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Dear friends,

As we reflect on the past year, we are happy to share our progress, achievements, and goals for North Bennet Street School. In this report, you'll find the many dedicated supporters—individuals, companies, and foundations—who make our work possible. We are keenly aware of the ways their investments propel our School and expand our horizons, and it is in working together that we help fulfill the ambitions of aspiring crafts and tradespeople.

On the pages that follow, we invite you to share in three remarkable stories of discovery, inspiration, and transformation. These showcase not only the different facets of our mission but also highlight our enduring values: a dedication to training, a focus on community, and a passion for skilled work. Taken together, they demonstrate the profound impact that our institution has on individuals, industries, and our broader society.

In our first story, we celebrate the success of our Summer Intensive with Madison Park Technical Vocational High School. This program provides high school students with hands-on experience in carpentry, fostering teamwork, skill development, and a deeper understanding of potential career paths. The collaboration between NBSS and Madison Park exemplifies our commitment to shaping the future of vocational education and preparing the next generation of craftspeople.

Next, we delve into our rich history and the invaluable partnership we share with the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association (MCMA). The mission of this long-lived organization—founded in 1795 with Paul Revere as its first president—aligns seamlessly with

our own commitment to teaching traditional trades while embracing modern technology. MCMA's generous support, spanning decades, has enabled us to equip our students with cutting-edge tools, propelling them toward the forefront of their fields. This year, MCMA's dedication to our Locksmithing & Security Technology program reaffirms their belief in our mission.

Our final story highlights the impact of The 1881 Society, a circle of dedicated supporters who have chosen to include NBSS in their estate plans. Through the stories of Natalie Q. Albers, Marilyn L. Heskett, and Deborah M. Hauser, we honor three remarkable people who each embodied the spirit of philanthropy and shared a deep love for fine craft and education. Their legacies continue to inspire generations of NBSS students, ensuring that our mission endures for years to come. The 1881 Society serves as a testament to the lasting impact that planned giving can have on our institution, allowing donors to leave a profound legacy that aligns with their values and passions.

As we navigate the challenges of our times, this Annual Report underscores impressive resilience, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our mission. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all members of our community, each of whom makes our work and growth possible.

Sincerely,



Sarah Turner, President



Genie Thorndike CF '16, Board Chair



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One morning in July, Omar Ocasio, a recently graduated senior at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School (MP) in Boston, was putting up the third wall of a small house he and his classmate Kenron Parchment were building by hand. The house was the centerpiece of the Summer Intensive program that they were part of—held in partnership between MP and North Bennet Street School (NBSS).

He was surprised by how much easier this wall was to install than the first one had been just a few days before. “With wall one, we were nervous,” Omar admitted. “We had to double check the measurements with our instructors and felt self-conscious. After the second wall, we became faster and more confident. Today, the third wall went up smoothly because our teamwork had gotten stronger.”

The cohort of seven students from the Building Property and Maintenance program learned carpentry essentials over five weeks of training at NBSS. The intensive course was designed to simulate a residential job site. Each group of 2-3 students was challenged to construct a small structure while developing skills such as reading a blueprint, wall and floor framing, drywall installation, hanging doors, and installing windows.

The students also got a taste of different aspects of carpentry outside of their NBSS experience. At one point, the group took a field trip to view a job site of Columbia Contracting Corp., which employs a number of NBSS graduates and is one of the School’s Partners In Craft. The visit was made possible by Columbia Principal Kate Durrane, who serves on the School’s Board of Advisors.

# Level Up

**A Hands-On Summer Program  
for High Schoolers Teaches  
Carpentry and Teamwork**





“These students are curious. They respond well to instruction. It’s refreshing to take young students with a limited amount of carpentry experience and see them become so engaged,” Peter shared. It was this curiosity that made them willing to work hard.

While the students were initially nervous when tasked with using math skills to calculate dimensions for cutting the lumber for their project, he watched them grow in their abilities over the summer with a lot of teamwork and 1:1 instruction. Omar said, “After the first week I was pretty amazed that I started remembering things and my math improved. Now I know that a 2x4 is actually 1.5x3.5 inches.”

His project partner, Kenron Parchment, was also a graduating senior at Madison Park. He fell in love with carpentry before attending the Summer Intensive, after rebuilding a broken bench for a teacher last year. Kenron agreed that the learning curve at NBSS was steep, but the instruction style and Omar’s support kept him calm and motivated.

He said, “Peter or [assistant instructor] Jeff come by every so often in the workshop to tell Omar and I what we could do better, how to fix any problems, or just to tell us when we’ve done a good job with something. When you’re new to carpentry you definitely want to work with someone who is experienced and knows what they’re doing.”

Launched in 2016 and now in its fifth iteration due to a pandemic pause, the MP program is the fruit of a meaningful partnership between the two schools that aims to show students their future educational and career horizons.

NBSS President Sarah Turner was filling in at the School’s front desk one morning and welcoming each of the MP students by name.

“It’s just so gratifying to have these young students in the building and as part of our community—if only for part of the summer. They bring such great energy to NBSS, and are clearly excited to learn and discover new skills and modes each day,” Sarah said. “The next generation of people are becoming aware of the ways that they can serve their communities, the ways they can help their neighbors, and the ways they can be employed.”

To make sure students were supported throughout, MP and NBSS provided each student with a transit pass and stipend, while also offering on-site meals. Students had no sooner finished breakfast before beginning to buckle their tool belts and put on their safety goggles, getting started on their day in the workshop.

With a pencil tucked behind his ear, the program’s lead instructor Peter Smith PC ’04, (and also Department Head of the Carpentry career training program at NBSS), observed that this group enjoyed using tools for the first time. That involved getting to cut wood with a variety of hand- and machine-based saws, learning to use an impact driver, installing screws, and getting some pointers on how to use a tape measure more effectively.

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— PETER SMITH PC ’04





Peter agreed that what he aims to offer the students is the ability to think outside the (literal) box that they are building. “Everything about carpentry is just problem solving,” Peter believes. “I’m trying to teach them how to ask themselves the right questions to approach a problem and come up with multiple solutions.”

His assistant instructor, Jeff Hanley CA '21, CF '24, a father of teenagers, thought deeply about how to best connect with and inspire the Madison Park students. Because this was not school—it was the high schoolers’ summer breaks—he set out to create a summer camp-like atmosphere where each individual is honored each day for showing up and being themselves.

He watched with growing respect as the students who arrived so hesitantly learned to trust themselves and each other using carpentry as a vehicle. “Four weeks in and they are a well-oiled machine,” Jeff marveled. “They are considerate to the workshop and they care about each other.”

One of the program’s goals was to present carpentry as a viable and meaningful career path to the MP students by giving them experiences both inside and outside the NBSS workshop.

That was exactly why MP student Gabriel Algarin signed up at the suggestion of his high school mentor. “They told me that I would learn carpentry and get paid at the same time,” Gabriel explained. “I saw it as an opportunity to learn more about this field and see what I want to do in the future.” He achieved those goals—at one point adeptly handling a large nail gun router to get sheets of plywood secured while applying just the right amount of pressure.

“If you don’t know anything about carpentry beforehand, NBSS is a great place to go. They’ll teach you all the basics and get you to a higher level,” Gabriel said before returning to the workshop to frame his fourth window of the day.

Several of the MP students were already considering a future in the trades. Ultimately, one of them enrolled in a Career Training program for the Fall 2023 class start: look for Omar in Carpentry.

“NBSS is a really nice environment to be a part of, and this is a great opportunity to go right into work after I graduate,” Omar shares.



Watch a video of the 2023 Madison Park Summer Program at [nbss.edu/MP23](https://nbss.edu/MP23)



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# Securing the Future

Walk among the workshops at North Bennet Street School (NBSS) and you'll see bright red stickers with silver lettering emblazoned on dozens of pieces of equipment and machines. Each one indicates that the item was donated to NBSS from the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association (MCMA), a centuries-old organization with whom the School has long had a special relationship.



FOUNDED IN 1795 with Paul Revere as its first president, MCMA's original aim was to promote the mechanical fields—especially inventions, handcrafts, and artisanship—through regular exhibitions and programming. The organization also served another fascinating purpose at the time: serving as something of an accrediting body for the trades.

“Early on, we were an organization of artisans with apprentices, who were trying to keep apprentices from leaving their employ early and claiming they were a carpenter, or printer, or whatever the trade might be,” says Marty Joyce, former president of MCMA and current secretary.

MCMA quickly became a charitable organization, helping its members support their families, pay burial expenses, and so on. Today, it continues that philanthropic tradition, providing funds for vocational training in the trades and related industries to over 20 organizations in the Commonwealth.

NBSS is one of their long-running beneficiaries, with a decades-long relationship that has touched each and every one of the School's nine career training programs. Over the years, MCMA's grantmaking has provided for a wide range of machinery that includes band saws, mortisers, jointers, dust collection system, engraving machine, and tools galore. Practically, this means MCMA has generously funded more than a hundred pieces of equipment, many of which are still in use today.

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— CLAIRE FRUITMAN CF '96



This year, MCMA continued its longstanding support with a commitment to the Locksmithing & Security Technology (LK) program, providing vital equipment that helps students train on the latest technology within their field.

Provost Claire Fruitman CF '96 notes that this substantial grant advances the School's commitment to both traditional trades that rely on hand skills, and the integration of modern technology in the classroom.

"We are continuously evaluating how to incorporate and integrate technology into all of our programs, whether newer models of machines, or modern tools or equipment like those in Locksmithing. We couldn't do this as quickly without support from MCMA."

This newest grant from MCMA will go toward what's known as access control equipment, which includes proximity card readers, like those you tap against a sensor to open a door. It will cover four card readers, a control box, software with an annual renewal for three years, three computers, and security cameras. All of it is essential technology for the LK program.

"Students will have an opportunity to use the program software, understand the mechanics, and diagnose issues that arise with access control systems. For instance, if there's an issue with a keypad, they'll be able to go to the software first, and then examine the hardware," says Eddy Dacius LK '13, Locksmithing & Security Technology Department Head.



Eddy says the grant will be a game-changer. There was no existing equipment, and students learned "on paper," or in more theoretical terms, the concepts of access control rather than through hands-on practice and knowledge. "We want the students to get closer to what's the future of locksmithing, and having access to the equipment will be key," he says.

Unique to MCMA as a charitable organization is that its board members visit each organization during the grant cycle to meet with potential grantees. Harry Dodakian, one of those board members, toured North Bennet for this year's grant cycle and visited the LK program.

"We were impressed by how organized and professional the facilities for the Locksmithing program were. There were working examples of

doors, hinges, and locks, plus electronic systems too. North Bennet recognizes the modern era of locksmithing includes both mechanical systems and technology."

Claire echoed this sentiment, as we see more and more people installing smart home systems, including doorbells and locks, as well as security cameras. "The future is here. But inside all of those technology pieces is still a mechanical lock, so what we're teaching is still extraordinarily relevant."

"MCMA has been a true partner, supporting NBSS for decades with their generous contributions to the School," Claire shares. "We're so grateful to have benefited over the years. Their support has helped generations of NBSS students be ready for whatever they encounter on the job."

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— EDDY DACIUS LK '13



# Crafting a Legacy

## The 1881 Society's Impact on North Bennet Street School

Supporters of North Bennet Street School (NBSS) find many ways to help us shape the future of fine craft and trade, from sharing their time and unique talents to funding scholarships and special initiatives. The 1881 Society, named for our founding year, recognizes those community members who have made provisions to include NBSS in their estate plans.

The 1881 Society ensures NBSS can continue to help the next generation of students achieve meaningful lives and livelihoods. Planned giving offers donors an opportunity to leave a legacy at North Bennet and, for many, serves as an enduring expression of their values. For some donors, charitable bequests also allow them to make a major gift that otherwise would not have been feasible during their lifetimes.

In 2023, NBSS mourned the loss of three inspiring community members who were also members of the 1881 Society. Over the years, these women produced and appreciated beautiful craft, galvanized support for NBSS, and helped many others discover the School. While humble about their generosity, they were vocal about their love for NBSS.

At varying points, NBSS became integrally woven into their lives. They, in turn, chose to consciously weave the School into theirs, and our community is better for it.

In honor of their impact at North Bennet and with thanks for their commitments, we hear from loved ones about what made each of these wonderful women unique, and how NBSS came to hold such a special place in their lives.

Abridged profiles of three remarkable women follow. For the fullest versions of their stories, please visit [nbss.edu/1881](https://nbss.edu/1881)



## Deborah M. Hauser

SEPT. 1936 — FEB. 2023

DEDICATED • NURTURING • DIGNIFIED

Deborah Hauser dedicated herself to what she loved most in life. She started by raising a family in Newton, Massachusetts, with her husband Harry Hauser, who passed away in 2003 after almost five decades of marriage.

Other priorities for Deborah's daily life included fine art, history, and music. "While raising her children, she studied art and art history," her son, Mark J. Hauser, M.D., a psychiatrist, shares. "Wherever she lived, she supported her local library. And she read voraciously—more than any normal person would!"

Deborah, a piano player, had classical music playing in her home from morning until evening. She also made beautiful needlepoint gifts for her children and grandchildren.

Her interests led her to engage in many philanthropic efforts in Boston over the years. Deborah volunteered for, or served on the boards of, a variety of cultural organizations, including Big Sister Boston, the Wang Center (now Boch Center), the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Given her devotion to nurturing those around her, it's fitting, Mark says, how Deborah first became connected to NBSS.

**"During her life, my mother admired the School, the administration, and the mission. Our family is pleased to stay involved."**

—MARK J. HAUSER, M.D.,  
NBSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"My mother suggested to my father that he develop an activity outside of his corporate law practice. That led to him pursuing his woodworking hobby with North Bennet," Mark recalls. "My father eventually became a volunteer lawyer with the School, and later served on the Board of Directors. My mother was so proud that she introduced him to NBSS, and it was in his honor that she stayed involved after he passed. She admired the School and the happiness it brought him."

Mark was also drawn to NBSS through his mother, first serving as an Advisor and now on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. "My mother has me carrying on the tradition," he says.

Over the last 16 years, Deborah shared her love for NBSS with her dear friend David Booth, attending many gala celebrations, openings, and exhibits at the School. "They loved going to NBSS events together," Mark says.

Two years ago, Deborah donated funds to purchase ergonomic "Slide and Lock" tool-holding systems for each student bench in the Jewelry Making & Repair Department. "She wanted that gift to be meaningful. She wanted it to be purposeful," Mark notes.

"NBSS is about craft, excellence, and aspiring to beautiful things," Mark reflects. "The School helps reintroduce veterans to the workforce. It's a wonderful place with great values. During her life, my mother admired the School, the administration, and the mission. Our family is pleased to stay involved."





# Marilyn L. Heskett BB '88

FEB. 1935 — JULY 2023

SENSIBLE • QUIET • ELEGANT

“The one constant running through Marilyn’s life was books, beginning with days she cherished at the small-town Chariton, Iowa library where she worked after school,” shares Jim Heskett, Marilyn Heskett’s husband of 67 years, from their condo where bookshelves run the length of the home and prominently display Marilyn’s binding work.

Book conservation always intrigued her, inspired by her love of books and her father, who had always worked with his hands. “So when Marilyn’s life opened up at the age of 50 after the departure of our three children from home, she sought out what seemed to her to be the best place to train in fine craft—North Bennet Street School,” says Jim, UPS Foundation Professor Emeritus of Business Logistics at Harvard Business School. Marilyn enrolled and became a member of the inaugural class of the full-time Bookbinding program, which began in 1986.

“Marilyn felt North Bennet was a real home to her. It felt good, the people appealed to her, and it even smelled good!” Jim laughs.

After graduating from NBSS, Marilyn completed a year-long internship at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Later, she created and managed a laboratory for the preservation of rare books at Boston College’s Burns Library—a dream job for her, Jim says. Over the years,

“Her personal heart was with her family, but her professional heart was with the bookbinders studying at the North Bennet Street School.”

—JIM HESKETT

Marilyn served on the NBSS Board of Advisors and gave generously to the building and scholarship campaigns, in addition to annual gifts and gifts to the Bookbinding department.

In addition, Marilyn delighted in directly supporting the talents of the NBSS community.

“Some of the biggest events for Marilyn were those occasions when work she had commissioned from NBSS faculty and students was finished and delivered,” Jim says. “This included several pieces of furniture; a violin for me on my 50th birthday; and a restored roof, attic, and foundation on our 200-year-old home in Belmont, Massachusetts.”

In 2013, Marilyn established the Marilyn L. Heskett Scholarship Fund for the Bookbinding program at NBSS. “That was very important to her,” Jim says. “She pledged to herself to someday make it possible for more of her fellow students to pursue the same passions for creativity and conservation that she had felt. She always looked forward to hearing stories about the recipients of her scholarship.”

The closing line of Marilyn’s obituary reflects the place of significance NBSS held in her life: “Her personal heart was with her family, but her professional heart was with the bookbinders studying at the North Bennet Street School.”



# Natalie Q. Albers

NOV. 1927 — FEB. 2023

BOLD • CURIOUS • UNAFRAID

“My mom’s philosophies very much aligned with the School’s. She appreciated the underlying values of the pedagogical system and teaching people not just how to make a living, but how to live in a meaningful way.”

—JANET ENGLISH, NBSS BOARD OF ADVISORS

“My mom Natalie was one of these women of a certain generation who may not have had a lot of professional opportunities in the way women do now, but who had this tremendous curiosity and commitment to the things that mattered to them,” shares Janet English, daughter and a member of the NBSS Board of Advisors.

“She was very funny, was always laughing, and was the last to leave a party. But she was also a serious person,” Janet notes. “She liked to involve herself in things that mattered and took a stance.”

For 50 years, Natalie devoted herself to all aspects of life in Milton, Massachusetts, where she and her husband Bill Albers raised their four children. Janet says her mother was particularly inspired by art and beauty, poetry, literature, and ideas. So when Natalie was introduced to NBSS in the 1970s, she knew she’d found a mission worth championing.

“My mom appreciated the underlying values of the pedagogical system and teaching people not just how to make a living, but how to live in a meaningful way,” says Janet, a clinical psychologist who has also served as an NBSS Board member and now Advisor, thanks to witnessing her mom’s enthusiastic involvement.

Janet notes, “There is something about North Bennet—it’s a real jewel of Boston, with its consistent quality and interesting community of people who do important things in an unpretentious way that my mom valued.”

Natalie served as an NBSS Board member for over two decades, made annual gifts for more than 25 years, and helped many people discover the School. For the School’s 100th anniversary held in 1985, Natalie tapped into her knack for party planning and served as Chair for the centennial celebration. “That was really fun,” Janet recalls. “Mom loved a bash!”

“She deeply loved North Bennet. To represent that, she made a legacy gift that would allow people to pursue their excellence, to be bold and unafraid, and to do something with meaning that’s going to add value to the world—whether it was through a beautiful piece of furniture, a restored house, or a piece of jewelry,” Janet says.

If you have already included NBSS in your estate plans, or would like to receive more information about planned giving, contact Colleen Walsh Powell, Director of Development, at [cwpowell@nbss.edu](mailto:cwpowell@nbss.edu) or 617-227-0155 x170.





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“I support North Bennet Street School because college isn’t for everyone and NBSS provides a wonderful opportunity for people to learn valuable skills they can use towards fulfilling careers. My son is an NBSS carpenter, doing something he loves and is good at.”

— DEB PASCULANO, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Christopher Reuning  
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Benjamin Ruth



# Career Program Activities

The items below represent just a small selection of the many projects, lectures, and field work from across all of our Career Training programs in the last fiscal year (August 2022 through July 2023). For a current, broader selection of activities, please check out our website [nbss.edu](https://nbss.edu) and social media channels [@nbssboston](https://twitter.com/nbssboston).

## ★ GUEST LECTURES

**BB:** The Department welcomed guest instructor Evelyn Wong for sessions on Asian bookbinding and hosted Chena River Marblers for two weeks, during which they worked with BB students, Community Education students, and members of NBSS staff/faculty.

**PC:** The Department hosted several guest speakers, with topics like dendrochronology and geometry. Expert timber framer Jack Sobon also provided students a tour of King's Chapel, which included exploring the timber frame structure in the "attic" and providing a drafting lesson.

**LK:** Several guest speakers visited the program including representatives from Action Lock, Brookline Lock, Assa Abloy, Mass Sales LLC, Perlman Associates, ADT, Boston Lock & Safe, and Ohio State University.

**CA:** Guest speakers included Kolin Schmidt CF '21 on SketchUp, Cabinetry with Eric Zankowski CA '13.

## ★ FIELD WORK

**CA:** Students took part in on-the-job training days and worked on constructing small sheds during the fall. They utilized a space in Upton, MA on a former client's property for construction and then transitioned to a site in Abington, MA to continue work on a project which NBSS Carpentry students had built a few years ago. They visited the Building Center in Gloucester, Lashway Lumber in Western Massachusetts, and a few worksites of local companies.

**LK:** Students embarked on field trips to various locations, such as Beth Israel Hospital, Brookline Lock, Somerville High School, and Allegion to see a variety of equipment and security systems. They also took an overnight trip to CT to visit Assa Abloy, LAB, and the Lock Museum of America.

**PC:** Students had various experiences, including plaster work in Nantucket, learning timber framing, and building sheds at Brookwood Farm in Canton, MA, visiting the USS Constitution and Lashway Lumber in Western Massachusetts, working on the Elnathan Cushing House in Norwell, MA, dismantling a barn in Hanover, MA, and working on elevations of Memorial Hall in Charlestown, MA.

**PT/PA:** The programs continued weekly field work with Boston University, M. Steinert & Sons, and Boston Public Schools. Last year, the programming expanded to include MIT, with support from Will Grueb PT'10, PA '11 RPT.

## ★ CONFERENCES AND COMPETITIONS

**BB:** Students attended The Standards of Excellence Seminar in Hand Bookbinding annual Guild of Book Workers conference, the Boston Art Book Fair, and the Antiquarian Book Fair.

**BB:** The program staged an exhibition called "Beyond Bookbinding," showcasing work created by the NBSS Bookbinding community. The exhibit and reception included a juried award, which was won by first-year student India Patel BB '24.

**VM:** The program had a strong presence at the 2022 Violin Society of America 24th International Convention and Competition. Several graduates received awards, including Justin Hess VM '11, who received a Double Gold Medal for Tone and Workmanship for his violin, and Evan Davenport VM '16, who was awarded a Certificate for Tone and a Gold Medal for Artisanhip for his bass. Other alumni, Peter Bingen VM '05 and Christopher White VM '88 and former VM Program Advisor, received Certificates of Merit. Andrew Ryan, current VM Program Advisor, received a Certificate of Artisanhip for his violin.

**CF:** The Department participated in the Fine Furnishings Show, where Ben Cotis CF '23 won Best in Show for Traditional Student Work, and Svetlana Daneva CA '21, CF '23 won Best in Show for Contemporary Student Work.

## ★ SPECIAL PROJECTS

**CF:** Instructor Jamey Pope CF '06 introduced working with a CNC (Computer Numerical Control) router, with assistance from Instructor Ryan Messier CF '11 and Instructor Lance Patterson CF '79. Lance utilized CNC techniques to replace the round plastic wall clocks in the program with wooden ones. Some students began incorporating CNC elements into their projects.

**PT/PA:** Several faculty were appointed to roles within the 3,000-member Piano Technicians Guild, including: Will Roper PT '19 as New England Regional Vice President, Emily Townsend PT '07, PA '08 as Chairperson of the Tuning Exam committee, Hillary York PT '11, PA '12 on the Ethics committee, and TA Corie Melaugh PT '21, PA '22 on the Institute Committee, helping to organize the national PTG convention. Corie is also the Vice President of the Boston chapter.

**JM:** CAD (Computer Aided Design) was integrated into the curriculum for second year students. The program rented computers specifically to handle the Matrix Gold software and students worked with Ilah Cibis JM '05 both in-person and remotely to learn and practice with the software.

## REACCREDITATION

Provost Claire Fruitman CF '96 dedicated many hours to preparing the School for reaccreditation, which occurs every five years. The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) initiated the re-accreditation process by requiring attendance at a conference near Washington, D.C. The School then submitted an Application for Renewal of Accreditation, leading to the creation of a Self Evaluation Report (SER) with extensive reporting and information. The accreditation team site visit will take place in the next fiscal year.









# Community Education

## CLASSES & PROGRAMS

Accordion Book with Frames  
Advanced Paper Marbling with Acrylics  
Beginner Paper Marbling with Acrylics  
Bookbinding 101  
Cherry Wall Cupboard  
Chip Carving  
Classic Paper Marbling  
Danish Modern Plant Stand  
Enclosures for Preservation and Beyond  
Endbands: Stuck On and Sewn  
Fiber Rush Stool  
Finishing 101  
Flat Edge Tool Sharpening  
Fortepiano Maintenance, Regulation, & Repair  
Fundamentals of Blind and Gold Tooling  
Fundamentals of Bookbinding I  
Fundamentals of Bookbinding II  
Fundamentals of Fine Woodworking  
Fundamentals of Jewelry Making I: Essential Skills

Fundamentals of Jewelry Making II:  
Soldering Intensive  
Fundamentals of Machine Woodworking  
Harpsichord Voicing and Regulation  
Historic Timber Framing  
Intermediate Bowl Turning  
Intro to Broom Making: Handbrooms  
Intro to Broom Making: Handbrooms & Sweepers  
Intro to Broom Making: Online  
Introduction to Book Conservation  
Introduction to Bowl Turning  
Introduction to Drywall  
Introduction to Interior Trim  
Introduction to Leather Bookbinding  
Introduction to Paper Conservation  
Introduction to Piano Technology  
Introduction to Platform Framing  
Introduction to the Router  
Introduction to Veneer  
Introduction to Windows & Doors  
Jewelry Making 101  
Madison Park Carpentry Intensive  
Medieval Long and Link Stitch Bindings  
New England Porch Weave Stool  
Picture Frames  
Purposeful Over-Marbling  
Seat Weaving  
Side-Stitched Books of Japan  
Small Side Table  
Spindle Turning for Furniture Makers  
Spoon Carving  
Sterling Silver Spiral Ring: Online  
Stringing and Banding  
Surface Gilding  
Three-Month Furniture Making Intensive  
Titling by Hand  
Turn a Bud Vase with a Glass Sleeve  
Window Sash Restoration  
Wooden Nutcracker  
Woodturning Open Studio  
Woodworking 101  
Woven Book Structures



# Exhibitions, Events & Public Programs

## EXHIBITIONS

*Beyond Bookbinding*  
March 6 - April 21, 2023  
  
*2023 Exhibition: Continual Craft*  
May 5 - August 12, 2023

## SCHOOLWIDE EVENTS

North End Neighborhood Breakfast  
Back to School Party  
Community Partners,  
November 2022 and May 2023  
Open House & Winter Market  
Founder's Day  
Student & Alumni Holiday Party  
Beyond Bookbinding Opening  
Reception  
2023 Exhibition Opening Party  
Friends and Family Meet & Greet  
Graduation

## PUBLIC PROGRAMS: IN THE MAKING SERIES

Marco Benevento  
Jovencio de la Paz and  
Katrina Sánchez Standfield  
Employer Spotlight, Part 1:  
Peter Galbert  
Employer Spotlight, Part 2:  
Action Lock & Key, MH Driscoll  
Building & Remodeling,  
Northeast Document  
Conservation Center  
Studio Cassio  
Prison Outreach Program  
Robell Awake & Dr. Tiffany Momon  
Student Craft at Berea College  
In the Baking: Joanne Chang +  
Future Chefs  
Books vs. Cloud Technology





# Financial Overview

## Letter from the Treasurer

OVER THE PAST YEAR, we have witnessed remarkable progress and achieved significant milestones, and I am delighted to share with you the financial overview of our institution.

In Fiscal Year 2023, our community has demonstrated unwavering support for our mission of providing quality education in craft and trade disciplines. The dedication of our students, faculty, staff, and the generosity of our donors have played a crucial role in sustaining and advancing the School's priorities.

In the last year, we have maintained our strong financial foundation, and also preparing NBSS for future achievements as part of our Strategic Plan. As envisioned in that plan, this was a year of investment in people and capacity. Our expenses of \$7.3M were greater than revenue of \$6.4M, however, investment gains and other non-operating activity resulted in a nearly even level of net assets compared to the prior year. These investments will support the future growth of the School and deepen our impact.

Our endowment has shown modest growth over the past year, with a closing balance over \$29M. This achievement is a testament to the trust and confidence that our community has placed in NBSS. The endowment plays a crucial role in providing scholarships, supporting faculty, and ensuring the longevity of our programs.

As we move forward, we remain committed to the values and principles that have guided us for generations. We will continue to prioritize access and affordability, making every effort to ensure that talented individuals have the opportunity to receive the world-class education we offer. It is our goal to break down barriers and provide the resources necessary for aspiring craftspeople to thrive.

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On behalf of the Board, we are immensely grateful for your unwavering support and dedication to the North Bennet Street School. Together, we will continue to shape the future of education through our unique and impactful institution.

I extend my deepest gratitude to all of you who make our mission possible. Your support is invaluable, and it is an honor to serve this remarkable community.



**Matthew P. Day**  
Treasurer



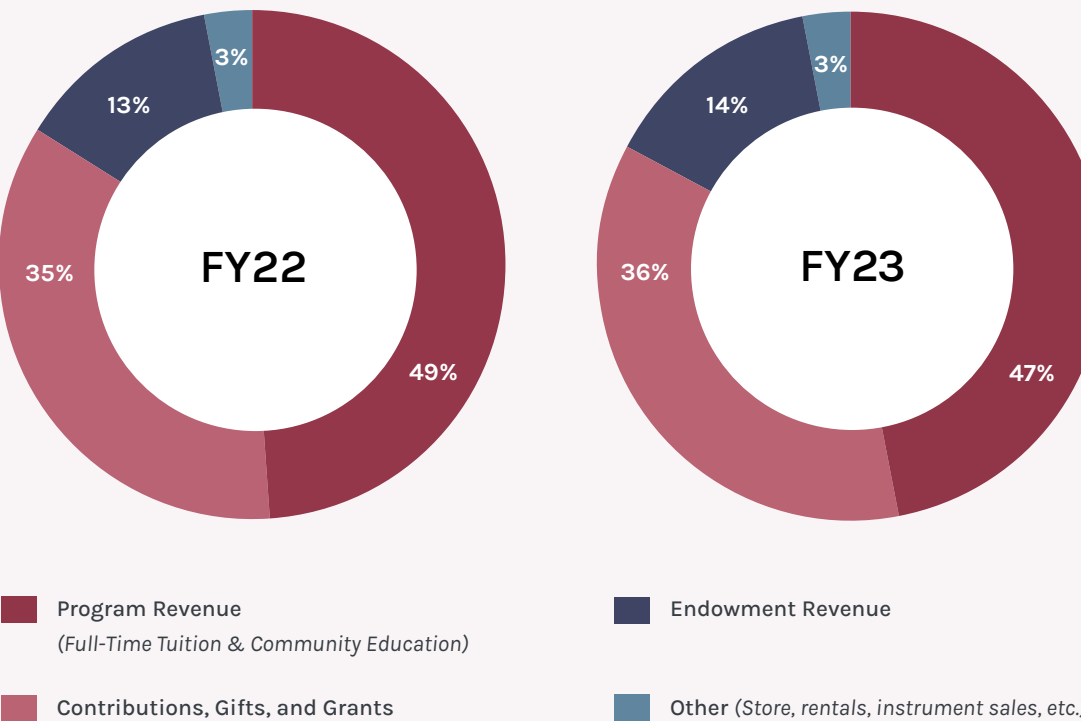
# Financials

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### Revenues

	7/31/2022	7/31/2023*	% CHANGE	% OF REVENUE
Tuition and fees, net	2,488,772	2,562,751	3.0%	40%
Contributions, gifts, and grants	1,897,277	2,311,471	21.8%	36%
Continuing education	228,457	429,832	88.1%	7%
Project and instrument revenue	125,238	113,122	-9.7%	2%
Investment income used in operations	710,000	894,000	25.9%	14%
Other revenue	22,843	19,560	-14.4%	<1%
Rental revenue	5,825	6,000	3.0%	<1%
Store sales, net of cost of sales	13,215	21,487	62.6%	<1%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,491,627</b>	<b>6,358,223</b>	<b>15.8%</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Revenue by Source



### Expenses

	7/31/2022	7/31/2023*	% CHANGE	% OF EXPENSES
Program	4,226,246	3,749,762	51%	51%
General and administrative	2,266,707	3,185,777	43%	43%
Fundraising and development	445,905	405,915	6%	6%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,938,858</b>	<b>7,341,454</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets from Operations</b>	<b>(1,447,231)</b>	<b>(983,231)</b>		

### Non-Operating Activity

	7/31/2022	7/31/2023*	% CHANGE
Investment income used in operations	(710,000)	(894,000)	25.9%
Interest and dividend income	646,818	221,622	-65.7%
Endowment gifts	2,505,000	21,350	-99.1%
Gain (loss) on investments, net fees	(4,040,086)	1,692,708	-141.9%
<b>Total Non-Operating</b>	<b>(1,598,268)</b>	<b>1,041,680</b>	<b>-165.2%</b>

### Net Assets

	7/31/2022	7/31/2023*	% CHANGE
Change in net assets	(3,045,499)	58,449	-101.9%
Net assets at beginning of fiscal year	57,146,022	54,100,523	-5.3%
<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	<b>54,100,523</b>	<b>54,158,972</b>	<b>0.1%</b>

\* Results are unaudited as of the publish date of this report.





# Expanding Horizons

## An Essential Place

Throughout its long history, NBSS has been a place of optimism and purpose for generations of individuals, families, and communities.

Today, we have new challenges and opportunities in an era of significant social change: an educational divide that emphasizes college over skilled-training; the need for meaningful pathways for spatial/visual thinkers; the shortage of crafts- and tradespeople across industries; and the powerful emotional and practical benefits of tangible work. In all of this, there are few contemporary quandaries of work, education, and community that aren't addressed by the unique approach that NBSS offers.

## Setting our Sights

- As we look to the future, we set our sights on deepening, broadening, and enfranchising our community:
- Increase Access & Inclusion:** We will expand our current programs and classes, develop youth and community programs, and increase access and inclusion in order to further our mission.
  - Invest in Student Success:** we will increase support for both teaching and learning, ensuring our reputation for excellence and investing in student success from application to employment.
  - Build a Thriving Future:** we will invest in the people who work here, our building, and our organizational culture to maintain a position of strength and build a thriving future for the whole of our School community.

# Our Path to Progress

Since adopting our current Strategic Plan in December 2022, we have already made progress on a number of key initiatives:

- ✓ **Established a Teaching Assistant (TA) program**, bringing new talents and perspectives to our Career Training programs. These individuals will support our students and faculty, and are the next generation of educators, mentors, and tradespeople for their industries.
- ✓ **Relaunched Continuing Education as Community Education**, rebuilding to over 230 classes and almost 1600 participants in the last two years. This work coincided with increases in CE class tuition and volume, as well as maximized space use to increase revenue and improve profit margins.
- ✓ **Filled the open CE Director position** to provide increased experience and leadership in adult and youth programs, and hired a CE Administrative Assistant/ Programs Coordinator position to support the expansion of CE across high school programs and community partnerships.
- ✓ **Developed and filled an essential new role, Senior Director of People & Resources**, to lead in the areas of faculty/staff support, human resources, and operational strength in our DEI efforts.
- ✓ **Completed a faculty/staff compensation analysis**, increased salaries, and developed a multi-year plan for growth in this area, helping us to retain and recruit talented professionals that serve our core community of students.

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- ✓ **Invested in student and faculty support and professional development** in the areas of hardships, accommodations, and inclusive learning environments.
- ✓ **Identified a School-wide database** to support the work of Recruitment, Admissions, Enrollment, Marketing/ Communications, Development, and the Registrar.
- ✓ **Engaged faculty and staff to develop implementation approaches to move our strategies forward across the School.** This included a number of listening sessions, individual conversations, and feedback surveys that resulted in the strong plan our Board ratified in December 2022.

## Achieving Our Vision

To achieve this next chapter will require collaboration at all levels, and within a rich ecosystem of educational and training offerings, craft- and trade industries, and local, regional, and national communities. In short, this work must be done with others: employers who provide internships and serve as partners in workforce development; like-minded schools and organizations that cultivate and support student achievements; and a philanthropic network of individuals and foundations who help us build and strengthen connections, expand our reach, sustain our foundation, and catalyze new efforts.

We invite you to join us in this critical moment as we embrace expanded horizons, helping to fulfill our School’s promise for one and all.



To learn more about our FY23-FY28 Strategic Plan, our key achievements, and how you can help further our mission, please contact Colleen Walsh Powell, Director of Development, at [cwpowell@nbss.edu](mailto:cwpowell@nbss.edu) or 617.227.0155. More information can be found at [nbss.edu/strategic-planning](https://nbss.edu/strategic-planning).



A large photograph of construction workers on a wooden roof. One worker in a red shirt is in the foreground, another in a grey shirt is on the right, and a third is in the background. They are working on a wooden frame. A large tree is on the left, and a parking lot with cars is visible below. The title 'Our Donors' is overlaid on the left side.

# Our Donors

North Bennet Street School extends our deep gratitude to all community members who generously supported the School during our 2023 fiscal year.

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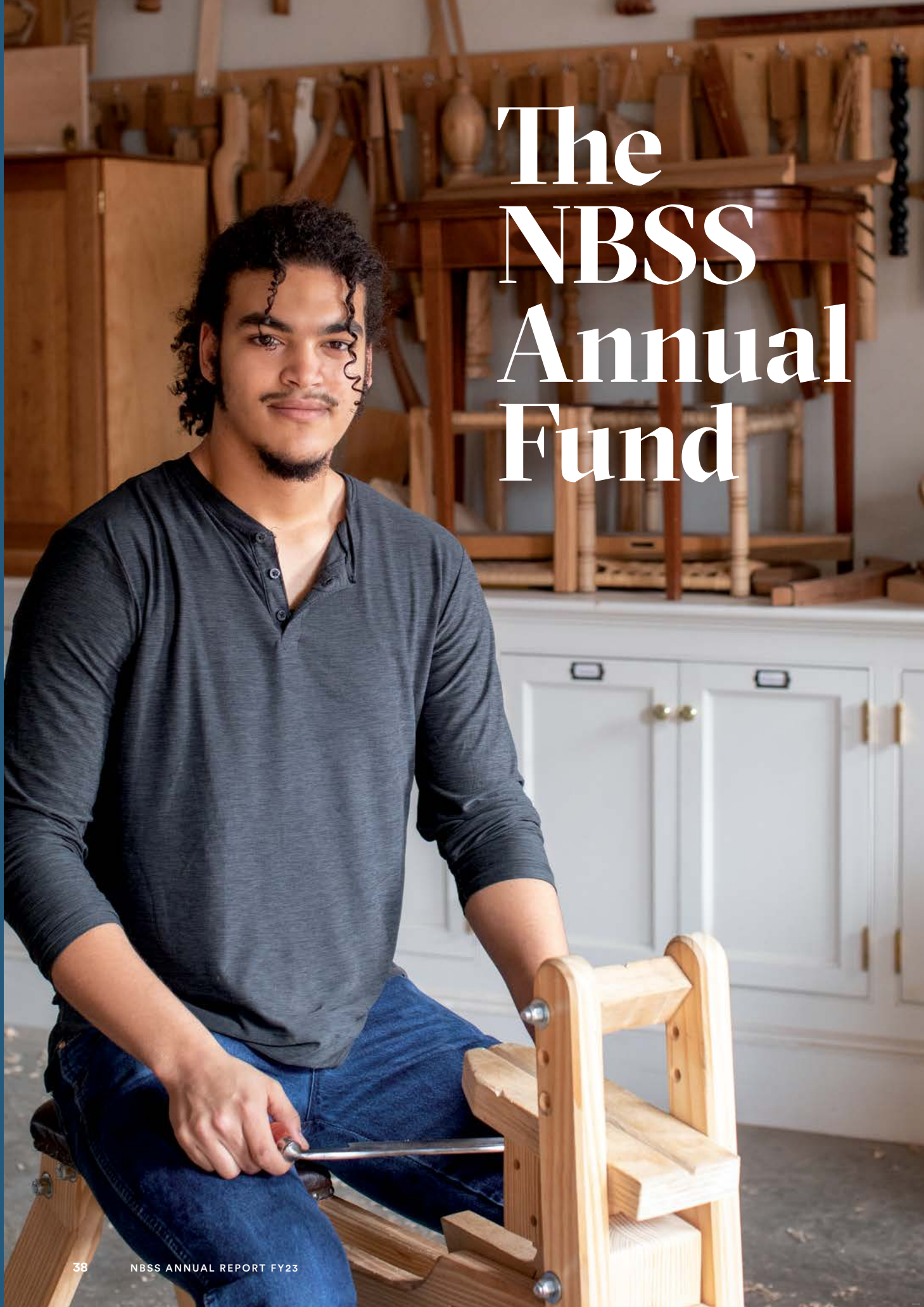
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