



THE OLD SAYBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DEDICATED TO PRESERVING, PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE HISTORY OF OLD SAYBROOK

June, 2020

Dear members and supporters,

It was around mid-February that I began writing the Annual Appeal letter to you. As you well know, it was a different world. We prepared all the material and were ready to send the letter April 8th. Of course, with all the turmoil and troubles around us, we could not do it. We were trying to figure our budget and the viability of having our major fundraiser, the Harvest Home Tour, in September. Last week we made the decision to cancel until June 12th, 2021. This leaves us with only one source of income for this fiscal year, the Annual Appeal Fund.

We realize the tremendous toll this virus and now protests have taken on all of us and we also know your generosity and loyalty to help us meet our expenses. We are determined to continue our mission and protect our fabulous campus and its buildings and with your caring and help, we will do it!!!

I have included my first letter because I think that, when everything seems to be going wrong, we cannot forget the stories that could be lost that are also the fabric of our country. Miss James was a special person, an excellent citizen and mentor ... not only the first African American woman in Connecticut to get a degree to become a pharmacist, but she also owned a pharmacy that she managed with integrity and compassion.

350 Main Street is a place where we can learn from one another through our shared history. With that purpose we hope to build a better world.

With gratitude,

Marie

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Stay strong! Stay well!

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On behalf of the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) I am delighted to inform you that the Old Saybrook Historical Society was selected for a 2020 Award of Excellence winner by the Leadership in History Awards committee for the project: *The Siege and Battles of Saybrook and the Pequot War*. The AASLH Leadership in History Award is the nation's most prestigious competition for recognition of achievement in state and local history. We congratulate you for the work that has brought this honor.

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