

Celebrating 130 years!

Peace Dale Museum of Art and Culture

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Dear Members and Friends:

One hundred thirty years ago, Rowland G. Hazard II had an idea--- a museum for the community. He wanted to bring objects from around the world to the Village of Peace Dale. As an enthusiastic collector, creating a museum was a natural extension of his strong interest in archeology and anthropology. Rowland reached out to family members and to the community, and the collection grew.

After Rowland's death in 1918, his wife, Mary Pierpont Bushnell Hazard, personally oversaw the renovations that transformed a second-floor room at what is now the Peace Dale Office Building into a Spanish mission-style museum gallery. In 1930, the collection moved into its new home.

In 1983, the museum's supporters established a nonprofit corporation to ensure that the collection would be available to future generations. During the past several decades, hundreds of dedicated friends and community members have volunteered as museum trustees, teachers, tour guides, and speakers. We celebrated our centennial with the publication of *The Nineteen-Century American Collector: A Rhode Island Perspective*, by our professional curator, Sarah Peabody Turnbaugh, and her husband, Professor William A. Turnbaugh.

We continue to serve as a cultural resources for the community, offering stellar Spring and Fall lecture series and providing educational programs that focus on awareness of history and appreciation of global diversity. Live broadcast of our evening programs during the pandemic has brought us new friends and supporters. Those programs are now available on our website to watch any time. The artifacts we display have been refreshed and re-labeled, and we now offer visitors self-guided tours of our gallery.

Our world is both smaller and more diverse than it was 130 years ago, and understanding of other cultures has never been more important. As we reach this important milestone in our history, we kindly ask for your continued support.

Lisa Fiore and Mary Brown, for The Museum Board of Trustees