

**OLD
STONE
HOUSE**
& WASHINGTON PARK

2016-2017 Annual Report



A Letter from the Board Chair



Board Chair Nancy Rosenberg with fellow board member Cathleen Game Leff. *Photo: NY1 Minute Weddings*

Despite the Old Stone House & Washington Park's branding as Revolutionary Brooklyn, most visitors think of the House & Park as their town square, a place to go for recreation, civic inspiration, artistic and cultural nourishment, and a place to reflect on how the past is relevant to the present. Old Stone House & Washington Park is a hub, a center for all community activity.

Town square is a fitting moniker for a site that existed when that kind of public space provided a crucial means for Brooklyn's early colonial settlers to meet and share news.

With that in mind, our theme for Old Stone House & Washington Park in the coming year is "Greening the Square" as we work to make the House & Park ever stronger in financially and administratively.

As the conservancy organization the Old Stone House & Washington Park, the Board and staff, not the City, raise the funds that keeps the House and Park open and provide all the great programming enjoyed by our 500,000 annual park visitors.

We urge you to become a local hero, and provide a sustaining monthly donation that will help us Green the Square. Your support will help keep the park green and ensure that more than 7000 New York City school children benefit annually from high quality history and civics education.

With thanks for your support,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy".

Nancy Rosenberg

A Letter from the Executive Director



Kim Maier and longtime park supporter Julie May at OSH's June fundraiser for the park. *Photo: NY1 Minute Weddings*

This year has been an amazing opportunity to appreciate living in a civically engaged community. From voter lines for the Presidential election that ran along both side of 4th Street and curved onto Fifth Avenue, to a steady schedule of organizing for marches, policy planning sessions, and fundraisers to support disaster survivors, we've seen Park Slope respond to the current state of world affairs with Revolutionary spirit.

This level of care and concern is what makes it so special to be part of the community here at the Old Stone House & Washington

Park. In turn, our goal is to give back by providing a home for all this engagement, be it education programs like our Teen Thursdays afterschool, where students from Canarsie are writing their own declaration of independence; or a politics 101 workshop to help raise awareness about the political process; an open mic night with Atlas DIY, an organization that supports immigrant youth; or event space for Culture Push, an arts organization that nurtures artists and seeks creative solutions for the issues they face. During any given week we'll also have a host of education classes during the school days; garden lovers grazing the harvest; information shares about schools, childcare or aging in place; visitors playing Battle of Brooklyn strategy games in the gallery; music rehearsals; concerts in the playground; weddings; and an array of children's birthday parties.

We love hearing your ideas and supporting your efforts – be they artistic, intellectual or recreational. They've resulted in programs like our public compost program, the monthly acoustic slow jam, our contemporary art exhibit program and our beautiful wood-fired oven, And it's your financial support that allows us to say YES to this incredible array of opportunities.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and energy. You're our heroes.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim".

Kim Maier



EDUCATION

Maggie Weber and her team of per diem educators continue to strengthen OSH's education program, providing classes for 209 school groups from across the city, as well as history focused afterschool programming in partnership with the New York City Department of Education.

Creating links between yesterday and today, hands-on activities and inquiry-based learning are at the core of student driven education at the Old Stone House & Washington Park. Programs on elementary and secondary students, as well as on professional development, and meet New York State Social Studies guidelines.

Offerings include:

The Battle of Brooklyn, Dutch Toys and Games, The Gowanus Creek, Primary and Secondary Source Documents, Searching for Freedom, and Traditional Medicinals

School Group Numbers

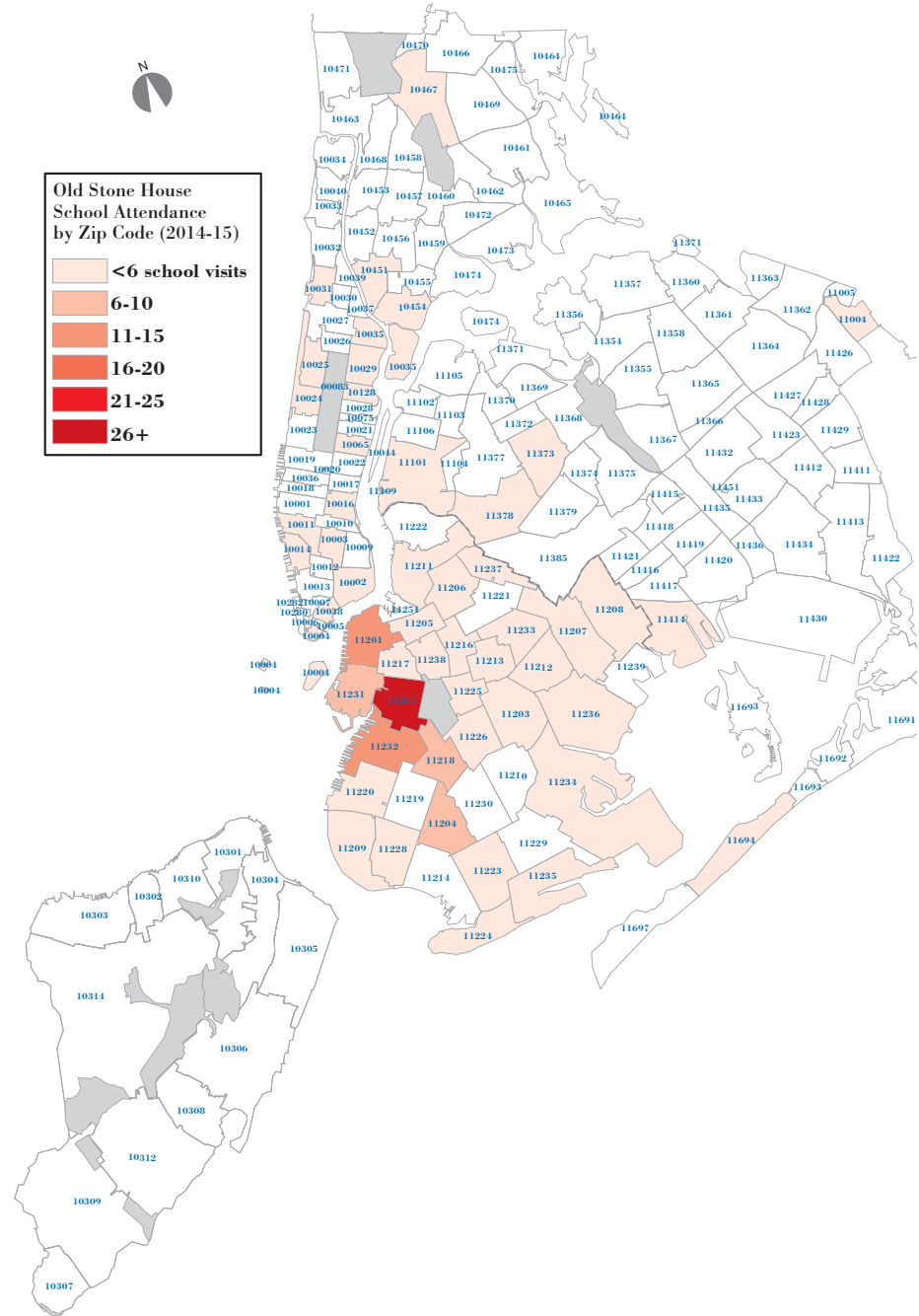
School Groups	209
Adults	418
Children	6270
Afterschool	71

PROGRAMMING

OSH Programs provide multiple opportunities to access the history of the site. Outdoor park events-- including the Brick Oven Brooklyn meet-up, where neighbors gather at the hearth to cook over a wood-fire, to the annual Kings County Fiber Festival, to the weekly Down to Earth farmers market and Fishkill Farms CSA--help raise awareness of the relevant links between Brooklyn's past and present. OSH's contemporary art exhibition program; folk and classical music programs; youth theater programs; and topical lectures reflect a continued appreciation for ideas and experiences that build community.

Last year, we presented theater residencies with Piper Theatre, South Brooklyn Shakespeare and Spellbound, as well as three art exhibits -- Appropriating Revolution and Multilocal (curated by Katherine Gressel) and Domesticated (curated by Abby Subak); and 17 concerts and lectures. We also hosted 12 weddings, 2 bar mitzvahs; and events with MS 51, PS 321, PS 118, Park Slope Civic Council, Park Slope Parents, Arts Gowanus, Gowanus Canal Conservancy, NY City Planning and the GOBK committees -- too numerous to count.

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH



FINANCIALS

Individual donors and our annual party for the park, chaired by board member Stacey Bosworth, continue to be the primary source of income for the Old Stone House & Washington Park. We are deeply appreciative of this support.

The New York City Department of Cultural Affairs provides a significant level of funding for our exhibit and education programs, which are also supported by our elected officials, Councilmember Brad Lander, Councilmember Steve Levin, and Assemblymember Joanne Simon.

As a member of the Historic House Trust of New York City, we are grateful for maintenance support provided by the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, as well as the donated time and expertise provided by members the Old Stone House board of directors and our community.

Major Donors

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Three-term board member Jonathan Willens was presented with a medal for his commitment to the Old Stone House & Washington Park. *Photo: NY1 Minute Weddings*

INCOME	Projected 17-18	Actual 16-17	Actual 15-16
Government Grants	\$32,000.00	43,000	13,543
Found/Corp/Comm	\$18,000.00	17,198	20,925
Restricted Grants	\$0.00	0	50,678
Fundraising Events	\$35,000.00	31,477	29,482
Gallery	\$3,000.00	11,000	153,700
Board Gallery	\$0.00	14,600	18,675
Board Donations	\$40,000.00	50,085	40,000
Endowment (Pettit \$64,087)	\$10,000.00	24,840	0
IndivDonations	\$15,000.00	12,656	12,560
Membership	\$25,000.00	22,019	23,730
Curriculum Based Education	\$27,000.00	28,669	29,540
Afterschl/Adult/Public Ed	\$3,525.00	4,718	13,000
Public Programs	\$20,000.00	18,154	12,924
Admissions	\$4,000.00	3,876	3,323
Gift Shop/Concession	\$12,000.00	7,736	12,243
Rentals	\$75,000.00	77,615	62,341
Line of Credit	\$0.00	15,000	0
Other Revenue (Piper)	\$15,000.00	11,750	20,250
Misc (Reimb, etc)	\$250.00	234	832
Income	\$334,775.00	394,626	517,745
Cost of Goods Sold	\$871.31	875	438
Total Income	\$333,903.69	393,751	517,307
EXPENSES			
PERSONNEL	\$243,250.00	230,215	205,353
Executive Director	\$70,000.00	71,500	60,000
Director of Education	\$44,250.00	44,250	42,000
General Manager	\$22,000.00	21,526	24,084
Keeper of the House	\$12,000.00	7,463	12,489
Fringe	\$17,000.00	16,790	13,224
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INCOME	Projected 17-18	Actual 16-17	Actual 15-16
Administrative Assistant	\$21,000.00	9,958	9,044
Per Diem Educators	\$11,000.00	190	4,210
Afterschl/Adult/Public Ed Programming	\$7,000.00	9,944	13,082
Docent	\$10,000.00	19,650	16,755
Environmental Educator/Gardener	\$20,000.00	9,322	7,706
Event Coordinator	\$9,000.00		
OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS	\$28,000.00	81,848	172,950
Hon/Outside Artists/Public Prog	\$15,000.00	15,452	17,753
Gallery Design/Fabrication/Capital	\$3,000.00	56,895	146,847
Other Prof Fees	\$10,000.00	9,502	8,350
OTPS	\$64,390.00	47,622	88,844
Education Expenses	\$6,000.00	5,089	2,164
Afterschl/Adult/Public Ed	\$16,000.00	0	145
Event/Public Program	\$12,000.00	9,763	16,985
Gallery Renovation	\$500.00	73	1,066
Repairs, Maintenance and Site Care	\$5,000.00	4,630	2,725
Insurance	\$2,100.00	1,706	2,003
Postage/Shipping	\$1,000.00	335	887
Printing & Reproduction	\$2,500.00	1,596	2,044
Tel/Internet/Website	\$3,000.00	3,163	3,110
Computer	\$0.00	0	0
Gift Shop/Office/Softw	\$1,200.00	1,149	1,140
Bank & Merchant Charges	\$2,040.00	2,312	2,306
Fundraising Events	\$7,000.00	5,597	5,683
Advertising and Marketing	\$1,200.00	1,199	810
Equipment & Furniture	\$500.00	391	0
Reimbursable Expense	\$1,100.00	896	7,100
Payroll Service	\$0.00	0	519
Misc (Mbrshp/Refunds/Licenses/Mtg/Travel)	\$3,000.00	2,850	4,031
Inventory Adjustment	\$0.00	0	0
Restricted Grant Expenses	\$0.00	6,642	36,052
Line of Credit	\$0.00	0	0
Other Expenses (Piper, Sales Tax)	\$250.00	231	76
Total Expenses	\$335,640.00	359,685	467,147
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENSES	(\$1,736.31)	34,066	50,160



Battle Week Reenactors.



Neighbors at the Bike Jumble.



Fordham ROTC participants examine a map of the Battle of Brooklyn.



MDA Design Group, Elisabeth Martin, FAIA, Principal.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Old Stone House & Washington Park has fulfilled its mission in a variety of ways during the past 13 years. We have:

- developed and installed the new permanent exhibit, Old Stone House: Witness to War after raising \$350,000.
- increased participation in our school programs from 23 classes to 220 classes per year.
- developed seven native and useful plant gardens in the park and neighboring Middle School 51.
- overseen \$9.5 million in renovations to the play and recreation areas in Washington Park and JJ Byrne Playground.
- increased our annual budget from \$23,893 to \$336,000 to provide hundreds of programs each year.
- increased overall visitation to The Old Stone House from 2,267 to 52,583 per year and now provide additional services for more than 500,000 park users annually.
- been formally recognized as a landmark by the New York State Department of Parks and Historic Preservation and are now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS

The priorities for the Old Stone House & Washington Park over the next three years are:

- Focusing on educational and community programs related to The Old Stone House's history in order to strength its role as a civic leader and an educational and cultural gathering place for the community.
- Advocating for a new parks building to provide restrooms and additional community space.
- Re-structuring 4th Street and the cul de sac as a public plaza area.
- Expanding the House's role as the conservancy organization for Washington Park and building a strong Friends group.
- Increasing and diversifying funding to support the programs and operations of the organization.
- Continuing to work with partners to develop the site in ways that will increase visibility and access to the House and expand the potential for educational exhibits and programming.

Mission

Rooted in Brooklyn's revolutionary history, the Old Stone House & Washington Park fosters civic engagement through education, culture, recreation and environmental programs serving more than 500,000 annual visitors.

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