

THE OLD SAYBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

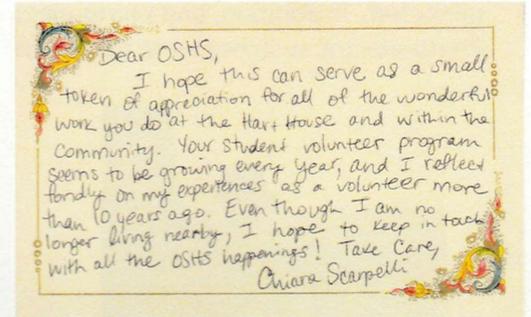
For Fiscal Year Oct.1 2020 to Oct. 1 2021

Re: a gift of history

Chiara's message

Dear supporters of the Historical Society,

As a group you are members from all over the Country and your stories of why you are supportive of us and are part of our organization creates a bond that goes to the heart of what we do.



The story of Chiara Scarpelli is one these stories. Chiara was one of our first student volunteers. During her time with us she became a guide, a mentor of younger students, a participant in our programs and a loyal member. We still display her senior project, a model of the Fort that Chiara donated to be used for educational purposes. She graduated from George Washington University and obtained a master's degree at NYU and had internships in the New York City school. Her degree in speech pathology led her to specialize in helping deaf children. While at NYU, Chiara met Nicolo Cottarelli who was student at Princeton University. She is now living in San Francisco and has a job at UCSF Children's Hospital as a Speech-Language Pathologist in the pediatric division of the Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. Her specialty is the rehabilitation of children who are deaf/hard of hearing who might use hearing aids or cochlear implants.

Chiara has family in Italy and has visited there often to see them. Nicolo also has family in Italy. They hope to be married in Florence, Italy on October 3rd. This is the third change in plans due to Covid-19.

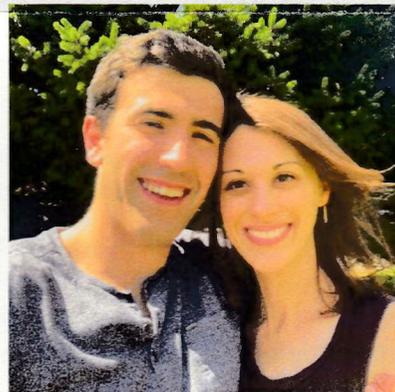
Chiara told me many years ago that, when she had her first job after her time in school, she was sending the Society a gift from her first pay check and, as you can see from her note to all of you, she did.

Last year our Annual Appeal Fund contributions brought the largest response ever. A surprise gift of \$10,000 came from a couple who recently moved to Old Saybrook who wrote of "the Town's rich and significant role in American history which resonates in our very core...we are sure that the money will be well used in preserving, protecting and promoting the history of Old Saybrook, a town we are honored to call our home". The generous gifts we received last year brought strength and hope to all our many volunteers; our gardens brought respite; our buildings kept history alive.

With gratitude for this tremendous support in these most difficult times,

Marie

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Nicolo and Chiara



Chiara playing colonial games with children at the Society's celebration, at Bushnell Farm, of the 375th anniversary of the founding of Saybrook Colony.

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Fiscal Year 2020-21 Major Campus Projects

Electrical Upgrades

Majestic Electric (Sal Osso) performed electrical work during March and April 2021 in the Hart House and Archives Building. The upgrades included the addition of two surge suppressors in the Hart House to help protect the new kitchen appliances and all other Hart House electrical components including the oil boiler, dehumidifier, water heater and sump pump. To bring both the Hart House and Archives to code compliance, all electric outlets were upgraded. In addition, and photo-electric switches were added for the Archives front coach-lights & soffit lights. Photo-electric switches were also added to the Hart House Gallery South door and rear porch light.



Electric outlet upgrades in process

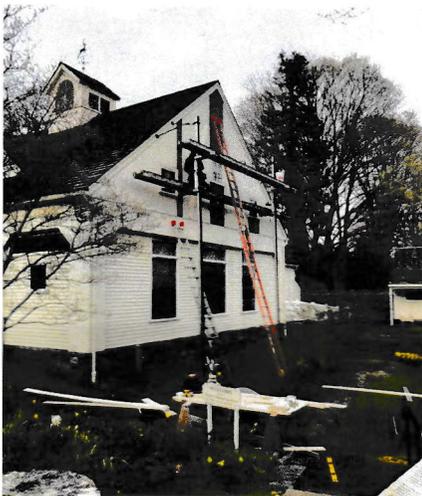


Whole house surge suppressor for the new kitchen



Old Saybrook Building Inspector Tom Makowicki and Ed Armstrong during the official inspection

Archives second-floor window replacement



Window repair work

The Archives second story awning windows, surrounding trim and vertical siding were in an advanced stage of deterioration (wood rot). When attempting to open the windows with the metal operator, the entire bottom frame and sash fell apart, requiring immediate application of packing tape to prevent the window from falling out. North Cove Construction replaced six awning windows in the Archives Building second floor on both the North & South side. The new windows are Marvin Elevate, Fiberglass clad, wood framed windows with simulated divided lites.

The windows were installed with Spanish cedar trim surrounds assembled in shop with Kreg screws and new copper flashing pans under each window. The work included replacement of the 5-inch-wide vertical tongue & groove pine siding above & below each window, with the new

Siding back-primed and cut-ends sealed. All new siding and trim was stained and the jobsite thoroughly cleaned-up.

Late-Spring Facilities Tasks

This Spring we also plan to seal / repair the three Hart House chimneys and perform scheduled roof maintenance. The roof work will include refreshing the new kitchen flat roof, replacing the old kitchen North-facing gambrel roof and sealing the roofs of the Hart House, Archives and Garden Shed.

Submitted by Ed Armstrong,
Facilities Manager