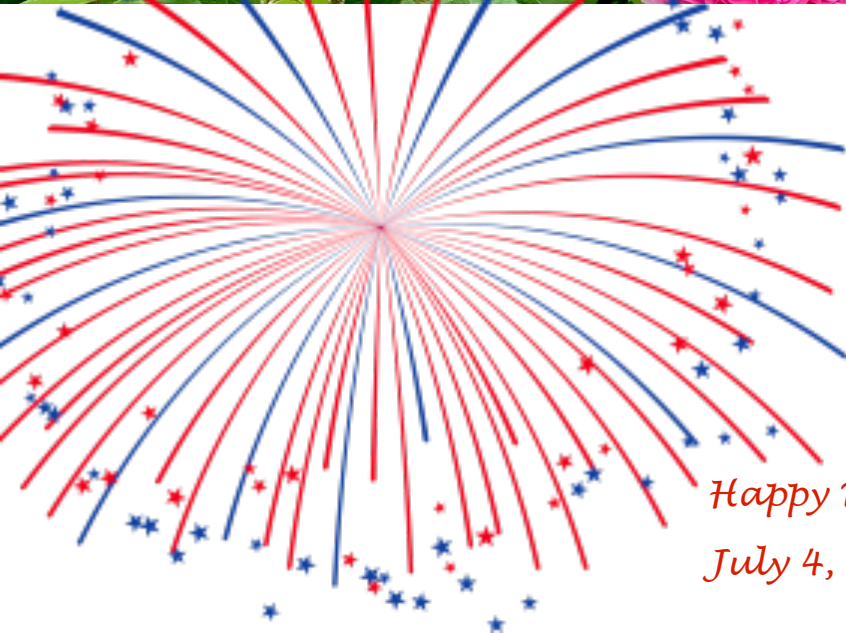
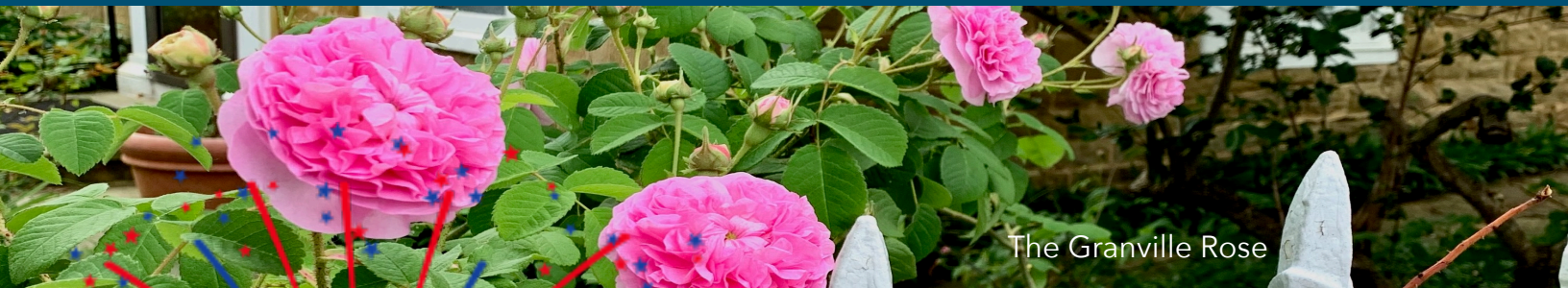




Cultivating a Rosy Future!

The 2023 Annual Fund



*Happy Birthday U.S.A.
July 4, 2026*

Dear Members and Friends,



Everyone at the Granville Historical Society has so much gratitude for your generosity and financial contribution to last year's Annual Fund. Because of this, a major goal was met. The position of Director was created and I am the lucky individual who stepped in to become the first Director (in 138 years!) of GHS. There is much to celebrate together and so much to look forward to. I pledge to serve the organization, its members, and our community to increase awareness and appreciation for Granville's history and its stories, and to open the doors to more visitors, more often. Monies raised for the Annual Fund are both our "bread and butter," partially covering the costs of running our organization and its museum, and to support our aspirations and goals for this next year. We have an opportunity to lay the groundwork next year and put our best foot forward in 2026 for the Semiquincentennial, the 250th anniversary of our nation. Part of your contribution will go to refurbish and modernize the Museum and its gardens, inside and outside, in honor of our history and the country's anniversary. I join Evelyn Frolking as the Annual Fund chair in expressing our confidence that we can meet or exceed our goal of \$32,000 and prepare to celebrate together. We ask for your support.

Warmly,

Karen Bailey, Director

Our plans for 2024

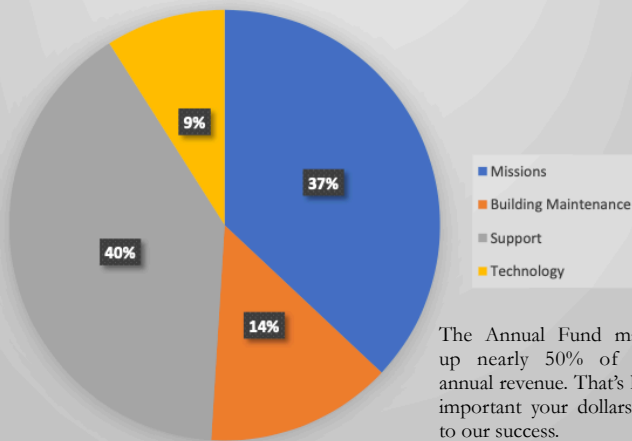


A garden is always a series of losses set against a few triumphs, like life itself. - May Sarton

Please use the enclosed card to make your gift to cultivating a rosy future.

- **Complete Phase One for the Refurbishment of our Museum in anticipation of the 250th anniversary of our nation in 2026.** Next year will be Year One of a two-year plan to complete a comprehensive facelift of our museum exhibit spaces. In this first year, we will meet with design specialists to re- envision our spaces to feature self interpretative displays and storyboards that merge multi-media technology with visual narrative and display of artifacts. We have meaningful stories to tell. By considering how we tell our stories, we will be able to increase our Museum open hours for increased visitors. Some features will be installed during the year and the redesign completed in Phase Two in 2025, in time for the nation's birthday celebration.
- **Refresh the Museum Gardens** by partnering with a local landscape designer and schools to refresh the gardens by removing invasive plants, introducing native plants, and showcasing our historic Granville Rose.
- **Meet General Operating Expenses** and the known and unexpected needs of our mission. One unique need, for example, is to replace the small, wobbly meeting table to better serve the needs of a growing membership.

2022 Annual Fund Spend



The Annual Fund makes up nearly 50% of our annual revenue. That's how important your dollars are to our success.

A New Way to Give

This year, we introduce another way to give! Instead of writing an annual check, donate a smaller amount monthly. You'll find this option on the enclosed card. This is easy for you and so helpful for us.

Make your gift monthly and support your Granville Historical Society year-round.

Join us in cultivating a rosy future.

And Thank You!