



Opportunities to Support Mechanics' Hall in 2019

Executive Director Hiring Fund

Support Mechanics' Hall in a new era by contributing to our fund to hire an Executive Director who will lead us to advancing our mission into the future!

Maine Kids Code Fund

Middle Schoolers interested in technology learn to code in our classroom once week after school.



Hall Maintenance Fund

Contributing to our larger long term projects will help us seize future space use opportunities and expand rental income potential. Proposed future projects include Ballroom wall removal and improvements to our energy efficiency including installing a modern HVAC system. Regular donations also help ensure the building can keep up with small fixes that make a big difference to our community and staff members.

Programming Fund

Your contribution will go towards sustaining our Makers programming as well as developing new opportunities and benefits for fellow members.

Exhibiting Artist Fund

Sponsor an art exhibit in the Chalkboard Gallery! Your contribution will help local and emerging artists share and sell their work at the Hall.

One week exhibit including First Friday: \$250
One month exhibit: \$350

Advance Mission Fund

Help support the operating needs of the organization by making a general donation to advance our mission. Every amount counts and we will put it where it will do the most good!



Please make checks payable to Maine Charitable Mechanic Association and mail to:

519 Congress St. Portland, Maine 04101, indicating which fund you wish to support!

Prefer to donate online? Visit <http://www.mainecharitablemechanicassociation.com/>

Season's Greetings from MCMA!

It's been a very productive year at Mechanics' Hall. I'm pleased to update you on the progress made possible by donor support in 2018. **Maine Kids Code**, our computer programming course for middle schoolers, continues to thrive in its second year and expanded to add an advanced course this fall. **Makers at the Hall** presented ten lectures from Cynthia Thompson's dramatic canvas sculptures that transform any space to Bennett Steele's furniture made from Maine lumber and Pandora LaCasse's fabulous Holiday light installations, our community was inspired and educated by our 2018 speakers. Our **Maker Mix** networking events have attracted many new members and we continue to host **Mechanics' Book Club, Maine Skeins Crafters, and First Friday Author Chats** in the Library on a monthly basis.

In October 2018, we organized a **sold-out fundraising lecture** by renowned Maine State Historian, **Earle G. Shettleworth Jr.** We were fascinated by the life-story of Mechanics' Hall architect, Thomas J. Sparrow. This launched our campaign to eventually raise \$50,000 to hire our first ever Executive Director. Thanks to many local business sponsors and patrons, we exceeded our set goal for this event and raised \$18,000! We are **well on our way to funding an ED** who will take us into the future and advance our mission *to inspire and enrich the community by promoting ingenuity, creativity, innovation, and the diffusion of useful knowledge.* We hope to hit our total fundraising goal soon in order to hire early in the new year. With your help, we can continue to surge forward with this and other goals in 2019.

Our audience and community have grown exponentially over the past year. Thousands have attended performances, conferences, concerts, classes, art exhibits and more! We have even introduced **Mechanics' Hall Holiday Sale**; a member fine art & craft show that will open in the Ballroom **December 7th & 8th.** We are proud to host over 30 unique vendors from Maine!

As our activities grow, so do the organization's operating needs as well as Hall restoration projects. We ask for your support to help us continue this good work and the revitalization of the Hall. Your individual donation makes this progress possible. Consider giving to a fund of your choice, detailed on the back of this letter, or to general support of the Hall. **Thank you for considering a gift this year.** We hope to see you here soon!

Yours Truly,



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President of Mechanics' Hall