



Protecting Our Past, Preserving Our Future

Annual Report 2022

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From the Board

What a year it has been! 2022 was the first full year of operation for Cazenovia Heritage, and we cannot be more pleased with the results:

- *362 attendees at our monthly educational programs*
- *An improved appearance along Albany Street*
- *Progress in meaningful discussions on the Gothic Cottage's future with the Town Board*
- *An award from the Preservation Association of Central New York (PACNY) for Cazenovia Heritage's historic preservation work to benefit the community*
- *224 memberships and donations, representing over \$20,000*
- *57 Charter Memberships from the time of our launch in May 2021 through May 2022*
- *What began as an email list of 80 recipients in 2021 has grown to over 300 sign-ups.*

Wow. This level of community response is evidence of broad-based support in protecting and retaining our historic community character. It goes beyond being "interested;" instead, it's a passion – a passion to protect what we call our unique sense of place. You can be proud of what you have made possible and what you are seeing happen.

In appreciation,

Board of Directors

Cazenovia Heritage, Inc.

Our Mission and How It Is Being Accomplished

The mission of Cazenovia Heritage is to support the protection, preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, and/or adaptive re-use of historic, architectural, and archeological resources within the greater Cazenovia area. Three foundational pillars support the execution of this mission: Education, Advocacy, and Financial Support.

➤ **Educational Programs**

We believe that awareness and knowledge of Cazenovia's architecture, history, and people engender community pride, and a respect for the historical legacy we have inherited.

Our programs focus on expanding one's knowledge of: Cazenovia's architecture; its places, spaces, and things; the people of Cazenovia; and, through technical workshops, specific skills and craftsmanship in caring for historic resources.

Despite Covid's continuing presence in first quarter, a broad range programs were conducted, utilizing Board and external expertise. These programs are supported by Annual Memberships in Cazenovia Heritage.

- What Color Did They Paint It?
- Abolitionists of Cazenovia & Madison County
- Merrill Bailey Stone Schoolhouse & Studio
- Women of Cazenovia & Madison County
- Historic Buildings Are Green Buildings
- Grassy Lane Cemetery Restoration, Part I
- Walking Tour of New Woodstock
- What Color Did They Paint It? (Repeat)
- Walk-In Tour: Timber-frame Construction – Liberty St.
- Three Generations of Scalamandre Interiors
- Architecture of Cazenovia: Late Victorian to Modern
- Distilleries of Madison County

➤ **Advocacy**

To support our mission, we advocate on behalf of historic resources to develop workable solutions that best protect their integrity and long-term viability. As in 2021, we focused particularly on plans for the Gothic Cottage to accommodate the needs of a modern Town Office.

Advocacy, continued:

The *Compromise Plan* for the Gothic Cottage was developed by Cazenovia Heritage in 2021 as an alternative to the Town-proposed Plan C. During 2022, neither plan was accepted nor rejected by the Town Board. We do believe that the logic and merits of many aspects of the *Compromise Plan* resonated with the Board.

In November 2022, the Town Board placed both plans on hold to consider an offsite location that could accommodate a potential future consolidation of the Town and Village governments. Then, the announced closing of Cazenovia College added the prospect of potentially available buildings.

Concurrently, the Town has asked for requirements and estimates to stabilize and preserve the Gothic Cottage, regardless of its future use. We are pleased that expertise from Cazenovia Heritage is being used on that project, due for completion in Spring 2023.

A second major thrust is *Renew Albany Street!* – an effort to encourage commercial property owners to undertake needed maintenance and repairs on the buildings in the Historic Business District. Letters from both the Mayor and Cazenovia Heritage were sent out in the Spring, followed by a videoconference with owners on Federal and State tax credits available to them for such work. Walk-along inspections were conducted by Cazenovia Heritage and specific issues documented. Individualized letters are being sent to each property owner calling for action on specific items in 2023 building maintenance plans.

Cazenovia Heritage raised awareness of the demolition threats to two homes -- one at the corner of Williams and Farnham Streets and one at 8 Liberty Street. Both were acquired by new owners with rehabilitation under way.

➤ **Financial Support**

Support to specific projects is a longer-term goal as we build our resources. We are pleased that community support continued to grow. Additional Charter Memberships were received in 2022, and all are listed in this report. Our sincere thanks for all donations of any amount.

Other Operational Initiatives

Cazenovia Heritage successfully completed implementation of a Donor Management System to centrally track memberships and donations, and which replaces the PayPal payments system. We expanded communication delivery channels to Facebook, Instagram, and Cazenovia Facebook groups, as well as County publications. We continued to provide monthly updates to our website; issued the quarterly newsletter, *The Advocate*; and provided on-going email communications regarding programs.

Financial Performance - 2022

All 2021 Memberships were honored through 2022; thus a significant increase in membership funds was not expected. Nonetheless, \$3200 in new memberships was received. 2022 expenses reflect both operational expenses and one-time expenses incurred in 2021 for architect plans and a 2022 special event for Charter Members, funded in part by Board Members. Operational, on-going expenses are funded by Annual Memberships.

Cash Carry-Forward 2021:	\$20,952
2022 Income:	\$20,399
2022 Total Income:	\$41,351
2022 Total Expense:	\$17,223
Net Cash Carry-Forward:	\$24,128

Report of Annual Meeting

The 2022 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was held January 19, 2023. At that meeting, Michael MacHugh, current Director, was nominated and elected to assume the office of Secretary, previously held by Ted Bartlett.

Officers and Board Directors were approved to continue their terms:

Anne Ferguson, President	Dale Bowers
Ted Bartlett, Vice President	Robert Ridler
Carl Stearns, Treasurer	
Michael MacHugh, Secretary	

The budget for 2023 was presented and approved. The Board recognized volunteer Committee Chairs in 2022 for their implementation of the Donor

Management System: Jenny Coughlin, Memberships & Donations; and Roger Saltman, Technology Initiatives. Appreciation of all volunteers was noted.

Charter Members of Cazenovia Heritage, 2021-2022

This Honor Roll recognizes memberships of \$250 or more during 2021 and 2022 to jump-start the organization’s resources:

- Dick and Marilyn Alberding
- Tom Anderson and Marc Schappell
- Leigh and Susan Baldwin
- Ted and Barbara Bartlett
- Eric Beyer
- Dale Bowers
- Andy and Amy Breuer
- Craig and Carol Buckhout
- Pat Carmeli
- Sparky and Patti Christakos
- Kevin Clark and Michael Haynie
- Tom and Barbara Clarke
- Bob and Bobbi Constable
- Sharon Cooney
- Brian and Jenny Coughlin
- Norm Dann and Dorothy Wilsey
- Graham Edgerton and Anne Redfern
- Anne Beckwith Ferguson
- Michael Fish and Marion Hancock Fish
- Scott Ferguson and Jeanne Whitney Smith
- Russ and Susie Grills
- Baird and Muffy Hanson
- Jonathan Holstein
- Richard and Katherine Huftalen
- Aaron and Michela Hugo
- Andy and Kelli Johnson
- Scott Johnson and Joan Young
- Richard Kavey and Linda Hryb
- Larry and Mary Leatherman
- Richard and Kathy Lorr
- Rick and Karen Lounsbury

Charter Members of Cazenovia Heritage, 2021-2022, cont'd

Eugene and Christine Lozner
Michael MacHugh
Wally and Gayonne McDonald
David and Libbi Murray
Dave Porter and Betsy Moore
Bill and Anna Marie Neuland
Bob and Teresa Parke
Howard and Ann Port
David Ridings
Bob and Cherry Ridler
Graham and Maudie Ritchie
Michael and Vanessa Roets
Roger and Anne Saltman
Sharye Skinner
Mark Smith
Jud and Donna Staller
Carl and Susan Stearns
Charles and Gyata Stormon
M. Pringle Symmonds
Tom Tait
Christopher Terrell
Michael Tomlan
Larry and Sally Tully
Diane Webb
Sarah Webster
Larry and Glenda Wetzel



Cazenovia Heritage was launched after attempts during 2019 - 2020 to save the Jabez Abell farmhouse from further deterioration proved infeasible. Focus groups of Cazenovia residents were held to explore the creation of an organization to prevent this from recurring and to protect the historic architecture of Cazenovia. Its goal would be to protect historic resources from needless alteration, demolition, or neglect in the future.

This idea was warmly received, and Cazenovia Heritage was born. Legally registered as a 501-C (3) non-for-profit organization in November 2020, it launched in May 2021 with its first public architectural walking tours.

While unable to stop the slow demise of Jabez Abell's farmhouse, Cazenovia Heritage is its legacy. We proudly display the farmhouse cupola as our logo, an ever-present reminder that recognizing what is lost can be a collective call to action.