Boston By Foot SM 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

**Welcoming Newcomers**

**New Volunteers**
BBF held its 43rd annual graduation ceremony at Old North Church on May 5th to honor the 28 new guides who completed the Boston By Foot training program. Carter Lowe served as speaker for the Class of 2019 and Rev. Stephen T. Ayres, the vicar of the Old North Church delivered the Graduation Address. Rev. Ayres had recently announced his retirement, effective at the end of 2019, so BBF Director Samantha Nelson presented him with a token of appreciation to thank him for his long friendship and support of Boston By Foot.

**New Trustees**
Boston By Foot was delighted welcome Lorena Silva to our Board of Trustees in July 2019. Lorena hails from Brazil, but loves Boston and its remarkable story. She is the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Board of Nursing and has had an extensive career in the field of Public Health and Health Care.

**New Partnerships**

**Rowes Wharf**
The Boston Harbor Hotel contacted Boston By Foot and invited us to lead a monthly tour in and around their property for the benefit of their residents, guests and the general public. This area is rich in history and interesting architecture, so our guides were delighted to create and present this unique tour.

**Tasting and Tales**
Early in 2019 Boston By Foot launched Tastings and Tales, a new program series that takes our tours indoors to local breweries and distilleries where our guides share “tales” of Boston history, and our partners offer tastings of their products. This proved to be a popular event that attracted a local audience. We hope to grow and expand this new program series in the future.

**A Sail Through Time**
In October of 2019 Boston By Foot tested our sea legs in a whole new way. We worked with the Liberty Fleet of Tall Ships to offer our first A Sail Through Time — a tour of the history of Boston during the age of sail aboard a replica 19th century schooner. The pilot program was a huge success and we hope to offer A Sail Through Time regularly in the future.
Legacy Circle

To offer new ways for members of our community to have a lasting impact on BBF, our Board of Trustees has created a Legacy Circle. The Legacy Circle welcomes generous individuals who choose to contribute to Boston By Foot through a bequest, by naming BBF as a beneficiary of a retirement fund or life insurance, or other type of planned future gift. In 2019 five individuals announced their intention of including a bequest to Boston By Foot in their estate plans. We look forward to celebrating their commitment and welcoming more friends to the Legacy Circle in 2020.

Programming

Our Volunteer Committees do incredibly important work training our guides and selecting and scheduling our programming. In the summer of 2019, a programming task force made up of a dozen long-term, active guides, convened to discuss the role of BBF committees in selecting and scheduling our programming and moving our organization forward. The task force recommended that we re-focus the work and purpose of our committees, and focus on four important goals: 1) Our Events and Activities Committee will plan a series of interesting non-tour programs; 2) Our New Tours Committee will provide support for guides who wish to write new tours; 3) Our Tour of the Month Committee and Themed Tour Series Committee will offer ways to present a series of tours from our library; and 4) Our Academic Affairs Committee will continue its essential task of training our incoming guides.

Bidding Fond Farewells

Program Manager, Cortnee Bollard
The end of 2019 marked the end of Cortnee Bollard’s time on the staff at Boston By Foot. Cortnee joined Boston By Foot in September of 2015, after completing her M.A. in Public History. She quickly developed close relationships with many of Boston By Foot’s volunteers and helped BBF perform our programs more effectively. She will be greatly missed at Boston By Foot, but we wish her all the best in her new position.

Long Time Trustees, John Currier and Libby Dilling
Two long-time board members ended their tenure at the end of 2019. John Currier and Libby Dilling each devoted many years to BBF board service and in Libby’s case, many years as a BBF docent before returning to our organization as a trustee. Though they will no longer be Trustees, they will forever be friends and champions of Boston By Foot. Libby and John are both inaugural members of Boston By Foot’s Legacy Circle. We thank them for this incredible gift and for their long-term service to our organization.
Volunteers

Boston By Foot would not exist without the time and talent of our 200+ dedicated volunteer guides. They contribute 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 creative, extensive and guides are well trained. We thank and acknowledge our 2019 committees and committee chairs.

Academic Affairs: Jeff Doucette and Mike Bauer
Continuing Education: Dennis McCarthy and Martha Vicinus
Special Tours: Shawn McGuinness and Joni Youngwirth
Tours of the Month: Liam Sullivan and Laura Whitcomb
Volunteer Events: Karen Burke and Anna-Marie Bracco

Distinguished Service

All of our volunteers give so much to BBF, but each year we honor volunteers who truly go above and beyond.

The 2019 Distinguished Service Awards were presented to two remarkable volunteers who have the perfect flair, wit and savvy to boost BBF’s presence in the ever-changing world of social media. Michele Steinberg and Peter Micheli support our staff and serve as our main representatives on Facebook and Twitter by preparing and posting timely tweets and posts to engage and inform thousands of our followers. This work takes constant attention, requires knowledge of the latest trends, and of course it has become more and more important as a promotional tool for Boston By Foot. Thank you, Michele and Peter!

In Memoriam

Joann Buckland, Class of 2010
Joann was a stalwart Boston By Little Feet and Heart of the Freedom Trail guide. For several years she served as a demonstration guide to help train new guides.

Bill Connors, Class of 2012
Bill, a wonderfully jovial figure, was everyone’s grandpa on his Boston By Little Feet tours. He loved leading tours and connecting to children of all ages. Bill’s family generously and very touchingly made a contribution to Boston By Foot in Bill’s memory.
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 2019, two fellowships were awarded:

**Elisabeth DiCicco** – UK and Ireland
**Martha Vicinus** – Paris, France

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Foot Pins

BBF acknowledged 27 volunteers for their years of dedicated service in 2019:

**25 Years**
- Robert Anderson • Christine Shirey

**20 Years**
- Liam Sullivan • Nancy White

**15 Years**
- Meredith Anderson • Tom Coppeto
- Gene Moulton

**10 Years**
- Bob Dermody • Neil Dugas
- Charlie Eisenmann • Jean Hunt
- Kate Neave • Lynn Smiledge
- Frank Vincent

**5 Years**
- Jeffery Berman • Dana Bos
- Rebecca Camerato • David Coviello
- Debra Dellanina-Alvarez • Abhi Gupte
- Alison Harvey • Anna King
- Billy Lewand • Shawn McGuinness
- Elisabeth Piquet • Tracy Vrablik
- Joni Youngwirth

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Footly Fortitude

BBF recognized 29 guides who conducted 20 or more tours in 2019:

**Guide of the Year**
- Bob Perkins, 225 tours

**50–90 Tours**
- Elisabeth DiCicco (89) • Margaret Bratschi (69)
- Gretchen Grozier (62) • Tom McNamara (60)
- Steve Kluskens (58) • Laurel Perkins (54)
- Tom Revay (50)

**30–39 Tours**
- Tom Coppeto • Sharon Fogarty
- Sherry Krause-Mazza • Linda Poznauskis
- Michele Steinberg • Ronnie Tate

**20–29 Tours**
- Andrea Bonanno • Rebecca Brooks
- Willa Brown • Dave Coviello
- Sally Ebeling • Terri Evans
- Sheila Frazier • Beth Greenwood
- Edythe Harkins • Bob Malsberger
- Dennis McCarthy • Michelle Saracusa
- Sinjin Smith • Martha Vicinus
- Joni Youngwirth

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Docent Emeriti

The following volunteers became Docent Emeriti in 2019:

**Justina Chu**, Class of 1994 • **Marylee Gilchrist**, Class of 2005
**Diana Larsen**, Class of 2001
In anticipation of the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage, Boston By Foot declared 2019 *The Year of the Woman*. We expanded our partnership with the Boston Women’s Heritage Trail and offered tours on women in several neighborhoods including a new tour, the *Remarkable Women of Jamaica Plain*. Our *Louisa May Alcott’s Boston* tour was featured in celebration of the release of the new Little Women film, and the role of Boston women in the labor movement was recognized in *Boston Women Finding Their Voice*. Guides were encouraged to feature stories of women on all of their tours, from Anne Hutchinson of the 1630s to Boston’s contemporary leaders. The celebration of the role of women in Boston history continues into 2020 as the anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment nears. This effort has inspired BBF and our volunteers to seek out more stories of the unrecognized and unsung. As we head into a new decade, we look forward to a new era of tours, programs and activities that will bring attention to the many layers of Boston’s complex history. We thank our volunteers for their creativity, curiosity and the incredible hard work they put into creating and presenting their tours. These next few pages highlight just some of their impressive work.

With Gratitude,
Samantha Nelson Executive Director

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Note from the Executive Director

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Our guide was very knowledgeable, easy to understand and taught me so much.

Boston By Foot Volunteers

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Mary Lynn
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Dennis McCarthy
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Gene Moulton
Mary Murphy
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Carl Nelson
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David Oconnell
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Lydia Pazienza
Heather Pence
Adriana Perilla Glen
Robert Perkins
Laurel Perkins
David Phillips
Elisabeth Anne Piquet
Rosemary Powers
Linda Poznauskis
Christina Randolph
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Programming

221 Volunteers • 1,396 Tours
232 Private Tours

2019 Tour Attendance Breakdown

- 44% Public Tours – 7,266
- 27% Architecture Cruises – 4,496
- 18% Private Tours – 2,925
- 11% Special Tours, Tours of the Month, Continuing Education Events – 1,905

Special Programming & Events

Continuing Education Events
- 19th Century Boston Women Artists
- In Washington’s Footsteps
- Lesley University: From Cottage to College
- Phillis Wheatley: Freedom and Slavery in Revolutionary Boston
- Taverns to Teahouses

Tours of the Month
- Customs House District
- Ladder Blocks
- Old West End
- Remarkable Women of Jamaica Plain
- Rethinking Boston Brutalism
- Adventures at Sea: Bostonians in the Age of Sail

Thank you for a great day!
Administrative Report

2019 Income & Expenses

The time flew by and it was such a fun tour.

**Partners**
- Arlington Community Education
- Boston Beer Company
- Boston Book Festival
- Boston Harborfest
- Boston Literary District
- Boston Preservation Alliance
- Boston Society of Architects
- Boston Women’s Heritage Trail
- Bully Boy Distillers
- Brookline Adult & Community Education
- Cambridge Center for Adult Education
- Charles Riverboat Company
- Needham Community Education
- Old South Meeting House
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
- Revolution 250
- Vilna Shul

**Corporate Members**
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- Flansburgh Architects
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**Staff**
- Samantha Nelson, *Executive Director*
- Cortnee Bollard, *Program Manager*
- Alex Clermont, *Program Associate*
- Ken Golner, *Communications Coordinator*

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Members receive free admission to our regularly offered tours, discounts to special tours, Tours of the Month and Architecture Cruises, and access to free programs created just for members.

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Boston By Foot wholeheartedly thanks its volunteers, members and supporters for their tireless commitment to promoting awareness of Boston’s history, architecture and distinctive neighborhoods.

Please excuse any unintentional errors or omissions.

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