



ANNUAL APPEAL

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Dear Friend of the Nichols House Museum,

In 1898, as Marian Nichols set out for Europe, her sister Rose wrote to her, sharing her artistic philosophy:

"Now while you are abroad do let yourself go, first feel beauty and take it straight. Find out its meaning for you..."

The Museum is inspired by the Nichols sisters' dedication to independent thinking and creativity. Whether in the realms of design, carpentry, government, or community, Rose, Marian, and Margaret each made a mark on the lives of those around them and continue to move us to action today. At the home that nurtured them, we celebrate those achievements and provide a space for the direct experience of beauty that Rose championed.

We thank you for your support and participation throughout the year and invite you to make a donation to this year's Annual Fund. Your contribution allows us to develop innovative programming and supports the ongoing preservation of 55 Mount Vernon Street.

Thanks to you, this year's initiatives included:


- **Programming:** New tours including *Rose Nichols: Garden Architect*; *Creation, Evolution & Preservation* architecture tour; and *Transform the World with Beauty*, an Arts & Crafts focused program & walking tour.
- **Partnerships:** Annual visit by the 2nd grade class at the Advent School as part of their study of women's suffrage.
- **Research:** Extensive study of Margaret Nichols' careers as a carpenter and musician, and an updated biography of Marian Nichols.
- **Preservation:** 48 shutters were painted and rehung on the exterior of the Museum after preservation work was completed with the support of the City of Boston's CPA grant.
- **Collections:** Preparation for the digitization of the Museum's archival collection including a paid intern to support the project.

What will you help us achieve in 2025?

Because of your gift, we will be able to fund new programming, research, preservation, and collections conservation initiatives. We ask that you include the Nichols House Museum in your year-end charitable giving.

Your contribution **now** secures the Museum's success in 2025.

Very truly yours,


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Board President


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Executive Director

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