

# Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association

## FY2019 Highlights

(July 2018 – June 2019)

### 1. New CSHSA Board Members FY2019

We were pleased to welcome two new members to our board in August 2018:

- 1) **Andrew Chernin** – Galesburg High School English Faculty, and
- 2) **Donald Moffitt** – Former District state representative former member of the Illinois House of Representatives, representing the 74th district from 1993 until 2017. Moffitt also previously served Knox County in several elected positions.

### 2. CSHSA Endowment Balance - June 30, 2019. Total \$29,440.39 (June 30, 2018 - \$27,387.48)

Our Endowment funds with the Galesburg Community Foundation returned an estimated 5.3% return on investment in FY19! CSHSA received \$600 in additional donations to our endowment in FY2019. Our **Spendable Balance: \$2,977.51.**

### 3. Sad Farewell to Former Board Members.

It was with great sorrow and appreciation that we bade a final farewell to two recent former board members:

- a. **Charles J. Bednar, Jr.** (d. September 18, 2018). His mother, Juanita, was a driving force in the purchase, restoration and early operations of Carl Sandburg's birthplace cottage. Chuck followed in her footsteps and was involved with the Site and its support group over the years. After returning to Galesburg in retirement, Chuck served six years on the Board of Directors of the Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association and as President (2011-2014). The impressive 9-foot statue of Carl Sandburg centrally located in Galesburg's downtown was realized due to Chuck's visionary leadership. He had a great knowledge of Sandburg and American history and literature. Chuck will be deeply missed.
- b. **Helen "Tede" Verner** (d. February 1, 2019) "Tede" was involved with the Carl Sandburg Historic Site and member of the CSHSA board for six years (2012-2018). Her wonderful stories and wit will be missed. Thank you, Tede, for your years of service to so many!

### 4. Galesburg Community Foundation Grant FY2019

Thanks to the grant presentation of Ann Mueller, Rex Cherrington & Mike Hobbs to the Galesburg Community Foundation, the Association was awarded a \$2,475 for nine monthly Sandburg Songbag Concerts. The 2019 Sandburg Songbag Concerts are possible thanks to a grant from the **Mark & Celia Godsil Family Fund**, a Donor Advised Fund of Galesburg Community Foundation and the Community Impact Fund at Galesburg Community Foundation.

### 5. Other Grant Applications Submitted

- a. **Choral Dynamics Beneficiary Advertising Partnership Program.** We have submitted an application for the CSHSA Board to sell advertising for the upcoming December 2019 Choral Dynamics performances. "Choral Dynamics Board of Directors chooses a community organization each show to partner with as our beneficiary. Our unique formula allows local not-for-profit groups to apply to sell advertising in our program book and use the profit to fund projects and expenditures that advance their own goals." The Beneficiary will be announced after August 15<sup>th</sup>.

- b. **The Knox County Brewing Company (KCBC) "Return the Favor" Grant.** Our 3rd quarter application was unsuccessful but we have reapplied for the 4th quarter grant. The KCBC "is built on three values: charity, community, and local." A portion of every sale will be donated to a selected non-profit organization for a three month period (quarter).
- 6. Hometown Hundreds – F&M Bank – "Luck of the draw" - \$400 received in FY2019**  
Thanks to our local F&M Bank's support for local nonprofit organizations through their Hometown Hundreds program, entries for the Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association secured four \$100 awards in the weekly drawings between October 2018 and February 2019. We are looking forward to submitting our entries when we are next eligible in late November 2019!
- 7. Congregational Church series: Remembering Carl Sandburg, January 6 & April 28, 2019**
- a. **January 6, 2019** – Board Members **Rex Cherrington, Mike Hobbs, and Andrew Chernin** presented readings during the 10:30am worship service on Carl Sandburg's 141<sup>st</sup> Birthday about Carl Sandburg's birthday celebration at Central Congregational in 1953, the friendship between Carl Sandburg and Central's pastor Rev. Alan Jenkins, and how Congregationalists played a significant role in forming Galesburg City Mission which had a positive influence on Carl's youth in Galesburg. The service included a selection of songs performed by Sullivan's Daughter (**Erin Glasnovich**) taken from *The American Songbag* collection.
- b. **April 28, 2019** – As part of the 10:30am weekly service: "A Carl Sandburg Remembrance--The Spiritual Carl Sandburg" Board Members, **Rex Cherrington, Mike Hobbs, Andrew Chernin** and **Don Moffitt** offered readings as part the Sandburg Days events. The theological viewpoints of one of Galesburg's favorite sons, Carl Sandburg were discussed with the congregation. Carl Sandburg's youth was favorably influenced by the City Mission Church started by Congregationalists. The close friendship between Carl Sandburg and Rev. Alan Jenkins of Central Congregational Church were remembered.
- 8. [Illinois Turns 200: A Bicentennial Podcast Series: Galesburg Edition \(Nov. 4, 2018\)](#)**  
Several CSHSA Members, including Board member, **Rex Cherrington**, participated in this Illinois Bicentennial Podcast recorded at the Carl Sandburg State Historic Site on November 4, 2018. This episode explores an ongoing debate about which window Abraham Lincoln used as an exit from Knox College's Old Main; the role played by Galesburg's founders in the Underground Railroad; the Boxcar People from Mexico who worked on the rails and created a community in the early twentieth century; the early career of the inventor of modern advertising Earnest Elmo Calkins; current efforts to revitalize downtown through local businesses and culture; the creation of a recent community by Congolese immigrants; and, of course, the life and career of poet, historian, and journalist Carl Sandburg.
- 9. Sandburg@Schools Songbag Concert Series – February 2019**  
**Sandburg@schools Songbag** Concerts with **Erin Glasnovich** and **Ross McIntire** was coordinated by CSHSA Board Member, **Pamela Fox** in February 2019. Fox coordinated the half-hour performances of selections from Sandburg's *American Songbag* with area schools and select teachers who had already received the totes of Sandburg resource materials created by Pat Kane and Pam Fox in the previous year. Erin & Ross were responsible for 7 school performances. Museum store gift certificate were given to each third grade teacher to motivate more teachers/students to visit the Site. The Concert Series was a prelude to the Penny Parade fund raiser to be conducted by area students.

**10. Sandburg Songbag Concerts: March-November 2019. Second Sundays 4-6pm.**

Concerts have been very well-attended. Coordinated by **Tom Foley**. Concerts includes Board Member Hosts and Community Readers!

**a. Fall 2018 & Spring 2019 Concerts**

- i. August 12, 2018 – Andreas KapsalisJoe McLerran
- ii. September 9, 2018 – Marc & Brandi Janssen
- iii. October 14, 2018 – Roundstone Buskers
- iv. November 11, 2018 – Tom Irwin
- v. March 10, 2019 -- David W. Smith
- vi. April 14, 2019 – John Heasley
- vii. May 5, 2019 – Ian Johnson & Manny Lopez III
- viii. June 9, 2019 – Last Acre – Mark & Molly Mathewson

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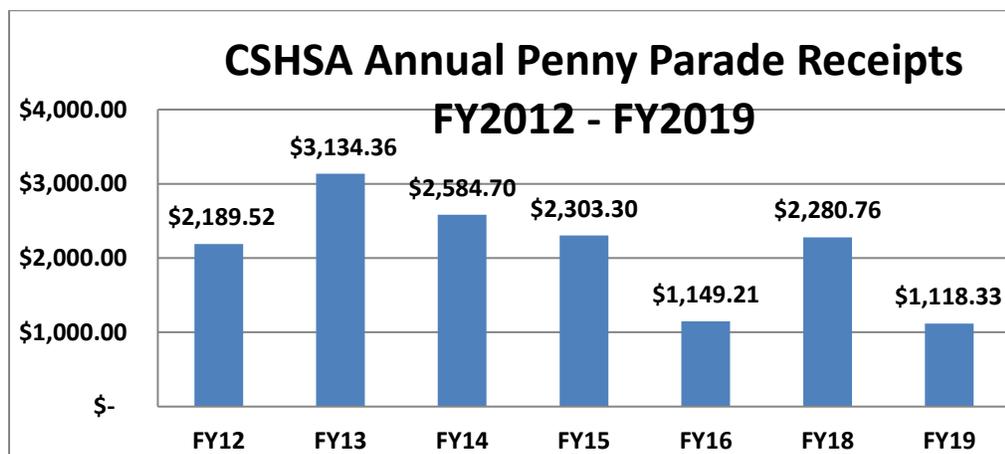
c. We also appreciate the generous gift of CSHSA members, Judy & Ron Greek, serving as hosts and providing snacks for all our Sandburg Songbag Concerts.

**11. Penny Parade – April 25, 2019**

A tradition started in 1961, the Association and IDNR held the culmination of the annual Penny Parade Fundraiser on April 25. Students and the community turned in pennies and other donations collected primarily at area schools. Attendees, primarily students, participated in a variety of activities led by CSHSA Board Member, **Mike Panther**. Students from Silas Ward Elementary School presented “The Wedding Procession of the Rag Doll and the Broom Handle and Who Was in It.” Thank you to all who contributed and came to this important fundraiser!

[Photos on Facebook from the Penny Parade 2019 Program.](https://www.facebook.com/pg/CarlSandburgHistoricSiteAssociation/photos/?tab=album&album_id=2658056754235524)

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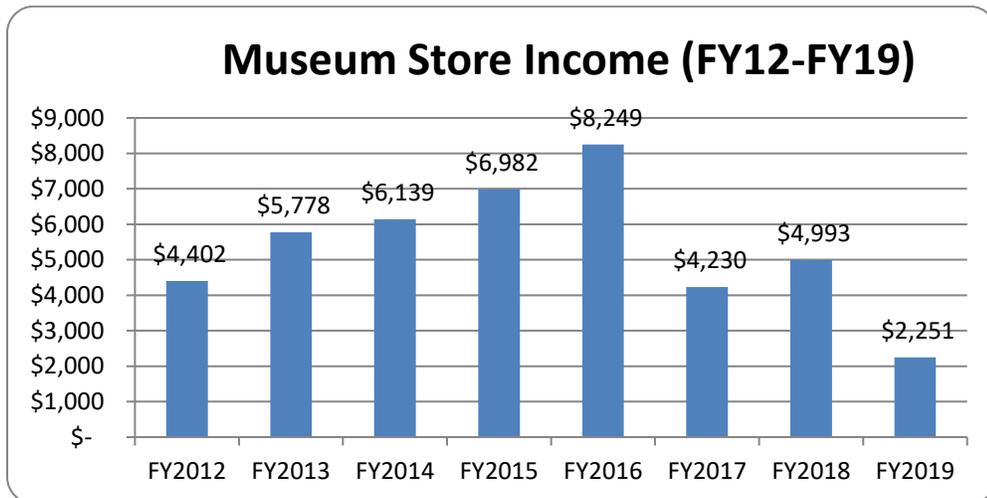
**12. Sandburg Days Festival 2019** – CSHSA Board Members: Tom Foley, Ann Mueller and Martha Downey (Site Superintendent) planned and participated in the annual 4-day Galesburg event (April 25-28, 2019). Illinois folk musician, Chris Vallillo, performed at the Barn on Sunday, April 28. CSHSA Board members, **Rex Cherrington, Mike Hobbs, Andrew Chernin** and **Don Moffitt** made presentations at the Congregational Church’s Sunday Service on “Carl Sandburg Remembrance: The Spiritual Carl Sandburg”.

### 13. Galesburg Community Foundation Non-profit Workshops

- a. March 2019 – Forefront Adaptive Leadership Training (2-day event) – Rex Cherrington.
- b. May 2019 -- Galesburg Community Foundation's Capacity Grant Workshop – Rex Cherrington.
- c. June 18, 2019 – 2019 Turnout Grant – Attended by Mike Hobbs, Rex Cherrington & Ann Mueller.

### 14. Museum Store

- a. Reduced hours for the Visitors Center July-October and the subsequent closing November 2018-June 2019 have substantially limited our Museum Store sales.
- b. Over 60 out-of-print books were ordered and placed on sale in the Museum Store during the Fall 2018.



15. **Inklings & Idlings** – Editor **J. Michael Hobbs** published four more excellent quarterly newsletters with a wide variety of contributors. Thank you, Mike, for the time and energy spent to recruit authors for consistently wonderful and interesting articles. We are proud of the quality newsletter you produce for the Association.

### 16. Maintenance & Repair by Board volunteers & others

- a. **Picket Fence painting** by Board volunteers over a series of painting sessions scheduled this past fiscal year. The painting has substantially been completed, with the exception of a section of fencing behind one of the gardens on the east side of the house. This section will be scheduled for completion sometime in October or November 2019 when the area is more accessible.
- b. **Quotation Walk stones cleaned**, raised and reset by **McFall Monument Company** staff members (Cost: \$700). Project funded by **Robert Ohlbach & Helen “Tede” Verner Memorial Funds**.
- c. **Cottage Cellar Door Replaced**. Deteriorating exterior basement door to Cottage basement replaced. (Many thanks to **Gary Wagle!**)

**17. Semi-annual Fall & Spring Garden Clean-up** – September 26, 2018 & April 5, 2019.

Led by the **Knox County Master Gardeners**. CSHSA members participated in the cleanup activities along with a number of wonderful volunteers! The site was included in the Master Gardeners Community Garden Walk, June 25, 2019.

**18. CSHSA By-Laws Revision**

CSHSA President **Pat Kane** appointed an ad hoc By-Laws Committee to review the current Association By-Laws (last revised - August 2013). The Committee has addressed a few necessary changes as well as updating the Gift Acceptance Policy and formally establishing an Executive Committee for the Board. The By-Laws have been submitted for approval by the General Membership at Annual Membership Meeting on August 13, 2019.

- a. [CSHSA By-Laws Comparison 2019vs2013.docx](#)
- b. [CSHSA By-Laws 2013 Proposed-Revisions 20190813.pdf](#)
- c. [CSHSA By-Laws rev 2013-approved 20130709.pdf](#)

**19. CSHSA Memberships FY2019**

**Memberships 2019 Received** – (through July 15, 2019)

<b>CSHSA MEMBERSHIPS (as of 15-Jul-2019)</b>						
Total \$\$		\$ 3,015	\$ 2,830	\$ 3,190	\$ 3,705	\$ 3,640
CSHSA Memberships		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Gift</b>	\$ 10				9	0
<b>Senior</b>	\$ 10	17	22	24	29	22
<b>Individual</b>	\$ 20	21	20	16	17	16
<b>Family</b>	\$ 40	18	18	14	10	11
<b>Donor</b>	\$ 100	11	10	12	15	14
<b>Sponsor</b>	\$ 250	2	2	3	4	3
<b>Patron</b>	\$ 500					1

**20. CSHSA Website / Facebook – FY2019**

- a. 284th **Sandburg’s Hometown** article posted June 24, 2019! Thirty-five (35) Sandburg’s Hometown articles written by **Barbara Schock** were added to our website July 2018 – June 2019 and posted on the CSHSA Facebook page as well as on the “Remember in Galesburg” Facebook page. Total Sandburg’s Hometown articles posted: February 4, 2013 through June 2019: **284 article posts**. Thank you, **Barbara Schock!!**
- b. We greatly appreciate the additional assistance and contributions of **Bryan Engelbrecht**, Bishop Hill staff member, as an administrator on our CSHSA Facebook page!

**21. In Grateful Appreciation** of the enduring efforts of our Site Superintendent **Martha Downey** and Site Services Specialist II **Bryan Engelbrecht** for their efforts to staff both the Bishop Hill State Historic Site and the Carl Sandburg State Historic Site at critical times this past year during a staff shortage at both sites. We appreciate their dedication and their commitment to both sites during this difficult time. We are so very pleased that the staff positions at both sites are now filled and the Carl Sandburg Site has now reopened with a new schedule of hours beginning July 16, 2019! We are delighted to welcome our new permanent part-time site interpreter, **Tommy Wallenfeldt** to the Carl Sandburg State Historic Site.