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ANNUAL
REPORT

2018

Year	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Tourees	316	1,743	2,588	3,411	4,215	3,555

Boston By FootSM 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Welcoming Newcomers

**Boston By Foot expanded in all areas.
We welcomed new staff, new trustees and
new volunteer guides in 2018.**

New Volunteers

BBF held the 42nd annual graduation ceremony at Old North Church on May 6th to honor the 28 new guides who completed the Boston By Foot training program. Kelsey Vaughn served as speaker for the Class of 2018 and Charles Baldwin, of the Massachusetts Cultural Council Universal Participation Program, delivered the graduation address.



Boston By Foot Class of 2018.

New Trustees

Boston By Foot was pleased to add three talented individuals to our Board of Trustees in 2018. Jane Li, Meghan Scott, and Shannon Slaughter joined the board in January and each brought a unique set of professional skills and new enthusiasm for the organization. Sue Pepin, trustee since 2015, began her first term as Board Chair in January 2018.

New Staff

Though BBF would not exist without its dedicated volunteer guides and board members, the organization depends on its staff to handle day-to-day matters and ensure smooth operations. We were fortunate to add two new part-time staff members in 2018. Alex Clermont serves as Program Associate and Ken Golner is Boston By Foot's new Communications Coordinator. Their work enables BBF to expand our tour leading capacity and better serve volunteers, members and customers.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Partnerships

Boston By Foot was proud to expand existing partnerships and build relationships with new partners in 2018.

Boston By Foot worked with the Boston Women's Heritage Trail to present Notable Women of Beacon Hill, the City of Boston to develop a tour of the Upham's Corner neighborhood, and Boston Preservation Alliance to create a tour of the Ladder Blocks in Downtown Crossing. These partners join the list of many other esteemed organizations who currently work with Boston By Foot to present programming. See page 11 for the complete list.



Legacy Circle



In 2017 the Board of Trustees responded to the largest contribution our organization has ever received by establishing a new challenge. The Trustees, deeply moved by this extraordinary gift from Boston By Foot's Founder and President Emerita Polly Flansburgh, launched a \$100,000 Challenge Match Campaign. Since initiating the challenge BBF has received several generous commitments, and by the close of 2018 we achieved 33% of our goal. To offer new ways for every member of our community to be a part of this special challenge and make a lasting impact on BBF our Trustees created a Legacy Circle. The Legacy Circle welcomes generous individuals who choose to contribute to BBF through a bequest, by naming BBF as a beneficiary of a retirement fund or life insurance, or other type of planned future gift. The Trustees look forward to celebrating our first Legacy Circle members in 2019.

1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
6,179	6,275	6,022	6,151	6,084	5,803

Volunteers

Boston By Foot would not exist without the time and talent of our 200+ dedicated volunteer guides. They spend countless hours preparing content, presenting tours and supporting each other in their efforts to engage audiences in ways that are meaningful and memorable.

Volunteer Committees

Thanks to the collective efforts of our volunteer committees, our programming is extensive, creative, and guides are well-trained each year. We thank and acknowledge our 2018 committees and committee chairs.

Academic Affairs: David Phillips and Jeff Doucette
 Continuing Education: Patricia Sabbey and Dennis McCarthy
 Special Tours: Shawn McGuinness and Dina Vargo
 Tours of the Month: Marylee Gilchrist, Liam Sullivan and Susan Tweed
 Volunteer Events: Liz Morgan and Karen Burke

Distinguished Service

All of our volunteers give so much to BBF, and each year we honor volunteers who truly go above and beyond. The 2018 Distinguished Service Awards were presented to two remarkable volunteers:



Gretchen Grozier — In Gretchen’s 20 years as a Boston By Foot docent, she has contributed in so many ways—authoring tours, serving as Committee Co-Chair, Group Leader, Demo Guide, Editorial Board Member—and in 2018 she played a huge role in developing two of Boston By Foot’s newest partnerships. Gretchen initiated relationships with both Boston Women’s Heritage Trail and the City of Boston’s Imagine Boston 2030 initiative and developed tours BBF presented with each. These partnerships are incredibly important to Boston By Foot as we strive to explore new topics, new neighborhoods and reach new audiences.

In Memoriam

Denis Doyle, Class of 1987 — Denis was an active docent for 25 years. As an architect he shared his passion on many of our tours, including Beacon Hill, the North End, Contemporary City and an earlier version of our Art Deco tour.

Joanne Cavallaro, Class of 1998 — Always a cheerful and optimistic presence, Joanne led many of our regular and specialty tours for nearly 20 years.

Barry DeVincke, Class of 2010 — Barry was one of the authors of *Boston’s LGBT Past* and *Boston’s Opera History* and a dedicated Beacon Hill and Hub of Literary America guide.

1995

1996

1997

1998

1999

2000

5,641

5,823

6,855

8,543

9,788

10,516

Flansburgh Travelers

Since 2009, longtime friends and BBF supporters Bill and Lia Poorvu have funded the Flansburgh Traveling Fellowship to honor Earl and Polly Flansburgh. Each year Boston By Foot volunteers are invited to apply for this fellowship for the purpose of travel, research, and personal growth in a city best experienced in our favorite way: by foot! In 2018, two fellowships were awarded:

Jean Hunt – New Foundland, Canada | Willa Brown – Southern Italy

Foot Pins

BBF acknowledged 29 volunteers for their years of dedicated service in 2018:

40 Years

Susan Herman

30 Years

Nancy Heywood • Katherine May

25 Years

Justina Chu

20 Years

Gretchen Grozier

15 Years

Terri Evans • Tim McLaughlin

10 Years

Peter Ambler • Karen Burke
Harvey Cohen • Megan Hayes
Mary Lynn • Jeanette Maria
Lynda McNally • Rose-Jane Sulman

5 Years

Ellen Aamodt • Carol Armistead
Adeane Bregman • Arlene Freed
Susan Halpert • Mitch Halpert
Peter Hoge • June Koo
Carl Nelson • Laurel Perkins
Rosemary Powers • Barry Smith
Susan Tweed • Lauri Wardell

Footly Fortitude

BBF recognized 38 guides who conducted 20 or more tours in 2018:

Guide of the Year

Bob Perkins, 148 tours

50–90 Tours

Elisabeth DiCicco (91) • Steve Kluskens (72)
Tom McNamara (70) • Laurel Perkins (69)
Gretchen Grozier (68) • Margaret Bratschi (61)
Tom Revay (61) • Sharon Fogarty (59)

30–39 Tours

Rich Abrahams • Beth Charney
Dennis McCarthy • Gene Moulton
Michele Steinberg • Ron Tate

20–29 Tours

Andrea Bonanno • Rebecca Brooks
Willa Brown • Tom Coppeto
Dayl Cohen • Harvey Cohen
David Coviello • Michael Cox
Jeffrey Doucette • Sally Ebeling
Terri Evans • Martha Felch
Beth Greenwood • Edythe Harkins
Susan Herman • Shawn McGuinness
Kurt Morris • David O'Connell
Linda Poznauskis • Michelle Saracusa
Lauren Sterling • Liam Sullivan
Joni Youngwirth

Docent Emeriti

The following volunteers became Docent Emeriti in 2018:

Hannah Diozzi, Class of 1995 • **William Lauch**, Class of 2006
Larry Sands, Class of 2001 • **Patricia Ann Sullivan**, Class of 1999

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
10,163	9,026	9,026	8,740	9,351	9,449

Note from the Executive Director

There is no doubt that Boston By Foot's greatest strength is its amazing community of dedicated volunteers. We have talented volunteers who research and lead our tours, volunteers who support and organize our tours and tour schedule, and volunteers who serve on our Board of Trustees. In 2018 we were thrilled to be able to expand our community by adding three new individuals to our Board of Trustees, new docents during our annual spring training program and most remarkably, we were able to add to our staff. A larger staff enables us to foster the talents of our volunteers, which in turn enables them to develop in-depth programs and enrich the lives of the many students, visitors and residents who participate in our tours. We thank our generous donors and supporters who make this expansion possible. I'm incredibly proud of what our volunteers, staff and trustees and were able to accomplish together in 2018. These next few pages highlight just some of those amazing achievements.

With Gratitude,
Samantha Nelson
Executive Director

Boston By Foot Volunteers

Ellen Aamodt	Karen Burke	Caitlin Dickinson
Richard Abrahams	Diane Burkhardt	Cloudy Doerre
Rob Anderson	Nancy Cahn	Joan Dolan
Meredith Anderson	Rebecca Camerato	Farrell Dolan
Carol Armistead	Angela Carbone	Jeffrey Doucette
Florri Aversa	Arwyn Carroll	Neil Dugas
Manasvini Baba	Elizabeth Charney	Sally Ebeling
Dan Bach	Selene Chew	Tom Ebling
Michael Bauer	Kara Chisholm	Charlie Eisenmann
Kathy Beitler	Justina Chu	Jan Engelman
Jeffrey Berman	Babz Clough	Stephen Engler
Alexandra Bernson	Sue Cnudde	Terri Evans
Maggie Bomze	Regina Cockerill	Lauri Fazikas
Andrea Bonanno	Dayl Cohen	Martha Felch
Dana Bos	Harvey Cohen	Michael Fitzgerald
James Boyd	Pamela Connolly	Sharon Fogarty
Anna Marie Bracco	Margo Connor	Kate Fontanella
Margaret Bratschi	Tom Coppeto	Timothy Frank
Adeane Bregman	Harriet Costa	Sheila Frazier
Kathryn Briggs	Patricia Courtney	Arlene Freed
Kathleen Briscoe	David Coviello	Sara Freedman
Habeeb	Michael Cox	Harry Friedman
Dianna Bronchuk	Jonathan Crisol	Marylee Gilchrist
Rebecca Brooks	Debra Dellanina-Alvarez	Steve Gilman
Alice Brown	Robert Dermody	Judy Glock
Willa Brown	Barry DeVincke	Lucinda Gorry
Joann Buckland	Elisabeth DiCicco	Paula Gravallese

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

8,533

12,888

12,963

12,853

13,184

13,954

Boston By Foot Volunteers

Beth Greenwood
 Mary Margaret Griffin
 Gretchen Grozier
 Abhi Gupte
 Susan Halpert
 Mitch Halpert
 Edythe Harkins
 Joanne Harrington
 Alison Harvey
 Megan Hayes
 Susan Herman
 Kent Hewitt
 Nancy Heywood
 Tod Hibbard
 Guy Hillman
 Joanne Hillman
 Peter Hoge
 Michelle Homer
 Sarah Hoskins
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 Timothy Lanza
 Diana Larsen
 Paul LaShoto
 Lisa LeBlond
 William Lewand
 Judith Liben
 Stephen Loher
 Mary Lynn
 Maureen Maas
 Julia Magliozzi

Bob Malsberger
 Jeanette Maria
 Pat Mattheisen
 Charles Maurer
 Kate May
 Dennis McCarthy
 Shawn McGuinness
 Timothy McLaughlin
 Lynda McNally
 Thomas McNamara
 Peter Micheli
 Ellen Mooradian
 Liz Morgan
 Kurt Morris
 Melissa Morrow
 Gene Moulton
 Gary Murad
 Mary Murphy
 Katherine Neave
 Carl Nelson
 Gisela Nilsson
 Stephanie O'Leary
 David O'Connell
 Donna Olmstead
 Pam Pacelli
 Heather Pence
 Robert Perkins
 Laurel Perkins
 David Phillips
 Elisabeth Piquet
 Rosemary Powers
 Linda Poznauskis
 Christina Randolph
 Elizabeth Ranelli
 Thomas Revay
 Marc Roos
 Eleanor Rosellini
 Kaleigh Ross
 Eileen Ryan
 Patricia Sabbey
 Lisa Sankowski
 Michelle Saracusa
 Evan Schouten
 Maria Sheldon
 Christine Shirey
 Laura Sitterley
 Anne Smagorinsky

Lynn Smiledge
 Barry Smith
 Laurena Smith
 Dahlia Somers
 Michele Steinberg
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 Nancy Stutzman
 Liam Sullivan
 Rose-Jane Sulman
 Joyce Tanner
 Ronnie Tate
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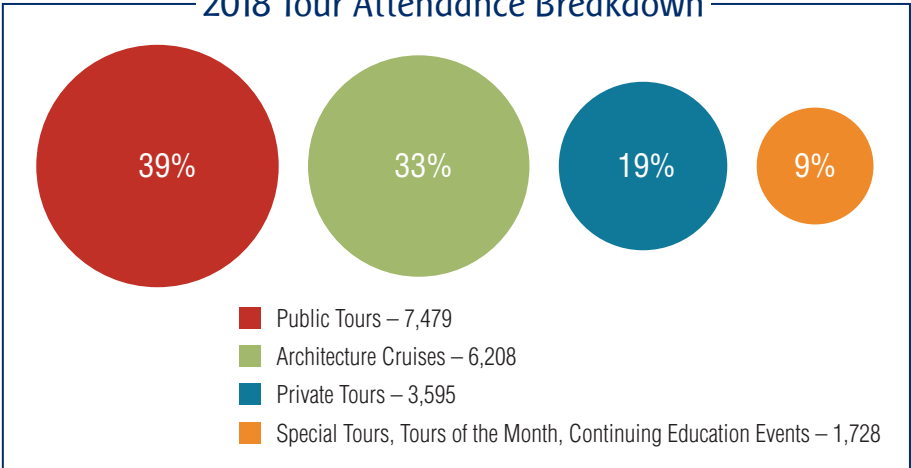
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 Hannah Diozzi
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 Hubert Holley
 Mary Klatt
 William Lauch
 Renee Miller
 Frederick Paulsen
 Linda Perlman
 Lawrence Sands
 Patricia Sullivan

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
12,039	13,077	15,015	19,302	19,130	19,010

Programming

210 Volunteers • 1,421 Tours
 214 Private Tours • 19,010 Tour Participants

2018 Tour Attendance Breakdown



Special Programming & Events

Continuing Education Events

- Boston's French Connection
- Capt. James and Hepzibah Swan Presentation
- Curley To Collins: Reuniting a Divided City
- Hidden Treasures of Dorchester Presentation
- Rethinking Boston's Brutalism
- South Boston's Broadway

Tours of the Month

- Adventures at Sea: Bostonians in the Age of Sail
- Bay Village
- Kendall Square
- Ladder Blocks
- Old West End
- SOWA: South of Washington Street

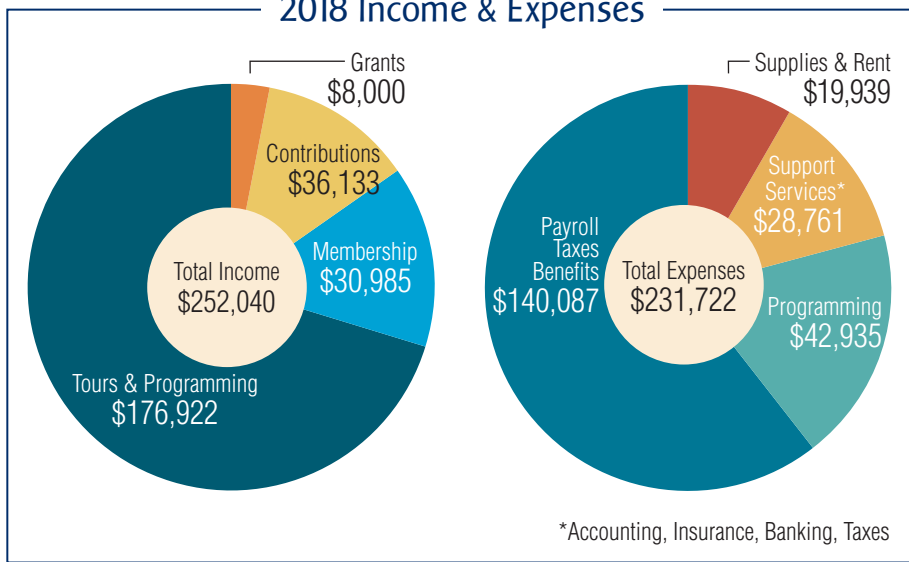


"Our guide's enthusiasm was contagious."

"Best tour I ever had!"

Administrative Report

2018 Income & Expenses



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Boston Book Festival
Boston Harborfest
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Boston Preservation Alliance
Boston Society of Architects
Boston Women's Heritage Trail
Brookline Adult and Community Education
Cambridge Center for Adult Education
Charles Riverboat Company
City of Boston
Needham Community Education
Old South Meeting House
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Revolution 250
Vilna Shul

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Staff

Samantha Nelson, *Executive Director*
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*The guide was eager to discuss things I brought up and answered many questions."
"Outstanding, most enjoyable especially for history buffs."*

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