



2016 Annual Report



Alumni gather at 2015's benefit concert featuring Brooks Hubbard '10 and Hannah Hoffman '10.

Holly West
President

\$6,500

148

36%

Kate Stewart
Vice President

Amount awarded in scholarships to MVRHS seniors at awards night in June 2016. *See page 4.*

Number of donors in 2016.

Auditorium seats currently claimed through the "Take a Seat" initiative. *See page 5.*

Carol Cusick
Treasurer

\$3,776

Liz Murray
Secretary

98,250

Amount distributed to district educators in the form of mini-grants. *See page 4.*

\$1,400

Beth Felix
Community Outreach

Matt Dow
Projects Facilitator

Pounds of food distributed to district residents through the three Friends Feeding Friends food pantries. *See page 6.*

See page 4.

Result of our Margarita's Fundraiser Night, where Margarita's donated 20% of dinner bills to FOM.

Andrew Cushing
Alumni Outreach

180

Katie Kobylenski
Fundraising Coordinator

Number of attendees at the Royal Renovation Celebration dinner:

Theresa Sabol
Board Member

See page 2.

Royal Renovation Celebration

The Royal Renovation Celebration started off with a BANG, literally! The Friday, September 17 traditional bonfire, courtesy of the Class of 2017, had the addition of a spectacular fireworks display provided by a generous donor through Friends of Mascoma Foundation for the entire school community to enjoy. Many community first responders were on hand to assist with safety.



Festivities continued into Saturday with Homecoming athletic games and tours of the renovated high school.

The newly-renovated high school at Homecoming. Photo courtesy of Theresa Westgate.

Friends of Mascoma held their first fund-raising dinner to celebrate the grand opening of the MVRHS renovation with over 180 guests attending. Holly West, president of FOM, made the opening remarks and introduced Superintendent Patrick Andrew, who made an uplifting keynote address that reminded us why we were in attendance: not to celebrate bricks and mortar, but to celebrate the community that made such a substantial investment in our schools possible.

This gala event was held at Mountain Meadow in Canaan and catered by What's for Dinner? (owners are alumni); beer was brewed by Deciduous Brewing Company (alumni partner); and Harrison Hinman, a MVRHS junior, was the DJ! We thank our all-volunteer party planning and decorating crew who dazzled us all with the donated party decorations and table settings. So many thanks to the generous donors of our first online auction that helped us raise funds so we can continue our many projects. This was a truly special night for our school community.

You can go to <http://chocolatepipsphoto.zenfolio.com/p575604653> to see more photographs taken by Theresa Westgate '98.



Our Royal Renovation Celebration Gala.

Art All Around: An FOM Art Initiative



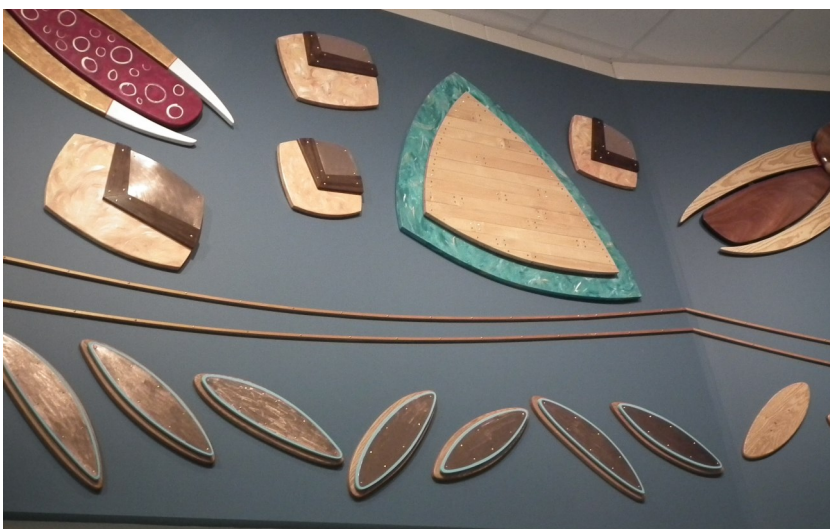
Gary Wood, artisan from Canaan, in coordination with David Shinnlinger, MVRHS shop instructor, designed, constructed and finished a beautiful cherry wood bench that had hands-on involvement from woodshop students. This beautiful heirloom piece can be seen and used in the new entranceway of the High School.

Rebecca Powell, a tapestry weaver from Enfield, has been generously devoting her time again this year to working on a 4 foot by 6 foot hanging woven tapestry that will be hung in the new media center when completed. Becky first worked with Chris Morse's "Experiencing the Arts" as a residency to work with his design students to create a tapestry design. Their theme was nature and you can see that reflected in her design. Becky can be found on most Tuesdays and Thursdays working on the tapestry in the MVRHS entranceway. She welcomes community visits and involvement. The loom was designed and built by Mr. Shinnlinger's shop class.



Michael Kraatz and Susan Russell, of Canaan, inspired our art initiative by stepping forward immediately after the renovation bond approval to offer their talents to create something for MVRHS. That "something" has evolved into a 300 square foot multimedia mural that now graces the beautiful blue walls at the media center and lower auditorium entranceway.

This project has been one of creative involvement, the last phase of which involved David Shinnlinger's shop class. The multidimensional pieces are made from scraps of Mascoma history, including the old gym floor and gym bleachers. The name for this large and abstract installation is "Diverse Unity," a phrase borrowed from a speech delivered by Superintendent Patrick Andrew.



Top: woodshop students work with the cherry bench. Middle: Becky Powell with her weaving in the MVRHS lobby. Bottom: the blank slate for the Kraatz and Russell 3D mural, installed in January 2017.

Scholarships and Mini Grants

FOM was pleased to award our first ever student scholarships to the Class of 2016. We planned to award four \$1,000 scholarships, however there were so many fantastic candidates we awarded six \$1,000 scholarships and one \$500 scholarship. We are looking forward to awarding our second round of scholarships to the Class of 2017.

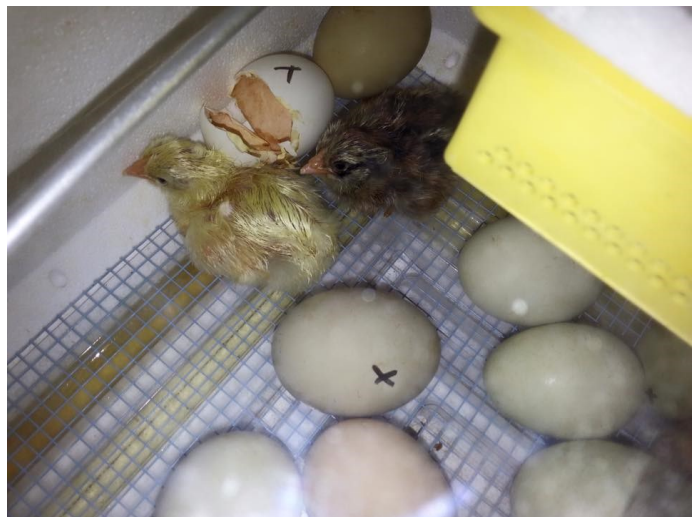
During the 2015-2016 school year we introduced our teacher mini-grant program. Since inception we have funded mini-grants for the following:

- “Welcome back” books, which provided a book to each student at EVS in the fall of 2016
- Peter Pan, the March 2017 production in the new MVRHS auditorium
- Instrument repair fund at Ellis Music for EVS and CES
- Math carnival at EVS and math game night at CES
- Chicken incubation at EVS
- Math literature night at EVS
- Metric tools science classroom update at MVRHS
- Fashion trip to NYC for Family and Consumer Science class at MVRHS

Mini-grant applications for the 2016-2017 school year are rolling in and we are excited about the new opportunities to help our district.



\$10,000 worth of instruments were purchased after the conclusion of our Mascoma Music Matters campaign; CES students enjoy math games; MVRHS scholarship recipients; recently hatched chicks at EVS.



Technology Committee

The Technology Committee was busy during 2016 and made plans to improve our student scholarship and teacher mini-grant applications. The applications will be updated in 2017 and one of the most exciting improvements will be “save” buttons on the applications. We also created an improved version of the online donation form and the revised form is undergoing testing before launching in 2017. If you have shared your email address with FOM, you received your end of year donation letter by email on January 25th. If you do not have an email address on file with FOM and want your letter by email (instead of mail) next year please email us at technology@friendsofmascoma.org.

Alumni Committee

The alumni coordinator finished graduate school and now gets to live full time in the Mascoma district! We expect our alumni outreach to be more robust now. In the fall, we worked with the high school’s student council to bring back alumni to talk to the student body about lessons learned in the school district, and why it’s easy to be a proud graduate. In 2017, we expect to work with the Science Club at the high school to host a science career panel of alumni; round up alumni for a career day at MVRHS; host several alumni mixers at area bars/restaurants; and continue building our alumni database.

If you’re an alum, considering filling out a contact form, available by emailing Andrew Cushing at ahcushing@friendsofmascoma.org

Take a Seat Campaign

There are still ~60% of the seats remaining to be claimed in the new auditorium. So far, we’ve seen local businesses, class years, individuals, families, and charitable organizations buy seats, and the plaques continue to be installed.

If you’re interested in supporting Friends of Mascoma, and leaving your name in brass, consider taking a seat! Costs range from \$100 to \$200 and all proceeds help FOM sponsor initiatives in our district, including promoting the arts.

For more information, or to place an order please visit our website, <http://friendsofmascoma.org/initiatives/take-a-seat>



Top: Dutille’s Jewelry is in charge of engraving and polishing the brass plaques that adorn the auditorium seats. Left: each seat comes with a certificate.



Engraving:
Donated
By
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Seat Location:
B16

Friends Feeding Friends

Our two community food pantries formally opened the week of February 15, 2016. The two locations are at the Enfield town offices and in the MTD office complex in Canaan. Both pantries are staffed with at least two volunteers to help stock and assist visitors. Bob Cusick serves as Chief Food Officer.

We are open weekly at each site to the public for a three days supply of food that includes meat, dairy, produce, breads, and non-perishables. Our evening hours help accommodate working families. There is refrigeration at all of our sites thanks to a generous donor. We also try our best to supply food treats to each elementary school as needed. MVRHS opened its own pantry in September of 2016 that services MVRHS and Indian River students (non public access). Christine Jespersen, the Family and Consumer Science teacher, is the pantry manager and FOM is its main resource. We are committed to bringing healthy options to those that use our pantries.

Canaan: Wednesdays: 2:30-6:30 PM

Enfield: Thursdays: 3:00-7:00 PM

Most of the items in our pantries are purchased through the New Hampshire Food Bank, with the addition of Price Chopper's Fresh Rescue Program, at the average price of \$0.12 per pound (76,444 lbs. total). We also partner with Willing Hands, who provides fresh foods and veggies weekly to us (1,832 lbs. total). Additionally, we receive commodities from the Community Action Tri-County CAP (another 20,000 lbs. total). We now have an awesome insulated van, lovingly called Foodie, and a back-up trailer, nicknamed Circus, that transport all of our food. Both were donated by a generous donor.

Our Friends Feeding Friends Initiative is all about gathering these incredible resources that could easily turn into waste and redistributing to our community for quality of life uses. We also received generous donations of food from anonymous individuals, businesses, churches, and civic groups this year. We welcome your partnership! *Continued...*

Thank you for these food drives:

- Tuck Business School Staff
- Kaylee Felix IRS Valentine Dance
- Conifer Health Solutions
- Community Lutheran Church of Enfield
- Mascoma Cooperative Preschool
- Gerrish Honda
- Children's Garden of Enfield Shaker Museum
- Stuff the Bus-MVRHS Class of 2018
- Ecumenical Ingathering of the Mascoma Valley
- CES 4th Grade King Arthur Flour Bake for Good
- Family Dollar of Enfield
- Enfield Village School
- Canaan Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- KDR Fitness
- Mascoma Valley Firefighters and Emergency Services
- Grace's Grantham Café
- MVRHS Student Council



Volunteers at the Enfield branch of the FFF food pantry.



Bob Cusick, Chief Food Officer, stands with the trailer used for food deliveries.



This summer the School District sponsored a 7 week summer breakfast and lunch program. FOM agreed to supply the volunteers to transport the meals and supply insulated transport bags. We gladly supplied these items so that our communities' children received food over the summer.

Want to be part of this endeavor? Please email us at food@friendosmascoma.org to volunteer.

MVRHS Class of 2018 helped pack 70 Thanksgiving boxes for district families in the "Stuff the Bus" event

FOM Around Town



Left: Board members Andrew Cushing, Carol Cusick, and Theresa Sabol at the Margarita's Fundraising Night. Right: Winter clothes and jacket drive at Enfield Community Lutheran Church.



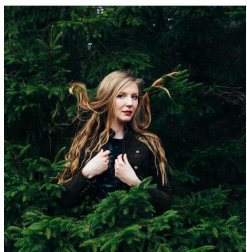
Left: Kaylee and Ariana at the Canaan Old Home Day parade. Right: FOM-sponsored Mascoma Youth Sports League team. (Bryce Porter pictured)

Community Garden Science Program

FOM and several in-kind donors (Longacres, Fox Tree, and Edgewater) sponsored the first year of a community garden science program during the summer of 2016. Students built two raised garden beds at EVS and planted and studied a variety of annual and perennial plants. FOM was awarded a grant from the Wellborn Ecology Fund to help sponsor the program again during the summer of 2017. This year the garden beds will be built on the MVRHS and IRS campus. By the end of the summer each school in the MVRSD will have gardens to tend and study! We are excited to help support place based learning in the schools and cannot wait to see what the students grow in their gardens this summer.



2nd Annual “Night of Homegrown Talent”



**HANNAH
HOFFMAN**



**BROOKS
HUBBARD**

We hosted our 2nd Annual “Night of Homegrown Talent” concert on December 27th at Whaleback this year. Once again, Hannah Hoffman and Brooks Hubbard (both Class of 2010) entertained the large audience with original material and covers. Thank you, Hannah and Brooks for your generous and continued dedication to our school!

We were joined by Dunk’s Concessions and Mix 96.6 (Mascoma’s own radio station!).

Our hope is to continue this tradition, adding alumni artists and rotating between various venues in our district.

DECEMBER 27th, 7 pm (doors open at 6), WHALEBACK MTN.
\$10 - adults \$5 - students; under 12 free
BAR and DUNK’S CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE ON SITE
tickets at www.friendsofmascoma.org

The block contains three logos at the bottom: Whaleback Mountain (a blue whale silhouette), Friends of Mascoma (a colorful group of people), and Mix 96.6 (the radio station's logo).

Generations Mural

The Generations mural was carefully extracted from the MVRHS cafeteria earlier in 2016 and is in storage. The mural will be reinstalled in MVRHS this winter and arrangements are being made to restore the mural to its original glory, plus (hopefully) extend it to include more recent decades. We are looking forward to completing this project, so stay tuned for additional details in the next couple of months!



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*A special thank you to all food pantry donors and volunteers, and all clothing drive donors and volunteers!

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Upcoming Events

Community Artist Reception
Friday, March 10th, 6-7:30pm
MVRHS lobby



Join FOM and Mix 96.6 (Mascoma's own radio station!) for an evening to celebrate the artists and their artwork that fills the halls of the renovated high school, including pieces by students, Becky Powell, Gary Hamel, Gary Wood, Michael Kraatz, and Susan Russell. Light refreshments will be served.

New Hampshire Gives Day

June 6-7, 6 pm-6 pm

Online (Look for our Facebook posts!)

NH Gives is a statewide 24-hour fundraising initiative that encourages individuals to donate to nonprofits. Prizes are awarded in various categories; last year, FOM won twice! Stay tuned for more details.

NH GIVES

DONATE TODAY!

Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated and can be made at any time! Your gift benefits the MVRSD in so many different ways. As a donor, you will:

- Support the students by supplementing educational opportunities and scholarships.
- Provide teachers with “mini-grants” enabling them to offer creative additional educational programs to their students.
- Enhance and improve the reputation of the district by helping highlight our community’s commitment to education.
- Support successful existing programs to include more students or enable more financial support to expand.

Friends of Mascoma Foundation has new donor levels as of January 1, 2016! Levels are effective from January 1st through December 31st each calendar year, which helps us fall in line with the tax year. Donors reaching Benefactor or above by July 1st will receive tickets to the annual dinner for the current year, donors reaching Benefactor or above after July 1st will receive tickets to the annual dinner the following year. All donors are recognized in Friends of Mascoma Foundation’s Annual Report.

Donor levels are:

- **Supporting Member** (Up to \$99): Recognition in our Annual Report
- **Friends** (\$100-\$499): Recognition in our Annual Report and one FOM car sticker
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- **Visionaries** (\$1000-\$2499): Recognition in our Annual Report, one FOM car sticker, and two tickets to our annual dinner
- **Patron** (\$2500-\$4999): Recognition in our Annual Report, one FOM car sticker, two tickets to our annual dinner, and a listing on a plaque located at MVRHS
- **Royal Society** (\$5000 and over): Recognition in our Annual Report, one FOM car sticker, two tickets to our annual dinner, and a dedicated plaque located at MVRHS

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CONTACT US - we want to hear from you!



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