

**OLD  
STONE  
HOUSE**  
& WASHINGTON PARK

# 2018 Annual Report



## A Letter from the Board Chair

Dear Friends,

In my seventh year on the Board and third as Board Chair of the Old Stone House & Washington Park, I am more passionate than ever about this vital community institution. OSH&WP operates as a town square, and in these challenging times, our community needs healthy places like this one in which to gather and dynamic programming to bring people together.

OSH&WP generates community by offering free or low-cost meeting and event venues, exhibiting art that beautifully reflects on current issues, providing performance space for music, theater and the spoken word, creating an open hearth for food, wine and cultural events, and nurturing a green oasis that softens the edges of urban life.

In these uncertain times, the importance of high-quality educational programs that teach the impact and relevance of early American history on our current political life cannot be overstated. We welcomed more than 40,000 visitors this past year, including more than 6,000 school children. Our classes attract young students, middle and high schoolers of diverse backgrounds from all over New York City and have an ongoing impact on our civic life.

With trees, teaching gardens, benches and flowers located between the hardscape edges of the Park Slope and Gowanus neighborhoods, Washington Park offers a welcome respite for all. The playing fields, handball courts, dog run and playgrounds provide vital outdoor recreation space for Brooklynites from near and far.

OSH&WP is also the conservancy organization that pays for the salaries, programming and advocacy that make the House and Park a special place. We depend on neighbors and community members to sustain this institution, and it is more vital than ever to pull new supporters into our fold. The development of the Fourth Avenue corridor means a significant increase in the number of people who will be using the Park and relying upon us for recreational and cultural activities. Now is the time to plan for this increased demand.

See you in the Park!



Nancy Rosenberg  
Board Chair



Athena Soules, NYC Light Brigade, *For Which it Stands*

## A Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Neighbors,

Throughout the past year, our community has seen opportunities to come together around our shared values, and the Old Stone House is proud to serve as a gathering place for these events. Our contemporary art exhibit, *For Which It Stands*, provided opportunities to talk about what it means to be an American; a donation drive to support employees impacted by the government shutdown raised more than \$8,000 worth of supplies and gas cards, as did the Families Belong Together concert to support organizations focused on immigrant rights. Numerous events created an educational space for the community to make their voices heard at the polls, and on issues central to our national conversation.

OSH's new afterschool program, The Democracy Project, helps students understand the need for civic engagement. Institutionally, we are seeking to broaden our spectrum of educators.

It is our continual goal at the Old Stone House & Washington Park to provide a home for engaging activities of all sorts to flourish. The new turf lawn in the playground will be perfect for picnicking and play, and we're looking forward to the hundreds of performances this new public place will make possible.

Whether it be at the farmers market, a music recital, or a life-drawing class, we invite you to participate and share new ideas for future programming—your financial support allows us to say yes to a host of wonderful ideas proposed by visitors just like you.

Warmest regards,



Kim Maier  
Executive Director



Kathy Price kicks off the Garden Train garden walk. Garden Train and OSH are advocating for a Tool Lending Depot for District 15 schools as part of Participatory Budgeting.



# EDUCATION

Maggie Weber and her education team continue to provide engaging programming, leading classes for 200 school groups from across the city, in addition to a new and innovative in-school residency for middle schools. Creating meaningful links between yesterday and today through collaboration and craft are at the heart of our history based programs. Programs for elementary and secondary students, as well as professional development programs for educators, 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: African American Heroes*, and *Traditional Medicinals*

## School Group Numbers

School Groups .....	200
Adults .....	650
Children .....	5,320
In-School Residency.....	76

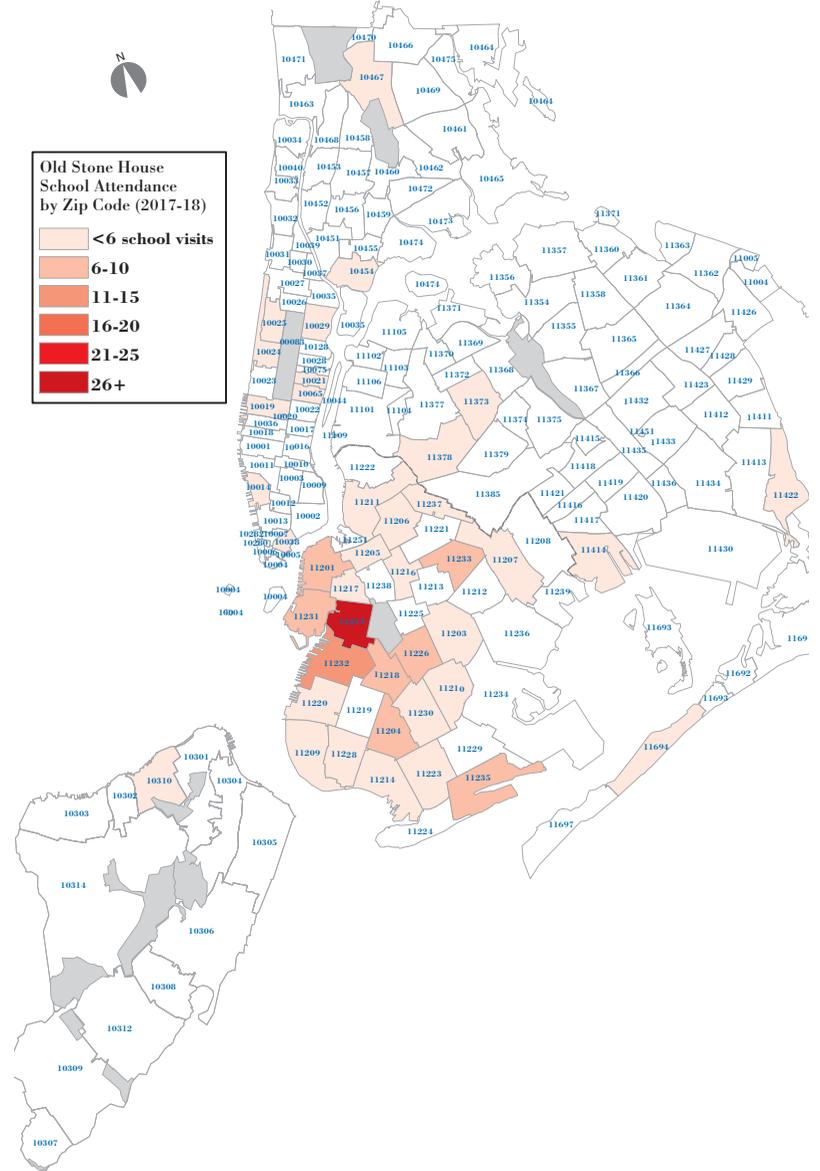
# PROGRAMMING

OSH's extensive public programs provide opportunities to access the history of the site in a variety of ways. Outdoor events hosted in 2018 included hearth cooking workshops, gardening events, concerts, and performances brought to you by Piper Theatre and South Brooklyn Shakespeare.

Inside the house, visitors have enjoyed OSH's four contemporary art exhibitions—*Processing*, *For Which it Stands*, *Home Front*, and *Icons In Their Own Right*; a variety of live music events; youth theater classes; and topical lectures which reflect a continued desire for engagement on the part of our community.

The weekly Down to Earth farmers market on 4th Street, the annual Kings County Fiber Fest, and holidays throughout the year provide the opportunity for social engagement in the Park with fun activities for all ages.

# EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH



# F I N A N C I A L S

2018 marked the most successful winter fundraising campaign in OSH history, with more than \$40,000 in support by nearly 300 donors from our community. These individual donations and Rock the House, our annual party for the park continue to be the most important source of income for OSH. 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.



## Major Donors

Carol & Willard “Kwame” Anthony  
 Eleonor Bindman & Eli Gottesdiener  
 Constance L. Christensen  
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 Emily Sharrock & Leo Kim  
 Turner Broadcasting System

OSH’s Black Box Theater, created with funding from Constance Christensen

INCOME	Projected 18-19	Actual 17-18	Actual 16-17
Government Grants	55,110.00	33,280	43,000
Found/Corp/Comm	15,851.00	16,589	17,198
Restricted Grants	0.00	0	0
Fundraising Events	37,100.00	23,242	31,477
Gallery	0.00	0	11,000
Board Gallery	0.00	4,000	14,600
Board Donations	43,440.00	28,715	50,085
Endowment (Pettit \$64,087)	5,000.00	5,000	14,000
IndivDonations	51,905.55	14,439	12,656
Membership	0.00	23,356	22,019
Curriculum Based Education	29,716.00	22,566	28,669
Afterschl/Adult/Public Ed	1,150.00	5,070	4,718
Public Programs	24,683.09	18,216	18,154
Admissions	4,105.22	3,976	3,876
Gift Shop/Concession	7,632.49	8,012	7,736
Rentals	67,118.48	68,638	77,615
Line of Credit	0.00	0	15,000
Other Revenue (Piper)	20,290.69	11,250	11,750
Misc (Reimb, etc)	6,883.85	1,833	234
<b>Income</b>	<b>369,986.37</b>	<b>288,181</b>	<b>383,786</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>790.49</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>875</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>369,195.88</b>	<b>287,479</b>	<b>382,911</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
PERSONNEL	241,436.09	226,699	230,215
Executive Director	69,999.78	70,000	71,500
Director of Education	46,350.00	45,000	44,250
General Manager	19,892.84	19,868	21,526
Keeper of the House	7,230.00	6,353	7,463
Fringe	11,377.64	11,940	16,790
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EXPENSES (cont'd)	Projected 17-18	Actual 16-17	Actual 15-16
Administrative Assistant	16,162.50	12,995	19,624
Per Diem Educators	10,550.00	10,150	9,958
Afterschool/Adult/Public Ed Programming	0.00	3,841	190
Docent	16,942.00	12,430	9,944
Environmental Educator/Gardener	28,962.50	19,075	19,650
Event Coordinator	10,842.50	10,870	9,322
OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS	38,665.98	26,853	81,848
Hon/Outside Artists/Public Programs	33,008.98	20,537	15,452
Gallery Design/Fabrication/Capital	0.00	0	56,895
Other Professional Fees	5,657.00	6,316	9,502
OTPS	63,491.75	54,032	47,622
Education Expenses	8,256.99	4,500	5,089
Afterschl/Adult/Public Ed	0.00	0	0
Event/Public Program	13,785.44	14,379	9,763
Gallery Renovation	0.00	0	73
Repairs, Maintenance and Site Care	6,060.51	6,319	4,630
Insurance	2,321.08	2,179	1,706
Postage/Shipping	483.87	342	335
Printing & Reproduction	348.99	717	1,596
Tel/Internet/Website	2,572.36	2,869	3,163
Computer	0.00	0	0
Gift Shop/Office/Software	1,855.34	1,253	1,149
Bank & Merchant Charges	1,084.08	1,107	2,312
Fundraising Events	10,589.51	7,714	5,597
Advertising and Marketing	1,045.00	1,143	1,199
Equipment & Furniture	4,886.18	6,719	391
Reimbursable Expense	125.81	(127)	896
Payroll Service	610.00	610	0
Misc (Mbrshp/Refunds/Licenses/Mtg/Travel)	9,255.12	4,100	2,850
Inventory Adjustment	101.61	102	0
<b>Restricted Grant Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,642</b>
<b>Line of Credit</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Expenses (Piper, Sales Tax)</b>	<b>109.86</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>343,593.82</b>	<b>307,584</b>	<b>359,685</b>
<b>NET OF REVENUES &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>25,602.06</b>	<b>(20,105)</b>	<b>23,226</b>



Go Doc Go and Artist Ryan Cronin's "The Box", an interactive public art installation that raises awareness about HPV screening



Best costumes at the annual OSH Halloween Costume Contest & Mini Parade, sponsored by Park Slope Parents.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

- Provided 200 classes for more than 6,000 schoolchildren on-site at OSH
- Expanded off-site educational programming with our NYSCA funded after-school program, The Democracy Project
- Hosted 157 public programs and more than 100 family and community events
- Celebrated our 14th year with OSH founding gardener Claudia Joseph and to honor her retirement welcomed our new gardener Ryan Gellis to the Old Stone House
- Advocated for and oversaw the installation of a new synthetic turf lawn in the playground area



Garden volunteers plant OSH's seasonal boxes.

# PRIORITIES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

The priorities for the Old Stone House & Washington Park for the coming year are:

- Continued expansion of schools served by The Democracy Project
- Developing professional development programs for educators focused on process drama-based history education
- Expanding the historical narrative at OSH to include more stories focused on people of color, and their role in the American Revolution
- Strengthening volunteer involvement in the OSH Gardens
- Coordinating with neighborhood partners to address Gowanus landmarking and rezoning
- Advocating for the OSH Annex building increase visibility and access to the House and expand the potential for educational exhibits and programming.



Culinary historian and scholar Lavada Nahon at the OSH hearth during the New Netherland Institute's symposium.

## 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.*

## The Old Stone House Board of Directors

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