



700 visitors to the grounds



3,500 books distributed

HISTORIC FAIR HILL

Annual Report 2023



**40,000 school library
books circulated**



**1,400 pounds of fresh
produce shared**

Dear Friends of Historic Fair Hill,

We hope this letter finds you in good spirits. Over the past year, the power of community has continued to echo in all corners of Fairhill. Ties with new partners were forged and old friendships have been deepened.

This summer, our Youth Interns shared the young adult version of the book "Braiding Sweetgrass" with one another. So much of Dr. Kimmerer's story centers on the importance of reciprocity - what we're taking from the world and what we're giving back. Our young people show us time and time again how much beauty, joy, and hope surrounds us. As supporters, your work in the gardens, at the grounds, and in the schools further spreads our mission.

At a time when the historic disinvestment in our communities seems more acute than ever, we thank you for your partnership and commitment to our beloved neighborhood. In stewarding the legacy of nineteenth century abolitionists, we are just as proud of the modern day work of our friends and neighbors, standing right alongside them.

Lucretia Mott once said, "Those who go forth ministering to the wants and necessities of their fellow beings experience a rich return, their souls being as a watered garden, and a spring that faileth not." We hope you will enjoy reading about the difference you have made and that you will continue to be in community with us in the years to come.

In peace,

The Historic Fair Hill Staff:

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Source of Funds

Endowment Income	\$30,682
Grants	\$204,482
Individual support	\$233,328
Other	\$6,634
Total Funds Received	\$475,126

Use of Funds

Development	\$51,170
Admin & Finance	\$96,613
Grounds, Gardens & Community	\$135,949
School Partnerships	\$169,191
Total Funds Expended	\$452,923
Funds for Future Capital & Programs	\$22,203

What We've Been Doing

With your help, we continue to support greening, literacy, and community initiatives. Get a glimpse of just some of the work that we have been doing. Find out more at historicfairhill.com/news.

Family Fun Days

Games and activities at the burial ground have been offered every Saturday afternoon during warm weather. Partner organizations - Philly Children's Theatre, Yoga 4 Philly, Philly Goat Project, Botanography, Baby Wordplay - provided additional fun for kids to enjoy.

Service Trips

We worked with Friends Select, Germantown Friends, and Westtown School for year-long service-based partnerships. Their visits helped nurture the students' connections with the Fairhill community and deepen their understanding of Quakerism through acts of environmental guardianship.



Author Visits

We were able to bring in local author Thembi Palmer to visit three of our partner school libraries. Students stretched, jumped, danced, and giggled as they enjoyed her new book and each received copies for their own home libraries.

Youth Interns

Local middle and high schoolers enjoyed a summer full of gardening, leadership, and communal stewardship opportunities. They assisted with grounds work, trained to be tour guides, and helped lead our Summer Festival. They also got the chance to work with the Philadelphia Orchard Project and visit Vetri's Teaching Kitchen.

Reading Promise Festival

Our festival was one of 55 events that took place throughout the city as a way to celebrate the joy and power of literacy. Held at the grounds, it included a poet-tree, paper making, literacy games, storytelling, and puppetry. Plus, we gave out over 500 new books!

What's Next

Take a look at all the good work that's coming to Fairhill!
Follow us @[historic_fh](#) on Instagram and @[historicfairhill](#) on Facebook
to learn about ongoing programs.

Bethune Elementary Library

We're delighted to announce that we are going to be opening another school library this fall. Volunteers spent the past year collecting, cataloging, and shelving books for our young readers. Since the school district does not currently fund school libraries, being able to provide new books, read alouds, and information literacy skills is essential.

Year Round Teen Programming

With the hiring of full-time Green Space Director, Tito Caba, we will be able to offer continued programming for our youth interns. Meeting weekly, they will improve their gardening skills, serve as community ambassadors, and learn about future career opportunities.



Carriageway Repair

The grounds are at the heart of our work and where our mission and programming emanate. In addition to preserving its history, we are also committed to ensuring safety and accessibility to visitors. The carriageway, dating back to the 1850s, is buckling in areas due to tree roots and we will be restoring it in sections in a way as to not harm our precious trees.

Hartranft Parent Assistants

After honing our program over many years at de Burgos Elementary, we will be expanding our literacy work by providing Classroom Literacy Assistants at Hartranft Elementary. Bilingual parents will be hired to support literacy and family engagement in the kindergarten classrooms. This partnership will build upon the library work that we are already doing at Hartranft.

A graphic with a green background and white line art icons. On the left, there are icons of potted plants, a person's silhouette, a video conference screen showing multiple participants, a coffee cup, and stacks of books. On the right, there is text: 'Find out more and share your ideas by attending our first Virtual Supporter Meeting on **Wednesday, October 18th!**'

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Historic Fair Hill's mission is to:

- 1) preserve our historic Quaker burial ground, and assure that its history and the ideals of the people interred there continue to speak to the world, and
- 2) act as a collaborative partner in the revitalization of the Fairhill community through school partnerships for literacy, greening, and community engagement events.

We encourage you to visit, volunteer, and participate.

Stay up to date by signing up for our newsletter at historicfairhill.com, following us on Instagram @historic_fh, or reaching out at info@historicfairhill.com.

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