

# About Mechanics Hall

Mechanics Hall has been host of culture and community since 1857. Built by the artisans and tradesmen of Worcester County, Mechanics Hall is the nation's finest pre-Civil War performance hall and a cherished community resource. Internationally, Mechanics Hall is regarded as one of the world's great concert halls for its superb acoustics and architectural beauty. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, Mechanics Hall is sought after for performances, recording, and a wide array of private events. Our mission is to serve the community by offering Mechanics Hall as the gathering place for experiences that Inspire, Enrich and Enlighten generations.



## For More Information:

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Worcester County Mechanics Association, aka Mechanics Hall,  
is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization.  
Built in 1857 ~ National Register of Historic Places

# Norma J. Sandison Society

*Planned Giving Society of Mechanics Hall*



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Worcester, Massachusetts

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## WHAT IS A PLANNED GIFT?

Any one of us can leave meaningful gifts to the people and organizations that have made a difference in our lives. Planned giving is not only for the wealthy. If you have any assets – cash or stocks, a home, life insurance – you can leave a legacy. We ask that you consider Mechanics Hall among the gifts you plan to leave behind.

The most common way to leave a gift is through a bequest in your will. You can specify in your will a certain dollar amount or a percentage of your estate to be left to your family and to Mechanics Hall and other organizations that have made a difference in your life. You can donate personal property or designate proceeds from a life insurance policy or from your investments. Other options include creating a trust that benefits the Hall during or after your lifetime, or naming the Hall beneficiary of an IRA or other retirement fund.

Planned gifts help to secure the Hall’s future. We have received bequests ranging from several hundred dollars to hundreds of thousands of dollars and every penny benefits the well-being of Mechanics Hall now or in the future.

We encourage you to decide today to leave a gift to Mechanics Hall!

## HOW DO YOU ARRANGE A PLANNED GIFT?\*

1. Prepare a will. Without a will you lose control over your property at death.
2. Carefully decide what you wish to leave for your family and what your charitable goals are.
3. Consult with an attorney, accountant, or a financial advisor about tax-friendly options for making a planned gift.
4. Choose to leave a gift in your will for Mechanics Hall.
  - Leave a specific dollar amount or percentage of estate assets, or
  - Name Mechanics Hall beneficiary of your pension, an IRA, or a life insurance policy, or
  - Consider using non-cash assets for your planned gift.
5. Contact us—we may have information about giving opportunities.
6. Encourage family and friends to leave gifts to Mechanics Hall in their wills.

*\*Adapted from the Leave A Legacy Public Awareness Campaign*



## Norma J. Sandison Society Planned Giving Society of Mechanics Hall REQUEST INTENTION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attn: Worcester County Mechanics Association  
(aka Mechanics Hall)

*I would like you to know that I have included Mechanics Hall in my estate plans. I understand that this declaration in no way obligates me to define my gift, nor does it prohibit me from changing my plans in the future.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to be listed among the members of the  
Norma J. Sandison Society of Mechanics Hall

I am glad to support Mechanics Hall, a Worcester treasure, today and in the future!

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form to  
Mechanics Hall  
321 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608

*“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” - Theodore Roosevelt*