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HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

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Thank you for your continued support of the Hinsdale Historical Society. For nearly 50 years, your contributions have helped us preserve Hinsdale's architecture and history as well as to continue to foster our mission to bridge the past, present and future of our village.

While our mission is great, so is our challenge. The HHS has access to fewer public and private grants. And as a non-governmental nonprofit, **we receive zero operational funding at the state and federal levels.** Given this, individual generosity is vitally important.

In addition to **performing costly essential maintenance at Immanuel Hall** and tirelessly preserving and archiving hundreds of historical documents, photographs, and artifacts in our Archives, here is a snapshot of what we have accomplished this year:

- **“Remembering Pearl Harbor & WWII, Hinsdale’s Efforts at Home & Abroad”**: This exhibit at the Hinsdale History Museum was curated and designed by former HHS board members Anne Swensen and Sue Rose as well as outstanding high school senior Tyler Volkmann. With the help of National Charity League volunteers, the exhibit was open to visitors on Saturdays from December to June.
- **Loie Fuller - Radiant**: 160 years after her birth, the HHS and the Hinsdale Public Library showcased our local heroine and international dance phenomenon. Liz Heinecke author of “Radiant: The Dancer, the Scientist, and a Friendship Forged in Light” and Megan Slayter, producer of the 2010 documentary “Loie Fuller: Dancing in the Light Fantastic” spoke at the library.
- **Spring Luncheon**: At the spring luncheon, members of the HHS presented Jennifer and Neal Reenan with the inaugural HHS Preservation Award for their restoration efforts of the Orland Basset “American Beauty” house, which was heavily damaged by a fire.
- **Kitchen Walk “Design Matters”**: This annual event saw a record number of attendees, with more than 1,400 people attending. The walk’s fundraising goal was greatly surpassed thanks to chairs Lauren Kavanaugh, Jamie Quinn and Diana Wagenbach.
- **Good Old Fashioned Family Fun**: Families and friends came to the Hinsdale History Museum in June and July to enjoy the sunshine, games, crafts and sweets.

While we embark on our upcoming fiscal year, we will undergo **major maintenance at the Hinsdale History Museum and restoration of the Zook Home & Studio** at KLM. We will also lead the Village in celebrating a major milestone—its **150th anniversary**—through a highly-anticipated exhibit at Immanuel Hall and additional events and programming.

As we reminisce on a productive year, we are thankful **for supporters like you.** Any monetary amount is deeply appreciated as it will help us continue to focus on our goals.

Gratefully,

Kristen Laakso & Carrie Rozich, Co-Presidents
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