



eNEWS QUARTERLY Cambridge Historical Society

From the President



Looking back on my first year as President, I'm so grateful for all that we've accomplished in 2019. Asking "How Does Cambridge Engage?" allowed us to explore how we've made change in Cambridge in the past and how we can participate today and in the future. Reflecting on our collective history and present experiences brings us closer to a better future for the city.

Our exploration continues next year as we ask: "Who are Cambridge Women?" But we need your help. If you've already made a gift to the Society this year, thank you! If not, I hope that you'll consider contributing today in support of more award-winning historical programming for everyone in Cambridge. **Please make your secure online contribution [here](#).**

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and engagement!

With warm wishes for the New Year,

Christina DeYoung
President, Governing Council

Introducing our 2020 History Café Season Pass!



Similar to a theater's season ticket, this pass allows Society members the opportunity to purchase tickets for our entire History Café series upfront at a discounted rate.

In 2020, we plan to hold three History Cafés as well as our summer walking tour. **The pass costs \$30 (a \$40 value) and is available to Society members only.**

Give the gift of local history this year!

[More information is here](#)

NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES



Historic buildings like the Hooper-Lee-Nichols House require careful maintenance! If you've visited our headquarters at 159 Brattle Street, you've likely seen our mid-19th C. scenic wallpaper. Right now there is a bit of mold growth on the inside of the special plexiglass covering, but don't worry! Our Collections Committee is on the case.

We've met with a conservator to determine the best solution, and will soon be removing the plexiglass for a thorough cleaning. In the meantime, we're tracking the growth and implementing new procedures to monitor the moisture in this wall, and throughout the house. Stay tuned!

PROGRAM NEWS

Recap: Oral History Roundtable



Our 2019 oral history project is well underway. On October 22, the project team hosted a roundtable event at the Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House to talk about the progress so far. Guests included the interviewers, interviewees, and our partners The Loop Lab.

[Read more](#)

This program is funded in part by Mass Humanities, which receives support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and is an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Recap: Fall Conversation



The 2019 Fall Conversation on November 13 featured thoughtful discussion between Cheyenne Wyzard-Jones, Dr. Charlotte Ryan and moderator Mary McNeil. Together they explored the evening's question **How Can We Make Change Here?** and spoke about how they use education as a tool to engage others.

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Recap: Member Holiday Party



Thank you to all who joined us to celebrate our successes this year!

We look forward to seeing you throughout 2020 as we explore our theme, "Who Are Cambridge Women?"

Special thanks to [Cambridge Spirits](#) for their refreshments donation



Thank you, Perri!



This Fall, we said thank you and goodbye to our dedicated Program Manager, Perri Meldon, who will be working on her post-graduate studies at Boston University full-time.

She recently shared her thoughts on this year's programs on our *Did You Know?* blog.

[Read more](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

Opening Conversation and Annual Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 25

Time: 6-8 PM

Place: Cambridge Public Library Cambridge

Cost: Free



Help us kick-off a year of programming around our 2020 theme, **Who Are Cambridge Women?**

The event will feature Eva Martin-Blythe, Executive Director of YWCA Cambridge, in conversation with Diana Lempel, the Society's Doing History Curator. The Annual Meeting of the membership will immediately follow the presentation.

Registration details to follow.

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