2015 Highlights

EDUCATION

• Signed a three-year lease with the Preservation Trust for the Morgan Learning Center thanks to the Beagary Charitable Trust while also hiring a part-time education assistant allowing MVM to expand educational outreach to over 2,200 Island kids.

• Collaborated with Headstart, Project Headway, Montessori School, and MV Community Services expanding our education program to Pre-K.

• Presented Museum Conversations, a senior citizen outreach program, to 436 Island seniors.

EXHIBITS/COLLECTION

• Published Island Stories: Highlights from the MVM showcasing fifty treasured objects from the collection thanks to a generous grant from the Linnemann Family Foundation.

• Produced eight exhibitions including exhibits on Lois Mailou Jones, Nancy Luce, and a second Island Faces Portrait Competition.

• Received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for professional evaluation of the Fresnel lens to create a plan for its conservation and eventual move.

• With funding from the town of Edgartown through the Community Preservation Act, conserved, restored, and digitized five Edgartown whaling logbooks working with the Northeast Document Conservation Center.

COMMUNITY

• Partnered with the Vineyard Gazette to produce Previews of the Past, a series of historic videos featuring some of MVM’s collection and oral histories, thanks to funding from the Liman Foundation.

• Hosted the National Trust for Historic Preservation Council for their four-day visit to Martha’s Vineyard in September

COMINGS AND GOINGS

• Hired me in December