

FISCAL YEAR 2022

Tri-Cities Historical Museum

creating connections
to local history



MISSION

preserving your local heritage

Tri-Cities Historical Museum (TCHM) preserves the artifacts, photographs, documents, and stories that illuminate our local heritage...from the geologic past through fur-trading and lumbering to the Victorian era and bygone days of the soda fountain. We honor the maritime history that has been - and continues to be - a major part of our life on the lakeshore.

connecting community to history

All residents and businesses of the Tri-Cities are considered members of the Museum. We welcome school groups, special populations, seniors, and the stroller crowd - and everyone in between! - to experience our local history with our year-round exhibits and education programs that inspire wonder in history explorers of all ages. **Admission is always free!**

IMPACT

\$30,258

grant funding awarded

8,192

K-12 students engaged

1,112

new artifacts
accessioned

14

museum professionals

42

volunteers



Erica Layton

FROM THE DESK OF OUR DIRECTOR

The year 2022 was one of new beginnings. I joined the team as the new Executive Director in March of 2022 and was immediately impressed and inspired by the numerous projects in motion. A museum is a place that is open to challenges, and the Tri-Cities Museum is no exception. Last year we embraced ambitious new exhibitions, were awarded federal and state grants for capacity and capital improvements, and ended the year as a fully-staffed museum team ready to move forward.

We are working toward a shared vision: our Museum as a respected leader in the community, and a vibrant place where stories are told, truth is valued, education is thriving and all are welcome. As you read our impact report for 2022, remember that each number is a story... each name represents someone who cares about our mission and has come alongside us to support us in our forward momentum in 2023.

PROJECT

DETAILS

OUTCOME

Capacity Building: Michigan Lakeshore (DeVos Institute of Arts Management)

Start of two-year program with cohort of 15 arts and culture organizations on the lakeshore

Will result in 5-Year Artistic Plan for impactful programmatic and marketing strategies

Partnership with Ottawa Area Intermediate School District (OAISD)

FuturePrep'd and *Camp Case* allow students to work on real world problems with local businesses and present their plan

Second-graders pitched their ideas to make exhibits more engaging; high-schoolers tackled marketing the CARC

Disaster Preparedness Grant awarded by the Institute for Library and Museum Sciences (IMLS)

All-staff one-year training plus materials purchase for two on-site Disaster Kits

Train in artifact recovery after flood/fire; these resources and information will be shared with other organizations



152-year old community touchstone and our largest artifact
Akeley Building

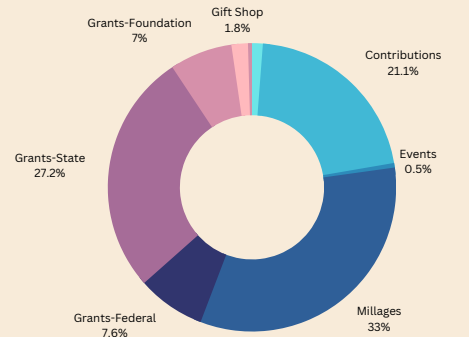
open for facilitated research and tours
Community Archive and Research Center



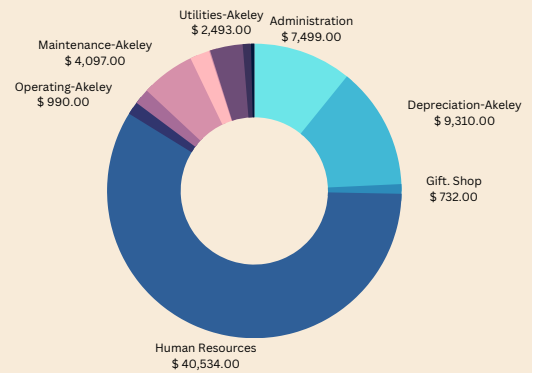
houses +70,000 artifacts donated by the local community
Collections Warehouse

ANNUAL BUDGET JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31

revenue



expenses



STRATEGIC GOALS

We create connections to local history.

We are focused on strengthening the foundation of TCHM through revenue diversification and staff and board development. We continue to build strategic partnerships that contribute to best-in-class exhibits, education programs, and events. We are growing our brand recognition to connect individuals, families, community organizations, and corporate partners to our shared local history.

STRATEGIC AREA

LEARN MORE

Strengthening the Foundation (Priority #1)

tri-citiesmuseum.org/about

Fostering a Dynamic Visitor Experience, Making Strategic Partnerships (Priority #2, Priority #3)

tri-citiesmuseum.org/learn

Strengthening the Foundation, Attaining National Accreditation (Priority #1, Priority #5)

tri-citiesmuseum.org/about

OUR TEAM

Collections

Jared Yax
Collections Curator
 Cheryl Kastas
Assoc. Collections Curator
 Heidi Mathews, *Registrar*



Education

Erin Pilarski
Education Curator
 Marv Bolthouse
Assistant Education Curator



interns

Coltran Bodbyl-
Masts, Grand Valley
 State University



Exhibitions

Kate Crosby
Exhibits Curator
 Josh Simon
Assistant Exhibits Curator



Katy Dreger,
 Western Michigan
 University



development and guest services



Elisa Hopper,
 Development Director

Jayme Wilson,
 Operations/Event Mg'r

Elizabeth
 Sherman

Courtney
 Engel

Judy
 Belkofer

Zachery
 Davis

guest services team

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

9

board members
 each serving a
 3-year term

- Thomas Puleo, *President*, Teacher, Grand Haven Public Schools
- Jeanette Weiden, *Vice President*, Genealogy Specialist, Loutit Distric Library
- Jen Crouse, *Treasurer*, Investment Advisor, Stifel Investment Services
- Jackie Thoroughman, *Secretary*, Retired
- Robert Mann, Retired
- John Martin, Retired
- Joan Moser Kuiper, Retired
- Marsha Peterson, Retired
- Ernie Petrus, Retired

2022 outgoing Board Members: Cathy Feyt (*President*) | Gay Cole (*Secretary*) | Ed Grafton

OUR SUPPORTERS

curator's club

\$500+ annual giving

- Richard and Gay Cole
- Sandra Nieuwenhuis
- Ann White
- Tom Boven and Linda Siewert
- Eric and Amanda Kaelin
- William and Marjie Viveen
- Kent and Carole DeYoung
- Marsha Peterson
- Paul and Patricia Geick

tri-cities collectors

recurring monthly giving

- Linda McAffrey and Dr. Barbara Brown
- Geoge and Mary North
- Bill and Peg Klungle

DEDICATIONS

in honor of...

- Edna Greuel
- Ann White

in memory of...

- Dr. David H. Seibold
- George L. Olsen



David and Dottie Seibold together founded the Tri-Cities Historical Society, which became today's Tri-Cities Historical Museum

grantors

- Anthony and Monica Verplank Thriving Communities Fund
- Grand Haven Area Community Foundation
- Holland Area Arts Council
- Institute of Museum and Library Services
- Michigan Arts and Culture Council
- R.B. Annis Educational Foundation
- Samuel L. Westerman Foundation
- Verplank Donor Advised Fund

annual partners

- Leppink's Food Centers

\$22,170

in generous gifts to grow our annual fund

want to make your mark on local history?

a healthy Endowment Fund helps us meet coming challenges

Grand Haven Area Community Foundation

your planned gift keeps our community history alive

contact Elisa Hopper to become a History Keeper (616) 842-0700

OUR COLLABORATORS



Join us on our continuing journey...

SCAN THE CODE OR MAIL
THE REPLY ENVELOPE
INSIDE TO CONNECT THE
NEXT GENERATION TO
OUR SHARED HISTORY.



YOUR GIFT WILL HELP US:

- bring new initiatives to engage middle and high school students in historical research, as well as internship opportunities for future museum professionals to work with our recognized curators and extensive Collection
- expand the current maritime exhibit to spotlight our community's heritage on the water and engage the community in its history
- continue to meet national standards of preservation and interpretation, and meet the need for new spaces that allow for our rarely-displayed artifacts to be safely exhibited to the community
- steward our Collection of treasured artifacts with updated warehouse facilities and improved access to CARC, while growing the Collection and our digital archive of artifacts searchable on *Collective Access*

Thank you to our visitors, millage communities, our donors and partners, and our dedicated volunteers.

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