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.
Bennington Museum is emerging from fiscal year 2023 (FY23) standing on solid ground operationally, fiscally, and programmatically. Our contributed revenue continues on an upwards trajectory, in part thanks to a surge of individual gifts and grants awarded for specific projects which has helped place the museum solidly in the black for the third year in a row. Thanks to your investments, in FY23 the Museum improved drainage onsite, completed the window insulation project, and focused on shoring up the exterior of our building and on conditioning the interior. The completion of roof repair work and HVAC replacements will provide a stable base from which we can confidently launch larger scale infrastructure projects over the next several years.

In conjunction with infrastructure projects, the Museum continued to offer robust programming throughout FY23. We contracted with a conservator to have the Washington Benevolent Society historic banner repaired, funded the Teacher’s Institute and the Curatorial Internship, and supported community projects like Stopping Stones, the Walloomsac Inn presentation, and a marker installation for the only known witch trial in Vermont which will take place in September of this year. These events, along with staple programming like Museum ABCS, Music at the Museum, Concerts in the Courtyard, and the Bennington Historical Society lectures, have entertained and enlightened visitors and participants of all ages from across the region. All of these programs are underwritten by generous supporters who believe the Museum should be accessible and relevant to everyone. These programs raise the Museum’s profile within the community and move our institution forward in our journey to be one of the most significant and accessible cultural resources for our local population.

This year, capitalizing on the strong financial support of our patrons, the Museum’s curatorial and education staff will be turning their attention towards augmenting the Grandma Moses gallery and expanding it into adjacent spaces. Our goal is to provide additional context for Grandma Moses and insight into her personal life. Why was she able to make such a lasting mark on the art world? What was remarkable about her journey to fame? What role did she play in reigniting interest in the folk art movement of the mid 20th century?

Our members and patrons believe in the importance of this institution as a place where ideas can be discussed, presented, and debated, and are committed to sustaining its success. Thank you to everyone who believes in this Museum, who supports this institution financially, and who shares precious time and talent. With your help in the coming year we will continue to captivate the attention and imagination of both our immediate community and those from afar who are visiting our unique corner of the world.

Martin Mahoney
Executive Director
In FY23 Bennington Museum hosted 17 changing exhibitions onsite which were viewed by nearly 12,916 visitors from all 50 states and 24 foreign countries.

Bennington Museum hosted nearly 100 events and workshops last year. We also rented our space for community gatherings and weddings.

From the Wildflower Trail to NBOSS to Concerts in the Courtyard, the outdoors play a big part in bringing our community together.

This past year we reached nearly 2,000 kids through our school group tours, school visits, Museum ABCs programming, and the student art show. Additionally, the Teachers’ Institute will indirectly benefit hundreds more children.

How Does Bennington Museum Serve the Community?
This past year, Bennington Museum addressed some much needed building repairs. With your help, and the aid of several strategic grants totaling almost $218,000 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.

**Edwin S. Webster Foundation:** Operational support
**Foundation for Advancement in Conservation:** Restoration of the 1811 Washington Benevolent Society flag
**Golub Foundation:** Winter holidays family activities
**National Endowment for the Humanities:** Window insulation
**National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution:** Restoration of the 1811 Washington Benevolent Society flag
**Peckham Foundation:** "Critical Conversations" lecture series
**The Preservation Trust of Vermont:** The History of the Walloomsac Inn, window insulation
**Vermont Arts Council:** website redesign, operations
**Vermont Humanities Council:** Teacher’s Institute
**Vermont Preservation Trust:** Window insulation
**William H. Pomeroy Foundation:** Historical marker
ACQUISITIONS
July 2022 - June 2023

Bennington Potters Collection: Gift of Susan and David Bonser

10th Cavalry passing through Bennington August 29, 1912 Real photo postcard: Gift in Memory of Catherine McQuatt Goddard

Frank Howard (1924-2013) “Shaftsbury, Looking North” Oil on canvas, ”Frost Farm” Oil on canvas: Gift of Tom and Jennifer Fels

Bennington Potters “Split Head,” sculpture, made around 1970-1978: Gift of Susan and David Bonser

H.T. Cushman Manufacturing Company Mission style style clock, 1903: Gift of Susan and David Bonser

Group of archival materials related to Patsy Santo: Unaccredited

Poster for stud service for stallion Walloomsac, owned by A.J. Dewey, 1886 Color printed poster, framed, Ticket for stud service by stallion Walloomsac, 188_ Printed paper, framed:
Gift of Philip and Louise Dewey

Paedra Bramhall blown glass sculptures, 1972: Museum Purchase, funds provided by exchange from the Gertrude D. Webster Collection, shown here “Breast Chalice” 1976

Deidre Scherer Stories, 1986 Fabric and thread:
Gift of Frank and Sharron Kropa

Margaret Mousseau COVID-19 Psychosis, 2020 Signed, titled, dated and annotated on verso. Colored pencil on paper:
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Black and white photomicrograph of snowflake by Wilson "Snowflake" Bentley, 1920: Gift of Raymond Grant

Shirley Jackson Collection: Gift of Laurence Jackson Hyman

Sheldon Rockwood drawing, 1884 Pen and ink drawing, framed, Studio portrait of Sheldon Rockwood Wills T. White Silver gelatin print: Gift in honor of Ruth Alice Rockwood

Silk fabric, Patt # 1058L Tzaims Luksus:
Gift of the Estate of Thomas and Martha Veitch

Each One a Soul, 2021 Archival ink on Japanese Kinwashi (golden) paper, thread, handwritten text in archival ink In-camera collage on orthochromatic film using a custom pinhole camera:
Gift of the Artists, EveNSteve
THE ARNOLD RICKS AWARD

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

In 2022 the Museum Development Committee voted to change the name of the Hiland Hall Award to the Arnold Ricks Award in his honor and to offer it as the only annual award.

The second Arnold Ricks Award recipient was Bob Tagert. He was selected to honor his outstanding leadership for both the Bennington Historical Society (BHS) and the Regional History Room (aka the Library). He has been diligently culling, organizing, digitizing, and cataloging the genealogical library resources. As well as he also arranged speakers for a popular, vibrant monthly series, presiding over gatherings, and chairing monthly BHS board meetings. In 2022, the first ever Arnold Ricks Award recipients were Michele and John Pagán.

The following have received The Hiland Hall Award:
2015 Tyler Resch, 2013 Pat Adams and R. Arnold Ricks

The following have been past General Stark Award recipients (this award was retired in 2019):

1982 Gene E. Irons
1983 George J. Cushing
1984 Dr. Dudley M. Baker
1985 Russell Bagley and Ronald Cox
1986 Antiques and the Arts Weekly
1987 Henry Marvin Dodge
1988 Herbert T. Woodman
1989 Tirzah Sweet
1990 The Volunteers Corps
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2014 Tom Fels
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2016 Joyce Hall
2017 Anne Bugbee
2018 Frances Holbrook
2019 The George Aiken Trail Volunteers
Members are the backbone of Bennington Museum. Your support helps us achieve our goals and secure grant funding. Your input helps shape our programming and exhibitions in the coming year.

All Museum members are recognized in the donor roll on the following pages with an asterisk, but here we will take a moment to recognize our highest level Museum members who join us on quarterly cultural tours and are part of an intimate philanthropic group. You have demonstrated a strong dedication to Bennington Museum’s mission and we have enjoyed getting to know you better this year! Your commitment and investment makes it possible to engage our visitors and our community with our region’s diverse arts, rich history, and culture of innovation. Thank you.

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Revenue Sources and Allocation

Where is the money coming from?

- 77.2% Contributed
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  This reflects the operating budget and does not include Investments, Endowments or Loans.
- 22.8% Earned
  Payments for services or goods, such as ticket sales, memberships, workshop fees, or merchandise.

How are we spending it?

Ideally, a Museum will spend between 33% and 50% of funds on programming. At Bennington Museum, we estimate that 26.4 cents of every dollar raised or earned went directly towards Museum programming during this period.

General Admin takes a larger portion of the pie than in previous years due to increased staffing and also because several of the grants received in FY23 were operational (ex: website redesign) and therefore had to be expended in this way.
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