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The Cambridge Historical Society Annual Fundraiser a Success

~ "Made in Cambridge," a benefit for the Society, exceeds fundraising goals ~

CAMBRIDGE, MA:

On Wednesday, May 3, over a hundred Cambridge history lovers gathered for an intimate party to raise funds and celebrate the Cambridge Historical Society. The event, held at the MIT Museum, focused on food and beverages "Made in Cambridge."

The Society exceeded its fundraising goal for the event as a result of over twenty generous corporate sponsors. All proceeds from the evening will support the Society's programming work in the community.

Guests dined on local cuisine from East Meets West catering and enjoyed locally-made beers generously donated from Cambridge Brewing Company. In addition to browsing the current exhibitions related to local artist Elsa Dorfman and Polaroid Corporation—both Cambridge makers—guests had the opportunity to "stump" local archivists Irina Sandler (Cambridge Historical Society), Emily Gonzalez (Cambridge Historical Commission), Alyssa Pacy (Cambridge Public Library), and Tim Mahoney (Harvard Business School) with their Cambridge history-related questions.

A highlight of the evening was conversation between Cambridge "makers" Angela Sawyer (musician, former owner of Weirdo Records), Jeremy Spindler (own of Spindler Confections), and Pedja Kostich (Co-manager of Iggy's Bread). Topics covered include the successes and struggles of owning a business in Cambridge, nostalgia for manufacturing of the past, and what music best inspires making.

Throughout 2017, all of the Society's events connect to the annual theme of "What Does Cambridge Make?" The events have proven to be popular with Society members and non-members alike; a recent History Café walking tour and talk, "Candy, Soap, or Beer? Working Life in The Port" sold out within a week.

Upcoming Society events:

History Café Series

- **June 15:** *History in the Making: Artist Talk with Allison Smith.* Hong Kong Restaurant, 1238 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138
- **July 13:** *Clay, Bricks, Dump, Park: A Walking Tour & Talk of North Cambridge.* 131 Sherman St, Cambridge, MA 02140
- **September 12:** *Whose Kendall?: Walking Tour & Talk.* Location TBD.
- **September 27:** *Apothecary Now: A look inside the medicine cabinet.* Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, 300 Third St., Cambridge, MA 02142

Sunday Afternoon Hooper-Lee-Nichols House Tours

- May 21, June 25, July 30, & September 24
12-1 PM at 159 Brattle Street

Information on all Society events can be found at www.cambridgehistory.org.

About The Cambridge Historical Society

From the American Revolution to the biotech revolution, the history of Cambridge, Massachusetts is unlike that of any other city. A city this vibrant and vital must preserve its past and learn from it to make the Cambridge of today the best it can be. Founded in 1905, the Cambridge Historical Society serves our community through inclusive programming and stewardship of its historic collections and the property entrusted to it. The Society helps those who live and work in Cambridge explore and understand how and why we got here and use that perspective to understand contemporary issues. We enable our community to better recognize, understand, and appreciate the threads that connect yesterday, today, and tomorrow and connect us to each other and our community.

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