

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Marshfield Historical Society (MHS) greatly appreciates the support granted to our work by the voters at Town Meeting. All of MHS' annual appropriation is paid to the Town of Marshfield to cover the Hap Hayward History Center's rent (the Center is located on the second floor of the Jaquith Public Library).

2024 was an exciting year for the Marshfield Historical Society. MHS hosted six public events and reached out to a number of supporting groups to help make them happen. These groups include the Jaquith Public Library, the Vermont Humanities Council, the Vermont Gas & Steam Engine Association, as well as local scholars, Twinfield Union School, and the Vermont Historical Society. All MHS programs are free and open to the public.

The Marshfield Historical Society installed a new display in the Hap Hayward History Center. The large display case now includes historic photos and artifacts from Marshfield's long gone 'butter box shop.' The Center's smaller cabinet also has a fresh display highlighting the historic Marshfield Village Store.

MHS co-hosted Howard Coffin's "Vermont Women and the Civil War" presentation with the Jaquith Public Library at Twinfield Union School in May 2024. A Vermont Humanities offering, this enthusiastically received program highlighted the role of women working on the Vermont home front at a time when more than 35,000 of the state's able-bodied men were at war.

The Marshfield Historical Society also hosted three 'Marshfield Memories Round Table' gatherings in the Hap Hayward History Center throughout the year. These events were opportunities for community members to gather and share their personal, and family, histories and photos related to Marshfield.

The MHS brought living history to Marshfield's 2024 Harvest Festival with the dynamic exhibit provided by the Vermont Gas & Steam Engines Association. Special thanks to the Jaquith Public Library staff and the Town Select Board for assisting with the planning for this special demonstration and to the many spectators

from the entire area drawn to the moving display of vintage machines which changed the world forever.

In commemoration of Veterans Day, Marshfield Historical Society member Maurice Cerutti presented a talk entitled “A Vermonter in WWI” to a full house in the Hap Hayward History Center. Mo shared his own familial ties to the conflict, and the audience was invited to join the discussion and share their own family remembrances of that time.

Now in its sixth year, a reading-discussion series “Chapters in History” continued to be co-sponsored by the Marshfield Historical Society in cooperation with the Jaquith Public Library. These monthly gatherings, open to the public, are times for discussing presidential biographies as well as other works of American political history. Throughout the years, book discussion participants have gathered in the MHS History Center on the second Saturday of most months.

The Marshfield Historical Society’s Hap Hayward History Center continues to be well used by other local public groups as a meeting space. The Jaquith Library’s Vermont collection is shelved in the meeting room as well as exhibits of historical Marshfield artifacts.

The Marshfield Historical Society meets from 6-7:30pm on the fourth Monday of each month in the Hap Hayward History Center located on the second floor of the Jaquith Public Library. A warm welcome to anyone interested in documenting and preserving Marshfield's historical resources and stories. Please consider joining MHS. **There are no dues!** The MHS also welcomes donations of photos, documents and historical items related to Marshfield. If you have questions or would like to get in touch, please email [Mary McCarthy Flowers@HillHouseFarmVT.com](mailto:MaryMcCarthyFlowers@HillHouseFarmVT.com)

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	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>
Checking Balance, Jan. 1	4,223	4,082	2,980
<b>Income</b>			
Book Sales	50	75	
Other Sales	30	121	
Appropriation	6,907	6,907	6,907
Donations		4	
Interest Income	4	4	
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>6,991</u>	<u>7,111</u>	<u>6,907</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
Bank Service Charge		1	
Rent	6,907	6,907	6,907
Speakers	175	205	
New Display	50	1,100	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>7,132</u>	<u>8,213</u>	<u>6,907</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(141)</b>	<b>(1,102)</b>	
Checking Balance, Dec. 31	<b>4,082</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>2,980</b>