

FY2015 SELECTED CSHSA HIGHLIGHTS

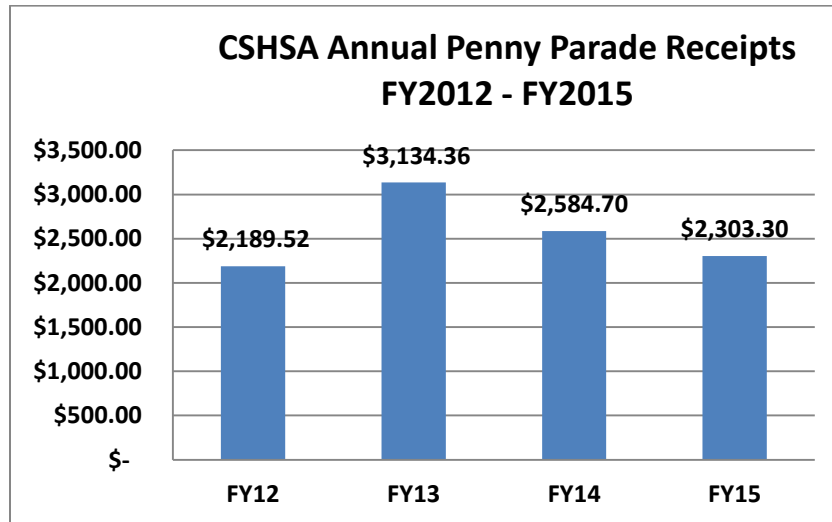
Galesburg Community Foundation Endowment Match

CSHSA received a \$1,000 grant in June 2015 from the Galesburg Community Foundation to assist with the marketing and raising of funds for the GCF's Endowment Match Program. CSHSA will be eligible for a \$10,000 match from the GCF when the CSHSA raises at least this same amount for its new endowment fund initiative with the GCF. The deadline for the Endowment Match is May 31, 2016. Much appreciation goes to board member, Bill Morris, for spearheading the application process and overseeing these efforts to establish an endowment for our Association.

Penny Parade 2015

- 1) In 2015 the CSHSA's annual Penny Parade fundraiser was coordinated with the annual Sandburg Days in April. Moving the Penny Parade from January to April should work better with the public school schedule, weather should be a more agreeable for entertaining students at the Site, and is a good blend with the events of the Sandburg Days Festival.

Tom Foley coordinated the annual Penny Parade that concluded with the event at the Carl Sandburg Historic Site on April 24, 2015, including excellent newspaper and television coverage.



- 2) Hedding School (Abingdon) once again led all schools in funds raised with \$1,025.35 continuing their amazing support of the Penny Parade with \$3,727.08 raised over the past four years.

Songbag Success

- 1) The CSHSA Songbag Committee has continued its successful enhancements to the Songbag events with a printed program as well as Sandburg Readings and words of welcome from CSHSA members and Martha Downey, Site Superintendent. The eight Songbag concerts sponsored each year (Monthly-Aug-Nov & Feb-May) continue to be a very popular series for the community.
- 2) Eight traditional Songbag Concerts were held this past year with a special Railroad Days Songbag Concert held with a performance by Chris Vallillo in Galesburg's downtown Park Plaza.

Publications

- 1) Inklings & Idlings editor, Mike Hobbs, now in his sixth year as editor of our Inklings & Idlings has published four quarterly newsletters with consistently interesting articles.

- 2) Board member, Robin DeMott, has been working with the Galva Historical Society and Discount Printing to reprint George Swank's *Carl Sandburg: Galesburg & Beyond*. The CSHSA voted to support the printing of 100 copies.

Membership

1) CSHSA Memberships Revenue FY2013-FY2015

Total \$\$	\$ 2,340	\$ 2,655	\$ 2,735
CSHSA Memberships	2013	2014	2015
TOTAL	68	66	63
Senior	25	21	17
Individual	20	18	20
Family	14	14	14
Donor	8	10	10
Sponsor	1	2	2

Website

- 1) Sandburg's Hometown: Added 51 weekly articles contributed by Barbara Schock. Illustrations provided by Rick Sayre. Also posted to Facebook Page and to Remember Galesburg When Facebook page
- 2) Facebook Friends: Increased from 290 to 363 through FY2015.

	June 30, 2013	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2015
Facebook Friends	162	290	363

Museum Store Sales by Item Type FY12-FY15

CSHSA/ SALES BY ITEM TYPE / FY12-FY15					
Item Type	FY12-15 TOTAL	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15
Book	872	191	164	251	266
Bookmark	142	29	35	31	47
CD	34	0	7	11	16
DVD	135	17	73	21	24
Magnet	113	24	26	21	42
Magnet-House	24	0	0	13	11
Marionette	1	x	1	0	0
Mousepad	8	1	3	1	3
Mug	67	18	13	11	25
Notecard	45	x	12	13	20
Ornament (Out of stock)	8	4	3	1	0
Paperweight	1	0	0	0	1
Penny	117	54	13	30	20
Photo	1	1	0	0	0
Poem	293	26	97	66	104
Postcard	1,671	555	336	252	528
Poster	2	x	1	1	0
T-Shirt	62	25	14	11	12

Building & Grounds Ad-Hoc Committee

A Building & Grounds Ad-Hoc Committee was established this past year under the leadership of Gary Wagle. Repairs to the sidewalk lighting and to the Birthplace Cottage entry stairway and railing were completed by Rex Cherrington. Fence repairs and repairs to the entry door of the Site Barn are pending.

Knox County Master Gardeners

The Historic Site has had the good fortune of being adopted as a community project by the Knox County Master Gardeners. The Master Gardeners have sponsored clean-up days and provided weekly assistance to enhance and maintain the beautiful grounds of the historic site.

Sandburg Site designated as a National Literary Landmark,

On April 25, 2015 the Carl Sandburg State Historic Site was officially designated as a National Literary Landmark by United for Libraries and the ALA-CBC Joint Committee of the Children's Book Council in memory of late children's book authors. A National Literary plaque was added to the grounds outside of the Birthplace Cottage.

Sandburg Bust added to Site

Through the efforts of former CSHSA president, Charles Bednar, a bust of Carl Sandburg sculpted by Sandburg statue sculptor Lonnie Stewart was added to the site grounds. The bust, facing Remembrance Rock, was placed on a granite pedestal bearing the names of the original Sandburg Birthplace Committee.

This is one board member's meager attempt to chronicle at least a few of the many activities of the Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association during the past fiscal year (July 2014- June 2015). My sincere apologies for any highlights likely overlooked. Any additions and corrections are appreciated!

Respectfully submitted,
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Treasurer
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