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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 10,000 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 97th year of preserving Woodstock history, we look forward to several new events, talks and initiatives, including the opening of our new archival facility as we continue to work to ensure that Woodstock's story is preserved for future generations. In addition to our permanent display covering the expanse of Woodstock history and our extensive Tool Shed exhibition, we are currently planning our 2026 exhibits including, *Signs of the Times*, a look back at Woodstock's eclectic signage over the years. In addition, in July, as the nation honors 250 years of our founding – HSW will celebrate Woodstock during the years of the Revolution. In September, we will also unveil a new exhibit honoring the work of Woodstock artist, Rosella Hartman. Throughout the season we will also continue our presentations and discussions examining Woodstock's unique history.

We hope you will consider joining the Historical Society of Woodstock as a member this year or continuing your membership. As a member-supported, all-volunteer-managed 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, your support is extremely important. You may donate online via the membership button on our web page at www.historicalsocietyofwoodstock.org or by filling out the enclosed form and sending your donation to:

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In addition, should you wish to contribute to our building fund (beyond your membership fee), please consider donating to the Technical Equipment Fund for the new building. So far, we have raised \$3,950 towards the final sum of \$11,000.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and we hope to see you at the Historical Society of Woodstock this year as we continue to preserve and celebrate the many chapters of Woodstock's history.

Sincerely,

The Historical Society Board of Directors: Lewis Arlt, Karyn Bevet, Weston Blelock, Kathy Crost, Michael Drillinger, Deborah Heppner, Richard Heppner, Rachel Jackson, Selma Kaplan, Jeff Keithline, JoAnn Margolis, Jeffrey Miller, Janine Mower, Bruce Weber