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Abby Battis to Become Director of Historic Beverly



The Board of Trustees of Historic Beverly is delighted to announce that Abby Battis, the current Associate Director for Collections, will be assuming the role of Director of Historic Beverly in May, following the retirement of Sue Goganian. "I am honored and excited to be taking on the role of Director for Historic Beverly. I have worked shoulder to shoulder with the board and staff to build a solid foundation from which we can grow and flourish. Next year, we will all be celebrating the birth of both the nation and our city, and Historic Beverly will play a major role. I am so proud to be part of this dynamic community, and I look forward to continuing to share Beverly's history with everyone." "Abby's experience and background make her a natural fit to succeed Sue Goganian," according to Victoria Caldwell, President of the Board, "and we couldn't be more pleased that she is willing to take on this role."

Abby has lived in Beverly her entire life. She is a graduate of the Beverly public school system and comes from a long line of great Beverly residents dating back to Rev. John Hale, her 8th great grandfather.

She has served as Associate Director for Collections since 2017, in addition to teaching as an Adjunct Professor at prestigious institutions such as Harvard University, Endicott College, and Montserrat College of Art.

Holding a Master of Liberal Arts in Museum Studies from Harvard Extension School and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Art History from Salem State University. She has also been a dedicated volunteer at the Museum of Fine Arts for nearly 17 years, facilitating educational tours and engaging visitors with art from around the world. With an impressive background in museum studies, non-profit business management, collections management, and art history, Abby brings a wealth of experience to the role.

The board invites everyone to meet Abby on Wednesday, May 7, 5:00 – 7:00pm at the Cabot House, 117 Cabot Street, Beverly.

Historic Beverly collects, preserves, stewards and interprets Beverly past and present to cultivate public support and appreciation for our shared history. We offer programs to the public, as well as to teachers and students. Our collections include manuscripts, books, photographs, maps, ephemera, decorative arts, and other artifacts related to the history of Beverly and the United States. Historic Beverly's mission is to share Beverly's history with everyone through our collections which encompass 3 houses, 5 centuries and 1000s of stories.