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Newsletter

THE QUINCY MUSEUM

Spring 2026

It has been a busy three months at the Museum. Our Director of Education & Exhibits and our museum volunteers have been working diligently to prepare this year's annual exhibit - and it's a grand one!
2026 marks the 250th founding of the United States (July 4, 1776). It's bound to be a very patriotic year, and The Quincy Museum is doing its part with, "***Amendments & American Freedoms***"- a look into the Constitutional freedoms that shaped Quincy. Along with the exhibit, opening with a reception on **April 12th**, we will be hosting public lectures through the summer and a patriotic contest for youth.
The Museum also recently hosted an extremely successful, live-portrayal of "***Pride and Prejudice***," the Jane Austen classic. The hour long production ran March 21-29 and was sold out with much publicity. This issue of the newsletter will also recap our very festive events from this past Christmas as well as give you some sneak peeks for this summer!

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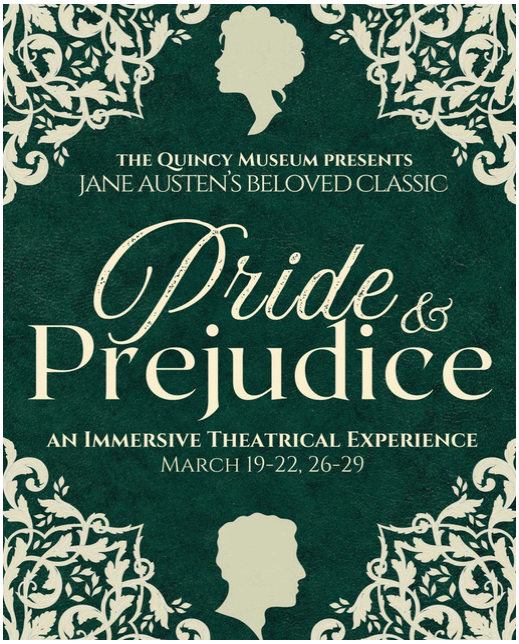
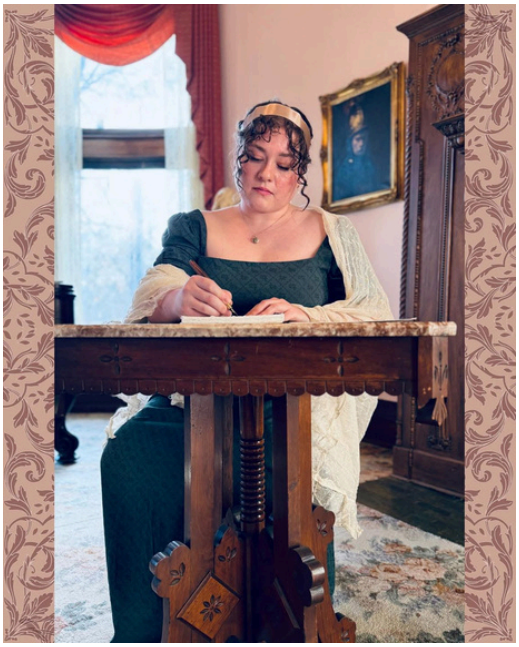
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Friends of The Quincy Museum,
Spring appears to finally be here, but spring always makes me feel regretful. I always regret not planting more daffodils.
However, this spring at the Museum there is much in bloom. The unique "*Pride and Prejudice*" experience began our season with a burst of brilliance. The is a palpable void now, like the removal of a beautiful centerpiece that has had its time.
Our new exhibit, opening April 12, 2026, celebrates the genius of our founding fathers in authoring The Bill of Rights. Their deliberations established the "roots" of our nation.
With an expanded Father's Day Car Show, new programs for boys and girls, and an innovative "*Museum to You*" program for seniors, our garden will be blooming.
All of this is possible only with the tireless dedication of volunteers, staff, and the financial support of the community.
Please mark your calendars for the annual members meeting on June 7, 2026, where your Board hopes to show you all that your Museum has planned. Enjoy Spring, and remember to plant more daffodils!





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LITERATURE CAME TO LIFE ONCE AGAIN AT THE QUINCY MUSEUM

It is a truth universally acknowledged... that every production has its end.

Over the course of 20 sold out shows at the end of March 2026, audiences didn't just come to see "Pride & Prejudice" - they stepped into the story. Rooms transformed, a story came alive, and a familiar place became something entirely new.

The Quincy Museum was no longer just a historic home - it was Longbourn, Netherfield, Meryton, Rosings, and Pemberley all at once. This production reimagined what this space could be - and you met us there with curiosity, joy, and a willingness to believe.

As the final page turns, we are deeply grateful to the over 460 patrons that stepped through our doors. We are so glad you got to experience this story with us.

We look forward to bringing you the opportunity to experience a once-in-a-lifetime production like this again in the future.

Special thanks to Elizabeth Mannhardt for sharing this beautiful production with us.

Opening April 12

2026 Annual Exhibit

Amendments and American Freedoms

America's freedoms were shaped on the national stage and lived out in communities like ours. Join us to explore how Quincy's own stories bring the Constitution to life in our new exhibit.

Member's Reception: 1-2 pm
Reception Free to the Public: 2-4:30 pm

Our special thanks to the following contributors:

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NEW WINTER AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CLASS SOLD OUT

The Quincy Museum wrapped up the holiday season with a delightful three-day American Girl Doll Christmas Camp, held December 29–31. Campers spent their days crafting, cooking, and celebrating alongside their dolls, filling the Museum with creativity and laughter during the quiet week between holidays.

From hands-on projects to festive treats, each day offered something new for the girls to enjoy. The camp even ended with a cheerful New Year's countdown—complete with plenty of excitement and smiles.

It was a wonderful way to close out the year, and we're grateful to all the families who joined us for this fun and memorable tradition.

Staff Spotlight

Jennifer Stickler
Director of Engagement

The Most Rewarding Part of your Job? It's the intersection of impact, connection, and legacy. In its simplest form, I help to transform a building full of history into something that people can feel, a place that resonates.

Favorite Room in the Mansion: The Library - I believe it's the most peaceful room in the museum. I could sit in there for hours and read, pass time enjoying the amazing view, or taking a nice nap, haha!

Favorite Music: I have an eclectic taste that changes by the day - sometimes, the hour!

THE QUINCY MUSEUM SHINES AT MIRACLE ON MAINE

The Quincy Museum was proud to help bring holiday magic to the second annual "Miracle on Maine Street" celebration in December. Visitors followed luminary-lit paths between the beautifully decorated historic buildings, with the Museum offering festive holiday tours and live music that filled the Newcomb–Stillwell Mansion throughout the evening. Guests enjoyed performances ranging from instrumental ensembles to local choirs, creating a warm and joyful soundtrack for the night.

Annual Christmas Party & Whiskey Raffle

On Sunday, December 14, the Museum hosted its annual Christmas Party & Whiskey Raffle. Members and guests gathered for an afternoon of good food, lively fellowship, and holiday cheer. The Newcomb-Stillwell House looked especially beautiful, dressed in its full Christmas decorations and glowing with the warmth of the season.

The highlight of the day was the popular Whiskey Raffle, which added a bit of excitement and friendly anticipation to the festivities. It was a wonderful way to bring our community together and close out the year with joy.

Mark Your Calenders!

- **May 2nd** - Dogwood Parade & Festival. Stop by the museum for a tour following the parade!
- **June 7th** - Annual Meeting
- **June 20th** - The Quincy Museum annual Car Show 9AM-3PM.
- **October 10th** - Folklife Festival and 2nd annual Tug of War Competition.

Happy 80th Birthday Jane!

The Quincy Museum's own Jane Huelsmeyer was recently honored at the April Board meeting in celebration of her 80th birthday.
The surprise gathering included refreshments, cake, and the unveiling of a special plaque naming the museum's accessibility ramp "The Huelsmeyer Highway."
Jane has been a devoted member of the Museum and its Board for many years, and she is widely regarded as the living history of the institution. We are deeply grateful for her decades of dedication and service, and we wish her a wonderful year filled with health and happiness.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Quincy Museum relies on volunteers to support the mission of the Museum; they are critical to the success of our every day functioning. From greeting visitors, serving as tour guides of the restored first floor rooms, or assisting with events. You truly can ***pick and choose*** where you think your skillset will be best used. In addition to just being fun, becoming a volunteer with The Quincy Museum also provides:

Personal Growth & Health: Studies show that volunteering can increase happiness, lower depression, and even extend life expectancy by up to 22%.

Skill Development: While many of our volunteers are retired, those who aren't gain valuable life and professional skills, such as leadership and project management, which can enhance resumes and career prospects.

Community Strength: It builds more resilient, connected neighborhoods and neighbors, and allows nonprofits to operate with expanded resources.

Economic Impact: Volunteers provide a significant & "renewable resource" for solving problems that grants and budgets may not fully cover.

FREE MEMBERSHIP: After committing to 10 hours volunteer work.

Consider becoming a volunteer today!
Volunteer registration link can be found on our website.

Thank you for reading!

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