Petrucci Family Foundation
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Jim Petrucci and his family funded free admission to the Sigal Museum from November 19 - December 31, 2021. This generous gift allowed over 1,000 people to visit the Sigal Museum free of charge.

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