

THE ROYALL HOUSE ASSOCIATION

Annual Report

April 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Royall House Member,

The Royall House Association (RHA) is looking forward to the beginning of the second year of its second century, embracing its role as stewards of one of the most complex symbols of an equally complex period of America's history. Through the hard work of volunteers, the generosity of its diverse membership, the diligence of a dedicated Board of Directors, and the steady hand of its Executive Director, the RHA continues to provide the public with the opportunity to learn and consider the implications of the multi-faceted stories that intertwine at the Royall House and Slave Quarters.

The RHA continues its efforts to attract students and scholars of history and building on the success of recent years, has hosted a number of academic tours and teaching opportunities during the off-season. Plans are underway to continue collaborations with a number of local colleges and universities who are discovering and in some cases, re-discovering the richness of primary source documents and hands-on teaching opportunities that exist at the property.

Work is now scheduled to address a series of minor exterior repairs required at the property that will help extend the extensive renovations and restoration work that was done nearly nine years ago. In addition, in the coming year, plans are being made to create a long-term capital improvement study that will help the RHA more systematically address the repair and restoration needs of the property both inside and out.

The RHA is continuing to seek funding for the repairs needed to the second floor kitchen chambers to address minor water damage to the walls. The room has been cleared of furniture and the wallpaper has been removed in anticipation of the repairs. Once the repairs are completed the room is scheduled to undergo re-interpretation to reflect the use described in the 1739 Probate Inventory of Isaac Royall Senior. This reinterpretation is one of the key steps the organization is pursuing to help better tell the story of the enslaved Africans brought to the property by the Royall Family.

A full contingency of volunteers helped prepare the Main House for the upcoming Tour Season that will begin the first weekend in June and continue each weekend until the end of October. Their hard work and diligence on this important task is greatly appreciated and is representative of the key role that volunteers have continued to play throughout the 100 plus years of the RHA. This same volunteer spirit is also evidenced by the team of talented Tour Guides who have committed to provide tours to the public during the upcoming season.

Significant tree work was undertaken at the property during the off season months and with the coming of the warm weather preparations are underway to once again provide a botanical oasis behind the walls of the property to visitors of the Royall House and Slave Quarters. Thanks to the tremendous work performed by the Landscape Committee in maintaining this enchanting green space

Progress continues on the research and inventory grant provided by Mass Humanities. A catalogue

of source documents related to the Royall Family and the enslaved Africans will be created. Work is also underway on scanning many of the important documents housed at the property to help provide easy access to scholars and the general public interested in learning more about the history reflected at the site.

All this important work is made possible by the members of the RHA through their volunteer work and generous contributions. Despite the difficult economic times, the RHA continues to see its membership base grow and diversify which helps to reinforce the importance of the work that is being undertaken. We hope that you take the time to visit our property and to help spread the word about the historic treasure nestled into the George Street Neighborhood of Medford. Your involvement in this organization is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John J. Woods
President

OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES*

REVENUE

Admissions	\$4,038
Annual Appeal	6,471
Events	10,868
Contributions and gifts	5,419
Endowment utilization	4,879
Grants	1,518
Membership	6,888
Rentals	12,450
Sale of merchandise	2,462
Miscellaneous Income	1,540

TOTAL REVENUE	\$56,533
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EXPENSES

Operations

Advertising	\$183	
Alarm	612	
Accounting	2,575	
Bank Fees	115	
Cost of Goods Sold	920	
Insurance	7,282	
Landscape	4,065	
Salary and fringe	25,981	
Taxes and Filing Fees	50	
Utilities	4,351	
Miscellaneous	1,669	
Total operations expenses		\$47,803

Collections and Buildings

Total Collections expenses	\$5,825
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Public Outreach

Honoraria	\$650	
Postage, printing	1,811	
Web site	444	
Total public outreach expenses		\$2,905

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NET OPERATIONS	\$0
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**Please Note: These represent unaudited figures.*

ASSETS

Total CD Portfolio	\$32,784
Eastern Bank Principal Investments	297,460
Brookline Bank	1,610
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$331,854

LIABILITIES

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0
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PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2009-2010

Co-Presidents	Peter Gittleman and Penny Outlaw
Vice President	John Woods
Corresponding Secretary	Gracelaw Simmons
Recording Secretary	Jennifer Pustz
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in 2010

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