



Josiah Dennis Manse Museum



Jericho Historical Center



WDGS/Maritime Museum



Pauline Wixon Derick Library

The Dennis Historical Society's 2023 Annual Appeal

December 2023

Dear Friend(s) of the Dennis Historical Society,

How fortunate we are to have three museums in which to house so much of our amazing collections. This year, we are pleased to add the Pauline Wixon Derick Library as a beneficiary of the generosity of the Society's membership. Recognizing the needs and providing support for the repository of our diaries, ship logs, books, manuscripts and photographs of the non-digital portion of our archives through our Annual Appeal is overdue. The public's interest in the history of Dennis, and its appetite for what we do, energizes and sustains us to continue fulfilling our Society's mission –

“To preserve, protect and promote the history of Dennis, Massachusetts”

It is Annual Appeal time again! Your response last year was so supportive of the museums and so helpful in promoting their efforts that your Board unanimously voted to make *wish lists* the Appeal's goal for 2023 and to add the Pauline Wixon Derick Library as a recipient. Your Board is pleased once again to report that at the DHS Annual Meeting/Luncheon held on October 28th, it was announced that all the *wish list* items from the previous Annual Appeal are funded, and they are either planned, works in progress, or works completed!

As we move into the Holiday Season and our thoughts begin to focus on all the things for which we are most grateful, please give generously to the *wish list* item of your choice and support the work at our museums and library!

The Josiah Dennis Manse Museum...There are two original windows in the Manse which are in need of immediate repair or replacement. The 2023 *wish list* for the Josiah Dennis Manse Museum is \$2,500 to put toward addressing this need.

Jericho Historical Center...Last year's Annual Appeal request was for money for landscaping to successfully blend the new with the old after the restoration project on the house and barn. That work will be commencing in the spring of 2024. The 2023 *wish list* item is to raise \$3,000 for a drip irrigation system to be installed concurrently with the new gardens as part of that project.

WDGS/Maritime Museum...Revamping the interior of the Maritime Museum will be continuing in 2024, including the office. The 2023 *wish list* is \$2,000 for additional display cabinets for the artifacts and storage cabinets for the office.

Pauline Wixon Derick Library...The DHS space at the West Dennis Free Public Library will increase as the library does some renovations. To take advantage of this for our collections, additional storage cabinets are needed. In addition, recorded interviews important to Dennis history are in need of recopying, restoring and transferring to up to date media formats. The 2023 *wish list* for the Pauline Wixon Derick Library is \$2,500 to put toward addressing these needs.

Thank you in advance for considering our requests. We have enclosed a return envelope for your convenience.

With best wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season from the Board of Directors of the Dennis Historical Society

