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ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2023 - JUNE 2024





Bennington Museum engages and transforms our visitors and our community by connecting them to our region's diverse arts, rich history, and lush New England landscape.

WHERE WE ARE

Fiscal year 2024 brings the Bennington Museum ever forward as we strive to be a community hub with real, lasting impact on both current visitors and the future residents of Bennington County

Once again, I'm pleased to report the close of the fiscal year finds the Museum in the black, making this the fourth year in a row that we have produced a modest surplus. Thanks to a strong year of earned revenue coupled with an extraordinary uptick in giving on all levels, the Museum has been able to invest in its operations and staff to modernize, expand and meet the needs of the people we serve and the objects we collectively care for.

The operations of the building continue to undergo marked improvement, most notably in the expanded and re-interpreted Grandma Moses spaces. This expanded space was re-opened in conjunction with the recent acquisition of five Moses works and explores not only her artistic productions, but her legacy and artistic successors, the outsized role she played in the art world, and why she still matters today.

Our Educational, Curatorial and Development teams continued to offer exciting and diverse programming both onsite at the Museum and out in the community. The Museum has made a point of being present in the community at events like Garlic Fest, Hemmings Drive-In, Bennington Pride, and the Hoosick History festival, to highlight a few. Programming within the Museum such as last April's live Tattoo Show and the Bennington Historical Society's presentation on the Kelly Stand Road were fantastically well attended and helped welcome new audiences to the Museum. These highlights, along with a reinvigorated Museums ABC's program and the much-beloved Music at the Museum and Concerts in the Courtyard series, were all made possible through generous underwriting by donors who believe in the Museum's outreach and communitycentered offerings.

In June, the Museum began its rollout of our Century Campaign: a vision to bring the museum into its 100th year in the building in 2028. The series of capital projects addresses the needs of accessibility, welcoming the visitor to the Museum, spaces for educational exploration, learning, and working through offices and gathering spaces that will be able to grow and serve our community for another 100 years.

Our visitors, neighbors, and most importantly our members share a vision of this institution as a community asset: a place where ideas, artwork, shared histories and performance art can all be experienced and explored; an asset for all and a warm welcoming place for any who come into our special corner of the world.

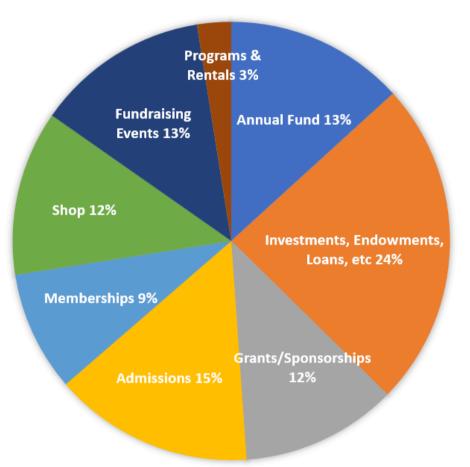
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REVENUE REPORT

Selected Financial Data: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Revenue Sources and Allocation

Where is the money coming from?



This year's revenue chart shows a more even distribution in sources than in past years. It's an illustration of the balanced and robust foundation that Bennington Museum has been diligently working towards. This diversification hedges our health against an overreliance on any particular revenue source.

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THANK YOU!

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How Does Bennington Museum Serve the Community?



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Education This past year we reached nearly 2.000 kids through our group tours, school visits. Museum ABCs

our group tours, school visits, Museum ABCs programming, and the student art show. Additionally, the Teachers' Institute will indirectly benefit hundreds more children. BENNINGTON MUSEUM | 04

This past year, Bennington Museum addressed some much needed building repairs. With your help, and the aid of several strategic grants totaling almost \$88,000 in received funds, we were able to bring new programming to the community and address many infrastructure projects that will keep our collections safe and accessible for years to come.

Ben & Jerry's Foundation: Program support Edwin S. Webster Foundation: Operational support Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development: Recovery and Revitalization Vermont Arts Council: Mural Planning Vermont Humanities Council: Teacher's Institute, Music Golub Foundation: Winter holiday family activities Peckham Foundation: Bennington Historical Society Whipstock Hill Preservation Society: George Aiken Wildflower Trail



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Burton "Robot" snowboard designed by Scott Lenhardt for Ross Powers: Museum purchase, funds provided by exchange from Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Angney, Jr.

Commemorative ribbon from Vermont State Firemen's Convention, 1899 Hoosick Falls Fire Department pin: **Gift of the Robinson and Haussler Family**

Homage to Bennington College, ca. 1960 Patsy Santo (1893-1975) Oil on canvas: **Gift of the Santo and Johnston Families**

Items pertaining to Norman Rockwell's "A Scout is Helpful" Drawing Print Letters and photos: **Museum Purchase**

Marion Huse, "Farm Scene, Looking West Towards the Taconics," circa late 1940s: **Gift of Warren F. Broderick**

Venison Supper October 31, 1907, North Bennington Fish and Game Club: Museum purchase, funds provided by exchange from George Hadwen

Carousel Protector of the Seven Worlds Denver Ferguson (b.1985, St. Lucia): Museum Purchase, funds provided by exchange in memory of Robert W. Higbie, Jr.

Valentine Mill Photos: Gift of Maggi Perkins

Bennington related scrapbook assembled by Elizabeth (Lizzie) Eddy (1859-1887): **Gift of the North Adams Public Library**

Two cabinet card photographs of Michael J. Hogan Sr.: Gift of Margaret-Mary LeBlanc-Coulter

Statutes of the State of Vermont: Gift of Robert A. Mello

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Great Fire (The Burning of Troy in 1862), 1959

Old Times, 1957, Oil on pressed wood, 16" x 24"

Sugaring Off, 1955, Oil on pressed wood, 18" x 24"

Mt. Nebo in Winter, 1943, Oil pressed wood, 20 1/2" x 26 1/2"

Cambridge Valley, 1943, Oil on pressed wood, 24" x 29 3/4"

Letter from Marcy Robinson to her daughter and husband:

Gift of the Kallir family in honor of Hildeaard Bachert.

Anna Mary Robertson "Grandma" Moses (1860-1961),

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Gifts of the Kallir family in honor of Otto Kallir.

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Museum Purchase, funds provided by Lyman Orton & by exchange

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Museum Purchase, funds provided by exchange from the Channing

Photos, books, and a DVD by/about Peter Miller, (1959 - 1990):

Enos Adams related papers, includes material for Snow's water wheel

Oil on pressed wood, 12" x 16"

& Mr. & Mrs. Stanley B. Ineson



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THE ARNOLD RICKS AWARD

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This award is presented by the Museum to an individual or organization in recognition of exceptional contributions to the Bennington community and Bennington Museum.

This year we are pleased to honor one of our emeritus trustees, **Frances Holbrook**. Frances has been an active and dedicated supporter of Bennington Museum and its education programs for a number of years, and has served as a liaison for the Museum to the Edwin S. Webster Foundation, to which she has family ties. With Frances' encouragement, the Webster Foundation's most recent contribution helped to renovate the approach to the Grandma Moses Schoolhouse and assisted with HVAC upgrades in preparation for a more comprehensive renovation which will include a separate entry for groups, a utility sink and bathroom, and comprehensive technology.



Frances was born in Vancouver British Columbia and grew up outside of Boston. She went to Smith College and then Nursing School. In 1974 she moved to the farm in Pownal with her husband (Tim) and 5 children. She has had a variety of animals over the years and finally learned that electric fences were a must if she didn't want to have her distant neighbors calling with complaints of the pigs, calves, and lambs in their yards. Frances was on the Pownal rescue squad as an EMT for 16 years. She served as a member of the Bennington Museum Board from 1992-2004 and again from 2006-2018.

The following have been past Arnold Ricks Award recipients: Jon and Michele Pagán, 2022 Bob Tegart, 2023

> In FY 24 we had 84 volunteers who contributed 3,877.50 hours to the Museum. That is the equivalent of 2 additional full-time employees!

The top volunteer-based activites included: 98.50 hours - Family Day 407.50 hours - George Aiken Wildflower Trail 759.25 hours - Board/Committee 1,137.00 hours - Historical Society 1,178.25 hours - Regional History Room

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