Dear Friends,

Taste of The Gables was a hit! On the 29th of September friends gathered on our oceanfront lawn under the big white tent on a glorious Sunday to enjoy the culinary offerings of over 30 chefs, brewers and vintners. It was really a theatrical experience with everyone coming to compete for Best Chef or Best Beverage. Each guest voted for their favorites and in the end Tim Hopkins won Best Chef and Chive won Best Beverage. Congrats to each! Funds raised will benefit the preservation projects for our eight historic houses and will position The Gables to better fulfill our mission for underserved immigrant children.

Now that October is behind us, I found my fears about our capacity to handle the crowds were unfounded. The Gables’ dedicated, talented staff handled the masses of visitors with professionalism and grace. And while there were certainly a few stumbling blocks, the comments and reviews from guests who took a guided tour or attended a theatrical performance were overwhelmingly positive. I continue to appreciate my good fortune in working with such a great group of people. I am also amazed that even while the craziness of October was upon us, the staff was able to plan ahead and prepare for what promises to be a fantastic winter season. So get your calendars out!

Please refer to our Save the Date list on the cover and mark the dates when you can take a special Christmas House Tour, attend “A Classic Christmas” theatrical performance, and see our Settlement Tree decorated with handcrafted ornaments, but a lovely selection of other items that make perfect holiday gifts, including a newly released Gables Calendar featuring stunning photos of the iconic House of the Seven Gables and its majestic grounds. This calendar shows many events that will occur here in 2014, including special exhibits featuring Beverly Seaman’s sculptures, the Underground Railroad, Antique Pocketbooks, The Malala Portraits and so much more!

Before closing, I would like to express my appreciation for your support. During the busy fall season, it became very clear that a great many visitors came to The Gables based on a word-of-mouth recommendation from friends, relatives, local residents, and businesses. On behalf of the staff here at The Gables, Thank You!

Sincerely yours,

Kara McLaughlin
Executive Director
**7 Lectures at 7 Gables**

Brunonia Barry returned to The Gables in November to read excerpts from her next novel, *The Banshee of Salem*. Set in Salem and Prides Crossing, "Banshee" is expected to be released in 2014. Some of the previous characters return and some new ones are introduced. Barry credits The Gables with some of her literary success, as a brief guide’s job here ended abruptly one day as she was “caught” going off script and “telling stories” instead.

Brunonia signed *The Lace Reader* and *The Map of True Places* for a large crowd of enthusiasts.

It was delightful to have Brunonia return.

-Capt. Mike Rutstein

Come join us in the Seamans Visitor Center for the 2014 lecture series.

March 19 at 6pm, Lisa Graves of *History’s Witches*

April 16 at 6pm, Ben Strohecker of *The Day the Ocean Changed to Chocolate*

May 21 at 6pm, Bill Martin of *Cape Cod & Back Bay*

June 18 at 6pm, Jon Way of *Urban Howlings, Coyotes Among Us*

Aug. 20 at 6pm, Matthew Thomas of *New England Powder Houses*

Nov. 19 at 6pm, Capt. Mike Rutstein of *The Schooner Fame*

September 27, Saturday at 2pm is free (Trails & Sails), speaker TBA

Please reserve your seats by emailing sweber@7gables.org

Lectures are open to the public, held at 6pm on Wednesday nights (except for the September lecture that is on a Saturday—see above.)

Cost is $10pp for Members / $15 pp non-members

We are grateful to our 2013 Sponsors!


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**THE MUSEUM STORE** by Everett Philbrook, Store Manager

The Museum Store announces that a new edition of *The House of the Seven Gables*, Hawthorne’s classic novel, will be available this winter. Here’s the perfect gift for almost everyone on your shopping list! Gift certificates will be available for pick up during December in our store.

We will re-introduce the 1913 edition, published by Applewood Books, with the forward written by new Executive Director, Kara McLaughlin. In it she reminds us all that there is more than an historic story here at The Gables, there is also our mission of social services to the community. We are sure that our visitors and members will enjoy this volume as a treasured keepsake of their experience at our historic site. This hard cover copy will feature a striking new cover and include a preface from our founder, Miss Caroline Emmerton. Look for a gothic style woodblock design dust jacket and an image of the mansion as it appeared over one hundred years ago. The first edition was printed in April of 1851, by Boston publishers Ticknor and Fields, only one year after *The Scarlet Letter* was published.

This new edition will include a brief synopsis of the novel and an outline of author Nathaniel Hawthorne’s life. It concludes with a statement, that today in the author’s home town of Salem Massachusetts, thousands of visitors from across America and around the world come to visit the old mansion that inspired Hawthorne to pen one of his greatest works. The Gables site has been designated a National Historic Landmark District.

Come and buy our *Gables Garden 2014 Calendars* from mid-December while they last! Enjoy monthly photos of the gardens and the convenience of monthly events listed as reminders. Another perfect gift! Please remember to shop at The Gables! Free Parking! Friendly, stress-free service for all.

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**MEMORIAL** Edward J. Luzinski

The Gables’ flag was sadly lowered in honor of our old friend and loyal caretaker, Edward J. Luzinski, who passed away on October 27, 2013. Prior to his retirement in 1994, he was employed for 32 years as The Gables’ Property Superintendent where he and his family lived in Phippen House. The family bought a house on Hardy Street and became a neighbor of The Gables after Ed’s retirement. Ed was passionate about history and the city of Salem and loved gardening and his ocean views. He leaves his wife of 58 years, Phyllis, six children and their spouses, and nine grandchildren. The Gables has lost a longtime friend, advocate and supporter. We extend our sympathy to the Luzinski family.
The Gables Christmas Season

Special Guided Christmas tours of the Mansion Nov. 29 - Dec. 31 (closed Dec. 25) Learn about the history of the famed House, but with a fascinating slant on the story of Christmas and how it was (and was not) celebrated over the years. Sunday through Saturday: 10AM until 5PM (until 2PM on December 7th, 14th, and 21st) Tours start frequently. Advance reservations are not necessary. $12.50/Adult, $7.50/Child (ages 5-12)

A Classic Christmas theatrical performances Dec. 7, 14 & 21, 3-6PM Christmas scenes from famous works of literature including Little Women, A Christmas Carol and A Child’s Christmas in Wales are brought to life for audiences in the rooms of The House of the Seven Gables. Performances begin every 5 minutes as each show time audience proceeds to the next room in the Mansion. The entire performance lasts approximately 35 minutes. Visitors will be standing and, at times, using stairs as they move from room to room. Advance reservations can be made by calling (978) 744-0991, x104. On-line booking is not available at this time. All credit cards are accepted. Tickets can also be purchased at the Admissions Desk in the Visitor Center on the day of the performance. $12.50/Adult, $7.50/Child (ages 5-12)

Settlement Heritage Christmas Tree, Visitor Center Opening Reception Dec. 7th 2pm. In the Visitor Center throughout Dec. Free to all.

Holiday Music at The Gables: OnPoint Ensemble students perform Dec. 7 & 21 and North Shore Children’s Theatre Choir, Dec. 14, both at 3:30 & 4:30 pm.

Gables Aglow with Settlement Tree by Ana Nuncio, Settlement Partnership Manager

Salem students have been busy making ornaments for our Settlement Tree this holiday season. Inspired by a charitable and entrepreneurial spirit, these handcrafted ornaments will represent the diverse heritages of immigrants whose lives were touched by ‘The Gables’ mission since Caroline Emmerton founded the Settlement House in 1910. The vibrant decorations will light up our Settlement Tree, also called the “Heritage Tree”. Teachers and students from five Salem public schools are participating. The Schools include: Bowditch & Witchcraft Heights elementary schools, Collins Middle School, Salem Public High School, and Salem Academy Charter School. The ornaments will represent the various cultures of past and present immigrant communities in Salem that The Gables has served, including the Dominican Republic and other parts of the Caribbean, Poland, Russia, and French Canada. Ornaments will be sold through the Museum Store and half of the proceeds from each ornament will go to the individual student artist, or to a charity of their choosing.

New Manager of Visitor Services Hired

The House of the Seven Gables has hired Daniel C. Marshall, former Museum Operations Manager at Cracker Country Living History Museum in Tampa, Florida, as the new Manager of Visitor Services. Marshall assumed his new post on Monday, September 30, 2013. Marshall also served as its Curator of Programs and Museum Experiences Manager. From 2001-2004, he was Managing Interpreter for Gentry Households at Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia. “We are thrilled to have Daniel join us,” said Kara McLaughlin, the Gables’ Interim Executive Director. “He possesses a combination of management skills and historical museum experience that makes him uniquely qualified to serve as Manager of Visitor Services at The Gables. We anticipate him making significant contributions as a new member of our team.” At the Cracker Country Living History Museum, Marshall was responsible for managing a $600,000 annual operating budget. The museum, which is located on the Florida State Fairgrounds, receives 600,000 visitors yearly – 200,000 of whom visit during the twelve days of the Florida State Fair. Marshall moved to Salem with his wife and twin boys in October. The Marshall family is not new to Salem: his sons were born in Boston, and his wife lived in Salem for five years.
EX stands for Exhibits at The Gables! by Karen Barter, Dir. of Devel.

We are embarking on a new venture this winter. Starting in December, we will open our Visitor's Center for four special exhibits that we hope will attract many visitors to delight in the collections we will feature. The exhibits include:

Winter Joy: Sleds, Sleighs & Toys Dec. 17-31 10am-5pm 7 days a week. Bring the whole family to experience the many ways winter was enjoyed in the past. Antique sleds and sleighs, skates and toys will bring back fond memories of the winters of old. Free to Gables’ Members. $7 per person for non-members.

Members’ Receptions: Dec 17, Jan. 17, Feb. 12, Mar. 3 & April 1, 5-7pm.

Additional Gables Exhibits EX:
Beverly Seamans’ Sculpture Collection, Jan. 18-31
The Underground Railroad, Feb. 13-28
Antique Pocketbooks, Mar. 4-17
The Malala Portraits April 2-10

Plummer OnPoint Artists Inspire Endicott Students
by Ana Nuncio, Settlement Partnerships Manager

This fall The Gables teamed up with students and faculty from Endicott College in a community service learning project that will soon culminate in an art exhibit and a printed book. On Wednesday, November 6th, students participating in the Gables’ summer Caribbean Tales project, were invited by Endicott Arts and Graphics majors for a tour of the Endicott Performing Arts Center. The students from Plummer Home’s On Point extension had worked on the Caribbean stories at a facility in the Point neighborhood over the summer. The goal of the visit was to orient the On Point students to the Endicott campus, so that they could learn how the Endicott students were planning to formally present and publish their artwork as a collection of printed Caribbean stories. On Wed., December 4th, from 5 to 8 p.m., the students’ illustrations for Caribbean Tales will be exhibited in the Endicott Performing Arts Center, and there will be readings from the collection of stories. Endicott students who are majoring in graphic arts and design are compiling the readings into a printed book format, which has a publication date of February 2014.

Visitors by Karen Barter
John & Vivania Gove, direct descendants of the Hathaway family, came to visit The Gables during October. Married for 63 years, this Newburyport couple enjoy a wonderful enthusiasm for life. Their sharp minds can quote dates and addresses with the same ease of a professional athlete playing their sports. They told us of Eleaser and Eliza (Quinn) Hathaway who had resided in the house as bakers. Eleaser’s father Benjamin, a master baker, and his wife Clara, had a brother, George, of Marblehead who was also a baker. Benjamin’s mother was Clarissa Eliza Hathaway. We enjoyed spending time with this delightful couple.

Garden News by Karen Barter After many years in storage, we are delighted to announce that “The Kids” have returned to The Gables. Sculpted by Beverly Benson Seamans, these playful baby goats were donated as a memorial to Hannah Morris Gowans, past development friend of The Gables who passed away in 1984. Originally the memorial was situated behind the Settlement House as a memorial to Hannah Gowans. When the use of the house changed, and it was feared the sculpture might meet some mishap, they were removed from their granite rock base and stored inside for safekeeping. This past spring the base was dug up and transported across the street to an alcove garden off the Retire Beckett house just outside the Museum Store. Visitors can now enjoy “The Kids” playing on the rock and admire the incredible talent of the late sculptor, Beverly Seamans.

We enjoyed spending time with this delightful couple.