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Sue Goganian to Retire in April

After nearly 17 years at Historic Beverly, Sue Goganian will be retiring at the end of April. The Organization has grown significantly since she became the Director of what was then the Beverly Historical Society. Under her leadership, the organization has expanded in every area.

Her goals were to expand membership, increase the budget to better support three historic properties, improve collections care, share more diverse stories of Beverly's history, and forge stronger connections to the community. In the intervening years, despite a number of challenges, Historic Beverly has been transformed. The membership has doubled, the budget has tripled, and the new HVAC system at the Cabot House provides better protection for the collection and a safer and more comfortable environment for visitors. Programming has expanded, the collection has grown, community outreach has increased, and more than \$2.5 million in improvements have been made to its three historic properties. The organization changed its name and brand identity to better reflect who it is, what it does, and its place in the community. Historic Beverly changed the way people view Beverly history to include the people and stories that were overlooked or hidden in the past.

Although Sue is looking forward to the next chapter (and giving up a 25-mile commute), she will still be a supporter of the organization and the community: "Beverly is a very special place. In addition to its historic importance and its natural beauty, it's a vibrant community with people who care about each other and support the things that matter. I look forward to seeing the great things Abby will accomplish, and I ask you to join me in supporting her."

Board President Victoria Caldwell spoke on behalf of the Board of Trustees, "I cannot say enough in appreciation of Sue's dedication and hard work these past 17 years bringing the organization to the next level with respect to day-to-day operations, not to mention the transformation of our historic properties. We will miss her on both a personal and professional level. All of Beverly has benefitted from the work she has done preserving and restoring our historic houses and landscapes."

Special funds have been created to mark Sue's retirement and that of two longtime trustees. The Barbara Broudo Fund for the Collection, the Dan Lohnes Fund for Hale Farm, and the Sue Goganian Fund for the Endowment will honor their accomplishments and support the continued growth of Historic Beverly.

Historic Beverly collects, preserves, stewards and interprets Beverly past and present to cultivate public interest and appreciation for our shared history. We offer programs to the public, as well as 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.