The Sudbury Historical Society, a private 501(c)(3) organization, is building a History Center, complete with museum galleries, an archive, and a visitor’s center, in the town-owned c. 1730 Loring Parsonage in Sudbury’s Town Center. The project will revitalize an historic town asset and safely store and exhibit the SHS’s collection, accommodate its growing membership and volunteer corps, facilitate scholarly research, and provide a fully accessible visitor’s center for Sudbury’s residents and tourists. Project cost estimates range from between $1,500,000 - $1,600,000.

With significant gifts from members of the community, area business leaders and foundations, the SHS has raised $1,549,700 in grants and contributions since December 2015. Now only $50,300 remains to be raised for the construction phase of the project (Phase II).

This endeavor is time-sensitive because Sudbury’s Town Hall, where the SHS currently resides, is also being considered for renovation and the SHS will need to move. Stabilization of a portion of the Parsonage has already been completed (Phase I), and with additional community support, the remaining rehabilitation and expansion could begin this year and be completed by the spring of 2018. Then begins Phase III, raising funds for interior outfitting and building an endowment.

The SHS is pleased to be leading this project and is grateful for the support thus far. The end-result will be a dynamic, accessible, educational facility for all ages serving the greater Sudbury community and beyond. Any gift to help the SHS reach its goals is appreciated. Please help the SHS make history!

Join in the Conversation…

DONATE TO THE CAMPAIGN TO MAKE HISTORY AND HELP BUILD THE SUDBURY HISTORY CENTER

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FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE SUDBURY HISTORY CENTER PHASES I AND II, AS OF AUGUST 2017

- $300,000 - Phase I Stabilization - Mass. Office of Tourism Grant (completed June 2016)
- $400,000 - Community Preservation Act Funds
- $247,000 - Harry Rice and Wood-Davison Trust Funds
- $352,700 - Community Contributions, Pledges, Fundraiser Events, and Grants from Middlesex Saving Bank, Freedom’s Way/National Park Service, Society of the Cincinnati
- $50,000 - February 2017 Challenge Grant: Anonymous Donor
- $200,000 - March 2017 Challenge Grant: Sudbury Foundation
- $50,300 - Remaining Funds Needed
THE OLD HOUSE REIMAGINED

Included in the repurposing plans are: Museum exhibition galleries • A research lab with access to the SHS’s archival collections and reference library • Meeting rooms for educational programs, school visits, and community use • A visitor’s center to welcome residents and tourists • Accessible work spaces for volunteers and researchers • and, Elements of architectural study to teach about early colonial building methods and design.

Project components influencing costs include: Interior restoration and renovation • An addition with an ADA compliant lift and restroom • New HVAC/Electrical/Plumbing/Fire suppression systems • Since this building is municipally-owned, adherence to public procurement laws.

Revitalizing the underutilized Loring Parsonage as an active educational facility for all ages in the heart of Sudbury’s Town Center creates an asset for all Sudbury residents and will increase revenue for local businesses due to increased tourism.

To discuss gifts of stock or bequests, contact Treasurer David Pettit at 617/901-5798.

To schedule a behind-the-scene tour of the Parsonage, e-mail director@sudbury01776.org.
NAMING OPPORTUNITIES
AT THE SUDBURY HISTORY CENTER

FIRST FLOOR:
$100,000 – Visitor’s Center – First floor. Includes point of welcome, ticket sales, gift shop, information station for History Center and Town of Sudbury, lift access point, accessible restroom, and kitchenette.

$50,000 – Northeast Gallery – Rotating exhibition gallery.

$5,000 each – Exhibit Display Cases.

SECOND FLOOR:
$50,000 -- Upstairs Hall – Archival Storage/Visible storage display, lift access point.

$50,000 – Special Collections Library/Archival Storage Room.

$75,000 – West Chamber – SHS Offices.

ALREADY SPONSORED:
$100,000 – West Gallery – Multi-purpose rotating exhibition gallery and program space/event hall. SPONSORED!

$50,000 – Southeast Gallery – Introduction to Sudbury, semi-permanent exhibition gallery. SPONSORED!

$50,000 – Southeast Meeting Room – Board room and researcher space. Available for use by various community groups. SPONSORED!

$50,000 – Herb Garden & Interpretive Landscape at the Loring Parsonage SPONSORED!

$50,000 – ADA-Compliant Lift. SPONSORED!

$25,000 – Arched Glass Window. SPONSORED!

All major donations will be permanently recognized at the Sudbury History Center.
A NEW LOOK FOR THE FUTURE!

With the future Sudbury History Center coming soon the SHS has developed a new logo. Working with Sudbury designer Bethany Schlegel Shaw, several designs were considered from traditional to contemporary. The new logo represents the Loring Parsonage which will help visitors identify the building in Sudbury’s Town Center. The colors incorporate various structural components of this almost 300 year old building.

The Loring Parsonage in caricature signifies looking at history from a modern perspective, which is at the core of the SHS mission.

The SHS newsletter has been reimagined from The Sudbury Chronicle to “CONVERSATIONS” to emphasize that history has many points of view. The SHS encourages everyone to join in the dialog.

THE SUDBURY HISTORY CENTER PROJECT AT A GLANCE:

Phase I: Completed June 2016!
Partial stabilization of basement level and western rooms of the Loring Parsonage.

Phase II: In active progress...
Complete stabilization, restoration and expansion of the e1. Once funds are raised, work with the Permanent Building Committee to send the project out to bid.

Phase III: Just beginning...
Planning for the exhibitions, outfitting of interior spaces, and landscape management plan. Building an endowment to ensure new growth and sustainability.

Latest News!
On Tuesday, August 8, 2017 the Sudbury Board of Selectmen approved a 30-year lease for the SHS to operate from the Loring Parsonage!