

Facts

The Historical Society has a \$70,000 operating budget that does not include any building improvement projects.



Memberships account for only \$4,000 of the Society's revenue each year. Many members are "Life Members," which means they paid higher dues in one lump sum years ago, and do not pay them annually.



The Historical Society spearheaded the city's 225th anniversary efforts to raise money for and to produce a series of events to commemorate the City's 225th anniversary in 2010.



The Young Artist Series has attracted a younger, diverse audience and introduced a new line of energetic, visual and performing arts to the building.



The Historical Society received almost \$30,000 in grants and major gifts last year, and over \$650,000 in total grant revenue over the last five years for building improvements.

How to Donate?

By Check:

Make your check payable to "Bristol Historical Society" and mail it to:
BHS, P.O. Box 1393,
Bristol CT 06011-1393.

Visit our website for other giving options.

Remember to take advantage of corporate matching contributions to help the Historical Society!



www.BristolHistoricalSociety.org

BRISTOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2010 Annual Campaign



2010 BHS Mum Parade Float
Winner of The Parade Chairman's Award

Dear Friends & Supporters,

As we come to the end of the city's 225th anniversary year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments of this past year. From



of sharing stories about our city's heritage.

There are hundreds of stories that comprise Bristol's strong heritage over the last 225 years. I am sure that you and your family have stories as well. This year's annual campaign is vital to continuing our role in preserving Bristol's history so that future generations may know these stories as well. We appreciate that charitable giving must make sense for your personal circumstances, yet please remember that you too are a very important part of our history.

Please consider a donation that is reasonable for you; any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Please take a moment to read the other segments of this brochure. We are proud of what we have accomplished and thank you for the role you have played.

Sincerely,
Frank Johnson
*Past President &
Chairman of the 2010 Annual Campaign*

the new energy being generated by the Historical Society's Young Artist Series to the quality Quilt Show we hosted on Patriots Weekend in September, the Society has been in the forefront

Many people ask

“Why is the Annual Appeal important?”

Here is what you need to know:

The Annual Appeal campaign is a late fall appeal letter that is sent to all of our members as well as non-members — people in the community who have attended or supported our events will be asked to support our Annual Appeal.

Gifts to the Annual Appeal are generally unrestricted, which means that it can be used to support a wide range of needs including building improvements, heating, electricity, insurance, unexpected repairs, special events, educational materials, and even inventory for the Gift Shop.

You can also make a gift to the Annual Appeal “In Memory Of” or “In Honor Of” someone special. If you choose to do so, that will be included in the Annual Appeal list, and the person will be notified if appropriate. Gifts of all sizes are welcome for these type of gifts.

Your support of the Annual Appeal is essential to help us continue to provide the best programs and services to the community.

A Simple Way to Leave a Legacy

The important work of the Bristol Historical Society is supported mainly by private contributions from individuals and foundations, grant-writing and rental income. **Your support is essential to our operation.**

Please help us keep the stories and traditions of our remarkable community and its past a part of our lives today with a donation.

The Historical Society will cherish the memory and contributions of Jeanne DiPietro, Jerry Heresko, Mike Zoppo and Jack Denehy, four Historical Society members who passed away earlier this year. Memorial donations in their name were directed to the Historical Society and Military Museum to support the organizations that they loved.



JACK DENEHY
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Please see our website for more details on planned giving, or call the office at 860-583-6309.

To learn more about what the Bristol Historical Society has to offer, please visit our website www.BristolHistoricalSociety.org