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Dear Members and Friends,

Founded in 1929, the mission of the Historical Society of Woodstock is to preserve, protect and share the unique history of Woodstock, New York. In addition to our exhibits, talks and special events, the Society maintains a large archival collection covering the breath of Woodstock history. Open to the public by appointment, the archives currently include over 9,000 items in our database, including: photographs, diaries, periodicals, letters, maps, deeds, account books, analog and digital recordings, government, and organizational records, and much more. In addition, the Historical Society archives also includes a fine art collection of more than 750 works, many by noted artists of the art colony.

As we enter our 95th year of preserving Woodstock history, we look forward to several new events, talks and initiatives, including moving forward on creating an improved archival facility that will help ensure Woodstock history is preserved for future generations. More specifically, in addition to our newly created Tool Shed exhibit and our permanent display covering the expanse of Woodstock history, we are currently planning our annual *Trinkets and Treasures sale*, and exhibits that include: *Woodstock Personalities: 40 Years of Photographs by John Kleinhans* and *Woodstock Village: The Evolution* – as well as multiple talks ranging from Woodstock art to slavery in the Hudson Valley, to Alf Evers' book, *The Catskills – From Wilderness to Woodstock*. And more is currently in the works.

We hope you will consider joining the Historical Society of Woodstock as a member this year. As a membersupported, volunteer-managed 501 (c) (3) organization, your support is extremely important You may pay online via the membership button on our web page at <u>www.historicalsocietyofwoodstock.org</u> or by sending a check to the above address.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and we hope to see you at the Historical Society of Woodstock this year.

Sincerely,

Richard

Richard Heppner, President Historical Society of Woodstock

