

## INTRODUCTION

In 1668, merchant and ship-owner John Turner built a house on Salem Harbor that was destined to become one of America's most beloved historic homes. Designated a National Historic Landmark District in 2007, The House of the Seven Gables is best known today as the setting of world-renowned American author Nathaniel Hawthorne's 1851 novel.

In 1910, Salem philanthropist Caroline Emmerton restored the house and opened it to the public as a museum, using proceeds from ticket sales specifically to fund settlement work that benefited immigrant families. Over a century later, The House of the Seven Gables Settlement Association is dedicated to continuing Emmerton's vision.



**The Mission of The Gables** is to be a welcoming, thriving, historic site and community resource that engages people of all backgrounds in our inclusive American story.

**The Vision of The Gables** is to preserve, share and continue the American story.

### Visitors Impact in 2018:

- Engaged over 110,000 year-round visitors from all 50 states and nearly 60 countries.
- Provided educational programs for nearly 10,000 school children.
- Offered 75 public programs including Community Conversations, Seven Lectures at Seven Gables, Taste of The Gables, and October Theatrical Performances.



### INTERPRETIVE EMPHASIS:

The legacy of maritime wealth coupled with Nathaniel Hawthorne's fame allows for The House of the Seven Gables to provide vital settlement services to Salem's immigrant community.



### STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS:

- 18 full-time staff
- 26 year-round, part-time staff
- Over 50 seasonal staff
- Over 100 volunteers and interns

## SETTLEMENT IMPACT:

The unbounded vision of our founder, Caroline Emmerton, carries a remarkable, generative force: it continually inspires us to dig deep into community, reach out to partners, and magnify good.

- More than 180 people participated in our **Community Conversations**; stimulating and thoughtful forums on immigration and immigration reform.
- Twenty-two students enrolled in **Caribbean Connections**, a five-week summer enrichment program that aims to help Salem students and their families discover untold stories and hidden connections between Salem and the Caribbean.
- Over 100 students striving to learn English and acquire US citizenship received 114 hours of instruction in our **Adult ESL** and **Citizenship preparation classes**.

## PRESERVATION IMPACT:

The House of the Seven Gables Museum Campus was designated as a National Historic Landmark District in 2007. The campus consists of 2 acres of land, seaside colonial revival gardens, and seven historic buildings. In addition to preserving and maintaining our campus, the organization cares for over 3,000 works of art, furnishings, and ephemera as well as an archive with thousands of documents, books, and mixed media.

## EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

The House of the Seven Gables offers structured educational programs to students ranging from grades K-8. These programs provide students with engaging activities that focus on early New England history, home life, and maritime trade. Our programs meet the following curriculum standards: Massachusetts History and Social Studies; Common Core Standards for ELA; and Literacy in History and Social Studies.

## PUBLIC PROGRAMS:

Public programming at The House of the Seven Gables is planned by the staff with a goal to engage our diverse audiences with our National Historic Landmark District in unique ways. Events include lectures, special exhibits, theatrical performances, community days, hands-on history family programs, specialty tours, and partnerships with arts and cultural organizations.

### Special events for 2019 include:

- Pop! Goes The Gables Annual Exhibit
- Seven Lectures at Seven Gables
- Becoming American Film Series
- Living History Labs
- Taste of The Gables
- Hawthorne Film Fest

## RECENT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

American Writers Museum  
COSTEP  
Creative Collective  
Destination Salem  
Essex National Heritage Area  
Historic New England  
Historic Salem, Inc.  
The Immigrant Learning Center  
Latino Leadership Coalition  
Massachusetts Historical Society  
National Park Service  
New England Museum Association  
North Shore CDC  
North Shore Elder Services  
Salem Academy Charter School  
Salem Parks, Recreation, and Community Services  
Salem Historical Society  
Salem Main Streets  
Salem Rotary  
Salem State University  
Salem Women's History Day  
Tufts University  
Witch City Writers  
Witch House

## GRANTORS/SUPPORTERS:

The House of Seven Gables Settlement is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We are supported by membership, donations, visitation and store income. We do not receive federal funds to support our education and preservation efforts.

**Please consider a donation or becoming a member to help us continue our work in the community.**

At the end of 2018, The Gables was supported by nearly 400 members, as well as individuals, foundations and businesses.

Recent supporters include:

- Eastern Bank
- Essex National Heritage Area
- Mass Humanities
- Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund
- National Trust for Historic Preservation
- Salem Cultural Council
- Salem Five Bank
- Soucy Insurance
- The Salem Inn
- *and other generous supporters*