“Our tour was hands down one of the best things we did while visiting Boston …”

“Our tour was the right pace, the right depth, stunningly well-informed, passionate, balanced, at the same time, gently amusing … in fact, faultless. Thank you.”
As Boston By Foot approaches the end of its fourth decade in operation, we certainly have a lot to celebrate. 2014 saw an expansion in programming, new and renewed community partnerships, and increases in attendance in every tour category over previous years. We enhanced and improved our docent training program and expanded tour schedule in the pre- and post-season, enabling BBF to serve hundreds more people.

Boston By Foot is proud to work with a wide variety of partners in our community to provide programming to diverse audiences. Most notable is a unique new collaboration with Urban Hound, a local business that serves dog owners. Together we presented a series of dog-friendly walking tours to give dog owners and their four-legged friends an opportunity to explore and enjoy their city together. We’ve continued our steadfast partnership with Boston Society of Architects and the Charles Riverboat Company to present our signature Architecture Cruise. In 2014 the three partners shared Boston’s architecture with record breaking numbers.

In addition to Boston By Foot’s programming successes, there were also many organizational advancements in 2014. Not the least of which was a move to Beacon Hill; Boston By Foot was given the incredible opportunity to share space with the Colonial Society of Massachusetts in their headquarters in 87 Mount Vernon Street. The 1805 mansion was designed by Charles Bulfinch and houses Boston By Foot’s administrative office and offers beautiful rooms for meetings and programs, including BBF’s annual Spring Series Docent Training Program.

The value of Boston By Foot’s mission and our efforts to bring Boston’s historical and architectural stories to life were recognized in 2014 by several important funders and community collaborators. Boston By Foot was awarded significant grants by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Boston Cultural Council and the Boston Foundation for Architecture. Our organization was also honored by invitations to join and contribute programming to Boston’s new Literary Cultural District and Revolution 250, a collaboration of cultural organizations who will celebrate the upcoming 250th anniversaries of events related to the American Revolution.

As we turn our sights to 2015, Boston By Foot is excited to continue and build upon our partnerships, expand and enhance our programming, support our incredible volunteer body, and of course, inspire thousands of people who take our tours and participate in our programs.

**PROGRAMMING**

204 Docents • 1164 Tours • 13077 Tourees • 360 Members

### 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

#### 2014 Tour Attendance Breakdown

- **Public Tours** – 5725 (44%)
- **Architecture Cruises** – 3231 (25%)
- **Private Tours** – 2412 (18%)
- **Special Tours** – 926 (7%)
- **Partnership Tours** – 313 (3%)
- **Tours of the Month** – 308 (2%)
- **Continuing Education Events** – 162 (1%)

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### Special Programming & Events

- **Tours of the Month**
  - Commonwealth Avenue: Boston’s Grand Boulevard
  - Art Deco in Boston’s Financial District
  - Cambridge Common
  - Boston and the Law
  - South Boston’s Seaport
  - Carruth’s Hill, Dorchester

- **Continuing Education Events**
  - Thomas Hutchinson’s Boston
  - Royal House and Slave Quarters, Medford
  - Evolving Back Bay Skyline
  - Hooper-Lee-Nichols House, Cambridge
  - Death and Life of a Great American City
  - Substance of Style and Architectural Darwinism

- **Selection of Special Tours**
  - True Lies and False Facts: A Questionable Tour
  - Brahmins of the Back Bay: Notable & Notorious
  - Footloose on the Freedom Trail
  - Champions of Freedom
  - Grave Undertakings: Boston’s Burying Grounds
  - Beacon Hill with a BOO!
  - Flat of Beacon Hill
Boston By Foot would not exist without its dedicated corps of volunteers. As we reflect on 2014, we salute our many volunteer docents who spend hours preparing and presenting their tours, support one another, and enrich the lives of our tourees.

Volunteer Committees
Boston By Foot’s Volunteer Committees do an incredible amount of work to ensure that Boston By Foot’s programming is expansive, robust and well promoted, and that our volunteers are well-trained and have many opportunities to interact and learn from one another. We thank and acknowledge the co-chairs who led our 2014 committees.

Academic Affairs: Sharon Fogarty & Martha Vicinus
Continuing Education: Fran Folsom & Katie Kelly
Docent Events: Babz Clough & Harvey Cohen
Public Relations: Michele Steinberg & Carl Kaplan
Special Tours: Gretchen Grozier & Heather Pence
Tours of the Month: Sheila Frazier & Terri Evans

Foots Pins
Boston By Foot acknowledges the following docents for their years of dedicated service. They were presented with Foot Pins at the 2014 Awards Reception.

Twenty Years
Robert Anderson
Hannah Diozzi
Ronda Grodberg
Anne Marie McDonald
Rita Pelosi

Fifteen Years
Liam Sullivan
Nancy White

Ten Years
Meredith Anderson
Tom Coppeto
Marylee Gilchrist
Bill McDonald
Charles Millstein
Gene Moulton
Cathy Samson

Five Years
JoAnn Buckland
Julia Cai
Joe Conley
Bob Dermody
Barry DeVincke
Neil Dugas
Charlie Eisenmann
Lisa Horton
Jean Hunt
Kate Neave
Lynn Smiledge
Frank Vincent

Footly Fortitude
Boston By Foot recognises the following guides whom conducted an impressive 20 tours or more in 2014.

97: Bob Perkins
80–89: Margaret Bratschi
70–79: Tom Coppeto
60–69: Gretchen Grozier
50–59: Laurel Perkins
40–49: Beth Charney
30–39: Dayl Cohen
20–29: Andrea Bonanno

Guide of the Year
Bob Perkins came to Boston By Foot in 2013 and immediately jumped right in to giving tours and committee work. His regular tours include Heart of the Freedom Trail, Beacon Hill, Boston By Little Feet, Dark Side, Road to Revolution, and North End.

He is very active with the Academic Affairs Committee and served as a Group Leader during the Spring Series Docent Training program. In 2014 he gave a whopping 97 tours, earning him the title of 2014 Guide of the Year! It’s a remarkable achievement for any guide, but especially for one who is still in his second year with BBF.

Distinguished Service
All of our guides give so much to BBF, but each year we honor a docent who truly goes above and beyond. The 2014 Distinguished Service Award went to Sharon Fogarty, who generously agreed to extend her Academic Co-Chairship for another year to help the committee through a transition. Sharon has been a core member of the Academic Affairs Committee since she joined BBF in 1998 and has played many important roles on the committee and throughout the organization. We are grateful not just for her leadership skills, but especially for her infectious energy and enthusiasm!

In Memoriam
BBF has sadly lost a remarkable member of our community. Denny Donaldson was an active Docent from 1984 to 2009. She was a vivacious woman with a zest for life that touched everyone she met. Denny was an avid choir director, singer and soloist, and she also volunteered with The Samaritans and the Boston Athenaeum. Though she was active with many organizations, she found great joy and fulfillment as a Boston By Foot tour guide. Her passion for learning, for Boston, and for connecting with people infused her every action. Her presence will be deeply missed at BBF but stories of her will forever remain in our hearts.
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 by foot. The three 2013 fellowship recipients shared engaging and insightful presentations on their travels to their fellow BBF volunteers.

Andrea Bonanno
Venice, Italy

Michele Steinberg
New Orleans, Louisiana

Sharon Fogarty
Frankfurt, Germany

Boston By Foot wholeheartedly thanks its docents, members and many supporters for their commitment in sharing and celebrating Boston’s history and architecture.

Partners
In 2014 Boston By Foot proudly presented programs in partnership with the following organizations:
Arlington Community Education
Boston Book Festival
Boston Society of Architects
Brookline Adult and Community Education
Cambridge Center for Adult Education
Charles Riverboat Company
Ellis Antiques Show Boston
Discover Roxbury
Old South Meeting House
South End Historical Society
Urban Hound

Corporate Members
The Boston Beer Company
Boston Society of Architects
Cambridge Trust Company
Dimeo Construction Company
Flansburgh Architects
Goodwin Procter
Leers Weinzapfel Associates
Shepley Bulfinch

There are so many ways to share in Boston By Foot’s mission and love of Boston’s history and architecture.

- Take a tour
- Make a contribution
- Become a member
- Become a volunteer docent
- Become a corporate member
- Become a programming partner

Visit our website www.bostonbyfoot.org to learn more.

2014 Income & Expenses

Total Income $196,535
Contributions $48,519
Grants $2,500
Membership $23,223
Tours and Programming $122,293

Total Expenses $192,297
Payroll, Taxes, Benefits $110,692
Support Services* $20,741
Rent Supplies $19,657
Programming $41,207

*Accounting, Insurance, Banking, Taxes

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