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Transformation defined everything the Martha’s Vineyard Museum did in 2016 and indeed will define its future as it becomes a renowned cultural center. New leadership, mission, vision, logo, and branding, and fresh marketing material and advertising - truly the organization recreated itself in 2016. Our programs, exhibits, and the public responded very well in many, many ways.

With the new leadership and management of its Chairman, Stever Aubrey, and Executive Director, Phil Wallis, the organization focused on the essence of the Museum, seeking to explore and discover every day how it could better achieve its new mission: to inspire all people to discover, explore, and strengthen their connections to this Island and its diverse heritage. No longer would the Museum be singularly about passive collection and curatorship, but rather a call for engagement and involvement, for meaningful connection to community, to each other. In 2016, the organization embarked upon a journey with everyone on the Island, truly to define Our Museum, Your Museum. Staff and board called out to everyone to help on this exciting new journey to interpret the Island’s history, its people and places, so that together we might better shape our future. As our Director of Education, Ann DuCharme, is quick to state: The Museum touches the past as it shapes the future.

Education continued to lead the way as the Museum worked within each of the seven Island’s public schools, bringing Island history to more than 900 Islands students, creating over 3,000 educational experiences. The Museum partnered with a diverse group of Island preschool providers including Headstart, Project Headway, Montessori, and Martha’s Vineyard Community Services, working with more than 100 pre-Kindergarten children, ages 3 to 5.

In the 2016 academic year, the Education team developed and implemented a new Education Strategic Plan, focusing curriculum on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) priorities, with a new Cornerstone Class concept. In addition, the team started working directly with Brazilian students at the high school, pairing global history with art history to improve English Language Learning. The kids responded in surprisingly emotional ways to the global art as they also studied Island Art, even taking a field trip to the Granary Gallery - a wholly new experience for them. Museum Educators, Ann and Beth, were moved by the kids’ powerful, personal insights about what it is like to live here as a non-native English speaking teenager.

In the summer, Discovery Days programs continued to be an exciting “lab” of sorts, where kids can explore all kinds of creative ideas. A small Heath Hen Habitat class, which started last summer with a little shoebox as an art/culture project, exploded into 15 grant funded classes that explored issues of sustainability using math, art, and science this academic year.

Moving to the world of exhibits and programs, the curatorial staff explored a variety of dynamic material. In addition to the perennial favorite exhibit subject of whaling, 2016 was a great year for exhibits closely involving our Island community. The Museum hosted 66 programs and events across the Island. Four Island

### 2016 Museum Exhibitions

- Made of Clay: Pottery for Use & Beauty
- Inventive Islanders
- In the Giant’s Shadow: Whaling and Martha’s Vineyard
- Re:Make
- This Far By Faith
- Sandy Fisher’s Edgartown
- Enchanted Isle: The Story of MV

Kids showing off their nature weaving projects as part of summer Discovery Days programs.
designers were invited to create new fashions inspired by textiles and objects in the collection. Re:Make featured clothing, leatherwork, and ethnographic objects, which designers created “modern day” comparable items, pairing their expertise and experience expressly for the exhibit. This attracted a whole new crowd to our doors - fun was had by all. In the fall, guest curator Sally Pierce worked with the family of Edgartown fisherman Sandy Fisher to pull together an exhibit showing how the town looked between WWI and WWII.

Some of our most popular Spotlight exhibits and programs focused on Black American culture. Featuring oral histories, photographs and text, the Museum celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Cottagers with a popular summer exhibit and program, and highlighted the Polar Bears group in an additional packed exhibit/program. Board member, Skip Finley, hosted an overflowing Library to hear his talk on his soon-to-be-published book on black whaling captains of Martha’s Vineyard.

In collections, Jerome Fletcher donated a 5.5” fossilized Megalodon tooth found on the Island years ago. These giant shark-like monsters have been extinct for more than two million years. A donation from a more recent era was the New York Spectator newspaper from August 18, 1798, which reported both the authorization of the first Gay Head Lighthouse and the establishment of the Marine Hospital Service. Significant additions to the collection also included eleven Jimmy Morgan weathervanes, two carved relief structures by Clifford Dugan, and six embroidery pieces made by Miriam D. Richardson.

Most impressively, the Museum, under the leadership of our Research Librarian, Bow Van Riper, fielded over 230 research inquiries and worked with almost 400 researchers in the library.

The response from the public was tremendous in 2016, growing significantly even before our move to Vineyard Haven. The Museum expanded membership to over 1,500 members, making all donors members and offering free memberships at Marine Hospital Open Houses. Volunteers logged over 4,000 hours in various departments thanks to over 130 Museum volunteers. The Edgartown, East Chop, and Gay Head Lighthouses saw over 33,000 people visit. Over 30,000 people visited our interactive Laura Jernegan: Girl on a Whaleship website. Finally, our prized catboat VANITY voyaged in Edgartown more than 40 times.

The funding response was equally as robust as support from many sources continued to rise. In grants, the Museum received over $45,000 in CPC grants from the towns of Tisbury and Aquinnah. The Permanent Endowment awarded $5,000 for the Local Immigrants exhibit (2017 exhibition). The education department was also granted $10,000 from the MA Cultural Council for school programs and $5,000 from an anonymous donor for a new archaeology program Hold History in Your Hands (2017 implementation).

Board and staff’s focus on the capital campaign achieved new highs, as we reached nearly $15 million by year’s end. Members and donors were, as always, our most important resource. Indeed, you are the reason for our funding successes. Without you and your support, your donations of time, talent and treasure, the Museum could not exist. You entrusted us with your art, objects and manuscripts that tell Island stories. We can’t thank you enough for trusting us to steward the Island’s irreplaceable history.

With the capital campaign making solid progress, our Museum, your Museum has launched its transformation. We Are On The Move together to create a successful and renowned cultural center for our Island.

Sincerely,

Stever H. Aubrey
Chair, Board of Directors

Philip S. Wallis
Executive Director

Megalodon tooth found on the Island from millions of years ago was donated to the Museum collection.
## 2016 Financial Report

### Statement of Operating, Restricted, Capital Campaign, and Endowment Activities

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(1) Starting in 2016, membership dues are included as part of Annual Fund contributions. 2015 has been restated on a consistent basis.

(2) In addition to the contributions and pledges raised in the Capital Campaign as shown in the schedule, the Museum received intentions to give through Letters of Intent or pledges with certain conditions of $249,093 in 2016 and $743,000 in 2015.
In 2016 the Museum took a number of important financial steps to move its strategic transformation ahead. In addition, Museum operating activities and programming produced growth in revenues from operations, and operating expenses were well-managed with the most significant increase being in planned marketing related expenses. With the support of contributions from annual mailings and the portion of the comprehensive campaign planned for operations, the Museum achieved a surplus of $13,834 for 2016.

The comprehensive campaign to support the Museum’s transformation moved strongly forward in 2016. As described in prior years, the campaign is comprehensive because it is targeted to fund a range of needs – funds to purchase, develop and relocate to the Marine Hospital site; funds to support operations and transition costs during the years leading to relocation; and funds to build an endowment as a source of operational funding in future years. During 2016 the Museum raised over $3.1 million in cash and pledges, bringing the campaign total to $15.0 million by the end of the year (including letters of intent). In June of 2016 the campaign successfully moved from its quiet phase to a more public phase with significant advertising, event and public relations support.

With this fundraising success the Museum made the decision to move forward with more detailed architectural planning for the development of the Marine Hospital campus in Vineyard Haven. And as plans were completed, the Museum went through a process to select a contractor for the project and retained this contractor in a preconstruction role. For 2016 $665,061 of these expenditures were capitalized in anticipation of the start of construction in 2017 (primarily for the architects and engineers).

The Museum continued to build its endowment as an important strategic step for the future. By meeting the match requirement of the National Endowment for the Humanities grant, the Museum was able to add $913,436 in cash to the endowment reaching $1.2 million by yearend. At the end of 2016 the endowment was almost fully invested in a portfolio of mutual funds.

As stated before, the Museum is undertaking this strategy of transformation with key financial strengths. In addition to its invaluable collections, it has no debt and it owns two campuses – one in Edgartown and the other in Vineyard Haven – each with substantial real estate value.

The opportunity to develop the Museum into a true cultural center for the entire Island is both exciting and challenging. With all of us working together – members, board, patrons, volunteers, staff, as well as the Island community – we believe we are closer than ever to making it happen. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Dale N. Garth, Treasurer

### 2016 Total Operating Income

- Contributions (including transfer from Campaign) 67%
- Admissions & Fees (including Lighthouses) 16%
- Membership & Fundraising 33%
- Special Events 9%
- Sales 2%
- Cost of Sales 1%
- General & Admin. 21%
- Lighthouse Operations 5%
- Programs, Collections, & Exhibitions 51%

### 2016 Total Operating Expenses (Before Depreciation)

- Contributions (including transfer from Campaign) 67%
- Admissions & Fees (including Lighthouses) 16%
- Membership & Fundraising 33%
- Special Events 9%
- Sales 2%
- Cost of Sales 1%
- General & Admin. 21%
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- Programs, Collections, & Exhibitions 51%
2016 Contributors

In an effort to acknowledge the ways in which our contributors support the Museum, donors are listed according to their total giving. Gifts included are membership dues, annual fund contributions, capital campaign contributions, grants, employer matching gifts, endowment gifts, donations to fundraising events, and other charitable gifts from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2016 regardless of tax treatment. The Museum is grateful for every gift. We have respected the wishes of those donors who have expressed a desire to be anonymous.

$100,000 and up
Anonymous
Edward & Joan Doherty
The Doran Family Foundation
John D. and Phoebe R. Lewis
Chris & Mike Morgan
National Endowment for the Humanities
Brian & Aileen Roberts
Dr. P. Roy & Mrs. Diana T. Vagelos
John & Amy Weinberg

$50,000 to $99,999
Anonymous
David & Elizabeth Beim
Diane Bodman, The Bodman Foundation
Beagary Charitable Trust - Patricia A. Morgan, Trustee
Joan Margot Smith
Steven Rattner & Maureen White
Edwin & Caroline Woods

$20,000 to $49,999
Cynthia Anderson
George & Mimi Bennett
Jonathan & Jennifer Blum
David & Karin Brown
William L. & Marcia Mulford Cini
Cox Family Fund
David & Julia Fleischner
Woody & Dede Frank
Michael & Patricia Kidder
The Leavens Foundation
David & Ann LeBreton
Martha Lunbeck
Frank Sica & Colleen McMahon
Steve Bernier & Constance Messmer
Jeffrey & Jacqueline Morby
Donald & Emily Mulford Fund
Frank & Liz Newman
Mr. & Mrs. John C. Noon
Mary Beth Norton
H. John Riley, Jr. & Diane M. Riley
Anne L. Stone
Lana & Willie Woods

$10,000 to $19,999
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Ernie Boch Jr.
David & Colleen Burt

$5,000 to $9,999
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Robert & Winifred Blacklow
Kib & Tess Bramhall
Leo & Alison Convery
Bob & Debi Crews
Mark & Lisa Cronin
Kent & Celeste Damon
Belinda Eichler
Juliana Flanders
Peter & Noel Gearhart
Jim & Janet Jones
Mark & Helene Lapman
Calvin & Patricia Linnemann
Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School
Robert & Caroline Maruska
Permanent Endowment Fund for Martha’s Vineyard
Rauch Foundation

James & Judy Richardson
Bradford & Gail Rodney
William Meehan & Laura Roebuck
Jeffrey Scheuer
Andrew & Barbara Senchak
Louis & Ginger Sullivan
Joseph & Detta Tate
The Walbridge Fund, Ltd.
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Ellen Weiss
Denys & Marilyn Wortman

$2,500 to $4,999
Bonnie Akins
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Nat & Pam Benjamin
Jacalyn E.S. Bennett
Gordon & Wendy Cromwell
Crossland Landscape, Inc.
James Curtis
Tracker Home Decor
Robert & Priscilla Demont
The Dickinson Family Foundation
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JoAnn & Jack Fruchtman
C. Stewart & Patsy Gentsch
Malcolm & Susan Goodridge
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Robert F. & Sheila A. Hoerle
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Philip & Unni Kaltenbacher
Cynthia C. Bloomquist & Thaw Malin
Paul & Tina Marchese
John McDonald & Melissa McCullough
Gail Farrish & Warren Morse
Alan & Louise Reed
George & Isabel Shattuck
Leigh B. Smith
Mark & Gwen Snider
Stanley Black & Decker, Inc
Edward Sternick
Louise & Robert Stinson
George & Joan Thomas
Town of Edgartown
Richard C. Walker III
Marigil Walsh
Alex & Heidi Wason
Anda Woodward
$1,000 to $2,499
Anonymous
Clifford Lasser & Elizabeth Adams
Marilyn Jackson Adams
Joe & Yolanda Alexander
AMG Charitable Gift Fund (Chelsea Fund)
James Attwood
Robert & Deborah Bennett
Black Sheep
Sherry Blalock
Paul Magid & Anita Botti
Joan C. Bowman
Paul Schneider & Nina Bramhall
Alan Brigish
Marc Brown
Jim & Pam Butterick
John & Mollie Callagy
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Bonnie Carter
Cedar Tree Foundation
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Gerret & Paula Conover
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Emily Bramhall & Sam Fleming
John & Maureen Fuller
Robert & Elizabeth Gardiner
Daniel Waters & Hal Garneau
Anthony & Susanna Giordano
Henry & Carol Brown Goldberg
Jayne Lipman & Bob Goodman
Grey Barn Farm

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Christopher Celeste & Nancy Kramer
Frank T. Lauinger
Sarah G. Leahy
Barbara Fish Lee
LeRoux Associated Stores
Anne Lewis
Ellen Liman, President The Liman Foundation
Susan Scheuer & Jonathan Lipnick
Joseph & Deborah Loughrey
Bill & Ann Lucas
Martha’s Vineyard Insurance Agency
Martha’s Vineyard Savings Bank
Paul & Gretchen Massey
J Mary & Jay McElroy
Peter S. McGhee
Judith Scheuer & Joseph Mellicker
Matt & Kara Merry
M-Fitness
George S.B. Morgan
Sara & Bill Morgan
Rock & Kathy Mullens
Nantucket Hotel
Oudens Ello Architecture
Sally Mulford Patrick
James & Elizabeth Pickman
Jessica Pisano
Ellen M. Poss M.D.
Rick & Margy Richardson
David & Sharon Robinson
Rockland Trust
E. Burke Ross Jr.
Dr. Peter Norris & Amy Rugel
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Russ & Margot Salisbury
Bette & Richard Saltzman
Alec & Lee Sargent
Jill & Ron Sargent
Christian Halby & Susan Schaefer
Charles & Martha Schmidt
June & Irving Schoppe
Peter & Lee Scott
Linda Shaw
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Polly & Brad Simpkins
Cathy Weiss & Ed Solomon
Bonnie Stacy
Neal & Lin Strohmeyer
John Paul Sullivan
Jim & Susan Swartz
The Rotary of Martha’s Vineyard Charitable Foundation, Inc.
Robert & Wendy Thompson
Philip & Sigrid Tiedtke
Olive Tomlinson
Lloyd & Teri Trotter
Thomas & Elizabeth Trotter
Russ & Catherine Urban

$500 to $999
Glenn & Suzanne Alberich
Lynn Allegaert
Clifford & Amy Aronson
Jean & Tom August
Maxwell & Beth Bardeen
Sam & Soo Barnard
Anne Barry
Janet Baszile
Ellie Bates
Beetlebung Tree Care
Janice Belisle
Friederike Biggs
Cecilia & Kevin Brennan
Peter & Nancy Brooks
Dennis & Kimberly Burns
Ronald & Elizabeth Campbell
Cape & Island Tennis & Track
Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank
Charlotte Inn
Stuart & Ellen Chasen
Judith Churchill
Claudia’s
Jonathan & Joanna Cole
The Cottagers, Inc.
W. Read & Katharine Coughlin
Richard L. Burt & Nancy S. Cramer
C. Ben & Virginia Crisman
Marylouise & Christopher Crofton-Atkins
Sherrie Cutler
Ron & Judy Davenport
Alison Shaw & Sue Dawson
James & Caryl Dearing
Mary Lou & Jeff Delong
Simone DeSourcy
Robert & Harriet Dewey
Mary & Bruce Donald
Priscilla Douglas
Craig & Betsy Dripps
Holly & Edmond Eger
Robert & Angela Egerton
Morris & Pamela Flam
Stuart & Barbara Freeland
Joseph & Sylvia Frelinghuysen
Gertrude M. Goff
Susan Sachs Goldman
Greg & Elise Green
Jeffrey Heidt & Myra Green
John H. & Margaret C. Hager Family
Fund of the Community
Foundation Serving Richmond &
Central Virginia

David Nathans & Kate Hastings
John D. Hawke Jr.
Glenn & Linda Hearn
Fergus & Sarah Henderson
Hob Knob Hotel
Jay Coleman & Dorothy Hopkins
Aiko Hydeman
Beebee Horowitz & Stuart Kendall
Patty & Rob Kendall
Jane Seagrove & John Kennedy
Joann Kidd
Robert & Pedie Killebrew
Gary Maynard & Kristina Kinsman
Richard & Phyllis Kugler
Suzanne Lanzone
Glenn & Debbie Larsen
Larry & Michelle Lasser
Bradley & Kristen Lewis
Melinda & Michael Loberg
Mark Alan Lovewell
Woody & Hope Lynn
June D. Manning
Ken MacLean & Stephanie Mashek
T. Robert & Phyllis McCarron
Michael & Nancy McCaskey
Scot & Cathy McCulloch
Mary L. Melvin
Sharon Miller
Alan Muney
Ann DuCharme & Ted Murphy
Chris & Barbara Murphy
Holly Nadler

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Samuel & Linda Warriner
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Leslie O’Brien & Kenneth Williams
Jacob Rosengarten & Nancy Wolf
Bill & Marie Woodburn
Richard Canty & Hope B. Woodhouse

$250 to $499
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Barbara A. Almquist
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Vivian Beard
Kenneth & Patricia Berkov
Stephen L. & Louise A. Berry
Stephen & Pamela Besse
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Judy Bramhall
Oakley & Sydney Brooks
Dwight Kulwin & Elizabeth Brown
Dudley Cannada
Cape Air
John & Ellen Carpenter
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Bonnie Conway
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Crane Appliance
Paul & Alice Cruikshank
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David & Frederica Dimmick
Kristin Harris & Ian Douglas
Mary Anna Eaton
Mimi Davison & Steve Engh

John Flender
Dick & Donna Lee Frisch
Peter & Allyson Getsinger
Chester & Elizabeth Gibson
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Bob Hart
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Betsey & Jack Mayhew
Jean McCarthy
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J. McLaughlin
Ronald & Janice Moore
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Angela Morris
Theresa Morrison
Shepherd & Margo Murray
Jerald Muskin
Daniel & Barbara Nalven
Mansfield & Cheryl Neal
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Louise W. O’Brien
Our Island Club
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Caren & Randy Parker

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Joan C. Potter
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Janet Rapose
Earle & DiAnn Ray
Allyson Reed
Wendy Reily
Nancy Cole & Peter Rodegast
Barbara Ronchetti
John Rosenmiller
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Nevin & Stina Sayre
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Final State-Level Archival Documentation for Gay Head Lighthouse in Aquinnah, Massachusetts. January 2016. Public Archaeology Laboratory, Pawtucket, RI.

Scrapbook pages including photographs of Henry Beetle Hough at Cedar Tree Neck, April 1974 and the beach opening at Quansoo in the 1920s. Gift of Cynthia Riggs, West Tisbury.

Album of Mosher postcard photographs of 1938 hurricane; Potsherds and written materials re Martha's Vineyard archaeology. Gift of James B. Richardson, III, East Chop.

Painting of the Charles W. Morgan by Captain John Ivory. Gift of Warren C. Morse, West Tisbury.

Three Martha’s Vineyard decoys. MV Museum Purchase.

World War I veteran’s medal; 1810 tax ledger; “Poor Martha” bumper stickers; Tercentenary memorial coin struck in 1971. Gift of the Town of Tisbury.

Eight photographs of persons from the Smith and Trask families. Gift of the Plainfield Historical Society, Plainfield, NH.


Photographs and ephemera relating to the McDonough family. Gift of Martha Sullivan, Oak Bluffs.

Souvenir spoon from Vineyard Haven. Gift of George Morgan, Chilmark.

Panoramic photograph of all Island classes on Washington trip, 1951. Gift of Peter West, Edgartown.


Oak Bluffs High School diploma for Gertrude Ethel Studley. 1935. Gift of Barbara Reilly, Robbinsville, NJ.

Pat Gregory’s West Tisbury town meeting materials, including his notebook and copy of “Town Meeting Time: A Handbook of Parliamentary Law.” Gift of Dorothy Gregory, West Tisbury.


“The Spectator” (newspaper) New York, August 18, 1798, with notice of act “creating a light-house at Gay-Head.” Gift of Edward Miller and Monina von Opel in honor of the Fundraising Committee to Save the Gay Head Lighthouse: Meg Bodnar (Co-Chair), Mitzi Pratt, (Co-Chair), Larry Hohlt, Edward F. Miller, James Pickman, Berta Welch.


Seven pieces of embroidery done by Miriam Richardson for Gold Thimble-Master Craftsman Award from the Connecticut River Valley Chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America, 1976. Gift of Linda Colette and James B. Richardson, III, East Chop.

Photograph “Joy” by Michael Johnson. MV Museum Purchase.

Nineteen portrait photographs by Editta Sherman of persons with connections to Martha’s Vineyard. Gift of the family of Editta Sherman.


Nine color photographs of Lucy Vincent Beach as it appeared before hurricane Sandy. Gift of Phyllis Dunn, Vineyard Haven.
Collection of ephemera from the Oak Bluffs/Cottage City schools.  
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Scrapbook pertaining to the Shearer Summer Theater.  
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Three tiles and three cups made by Martha’s Vineyard Pottery.  
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Photograph of Max Eastman and Elena Krylenko in Chilmark, 1948.  
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Photographs of members of Martha’s Vineyard’s creative community from Jane Dreeben’s book “The Urge to Create: Vineyard Portraits.”  
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Forty-one black and white photographs of Martha’s Vineyard taken by designer George Van Anda (1891-1965) in the early 1950s.  
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Black and white aerial photograph of the Marine Hospital in Vineyard Haven taken c. 1948.  
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Two photographs of Vineyard Haven fire, 1883; Poster for Old Colony Rail Road, 1873; Carving of fish by Clifford Dugan; Carving of flying duck by Clifford Dugan; Carving of flying ducks by William Dugan Sr.  
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Pot made by Tom Thatcher in Yakushima, Japan in February 1972; Rooster tree topper Christmas card from Polly and Ted Meinelt; ephemera from Martha’s Vineyard businesses; photographs taken during the filming of “Jaws II,”  
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