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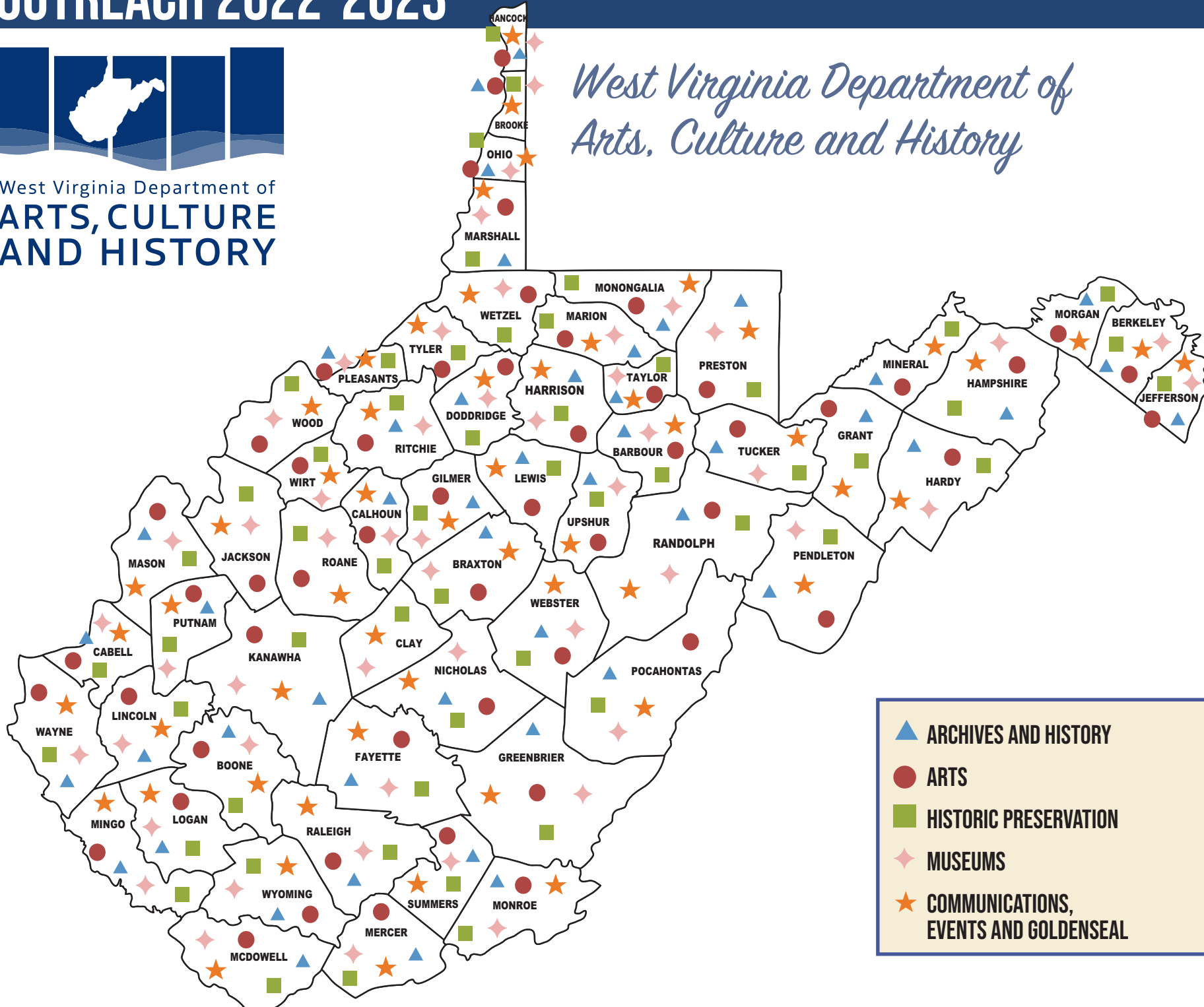
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The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History is dependent on our ability to network and develop relationships with people from around the state. Our ability to provide services, programs, and opportunities for our fellow West Virginians, in conjunction with our amazing partnerships, allows us to make our mission a reality. At the WVDACH, our aim is to identify, preserve, protect, promote, and present the ideas, arts, and artifacts of West Virginia's heritage, building pride in our past accomplishments and confidence in our future. We present those stories with events, lectures, presentations, student programs, arts programming, and exhibits that highlight the unique nature of our state. Finally, we promote ways to connect our past with the present and future in ways that will help West Virginians proudly continue our state's story.

Why do we do it?

Because, as West Virginia native and author Pearl S. Buck said, "If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday." We want to have a positive impact on West Virginians and to help others understand our heritage, instilling an intrinsic sense of pride about our history and a respect for those who laid the foundation that has made our past unique and special.

How do we do it?

We do it in so many ways that I sometimes think people don't realize how many ways our department influences, affects, and helps our state. With Governor Jim Justice's dedication to the arts and his commitment to financially invest in the arts communities, we have been able to enrich the arts and arts organizations throughout the state in a way that we haven't previously.

By diversifying our efforts, we have the maximum impact throughout the state. We provide educational programming to students as well as lifelong learners, which offers an insight into the past and present. Ambassadors Camp, History Bowl, Marching Band competitions, and Poetry Out Loud give young West Virginians the opportunity to focus on their future and to meet with their peers from around the state, forming bonds that will last a lifetime. Through our grants programs, we support arts in our communities and the artists who live here. We also encourage counties throughout the state to contemporize data and records, and we encourage preservationists to protect our historical structures that showcase our past. Through events such as Vandalia and the Appalachian String Band Music Festival, we can revive our traditions and pass them on to our next generation through oratory and music.

What are the results?

A sense of pride in being a West Virginian and an improved attention to our historic properties and their value in communities. This leads to generous donations of artifacts, historical documents, and other items to our state archives and museum collections as well as an increase in communities that are embracing arts programs and projects to enhance their neighborhoods.

The most important one is the one that speaks to the energy and excitement of our future. Young people who attend our events are proud to be West Virginians and many of them reinforce their commitment to stay here in the state and help see it grow.

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Preserving West Virginia's Primary Source Documents

Archives and History maintains the Archives and History Library and the West Virginia State Archives; administers the highway marker program to designate historical sites; and provides support services and technical assistance to state, county, and historical organizations and institutions. Under the Code, the director of Archives and History serves as secretary to the citizen advisory Archives and History Commission and as staff to the Records Management and Preservation Board.

Archives and History Library

Between July 2022 and June 2023, 5,422 books and pamphlets were added to the library collections. Library staff continued to use the West Virginia Library Commission (WVLC) Library's cataloguing system, Sierra, to catalogue new books. Retroactive cataloguing continued in order to add books that had been dropped from the system during previous migrations or that had not been entered into the system when the library transitioned from a physical card catalogue to an electronic one in the 1990s.



MISSION

The mission of Archives and History is to collect and preserve West Virginia's public records and historical materials, to make these records available to the public and private sectors, and to disseminate historical information through publications and programs, so as to enrich the lives of past and present residents and future generations.

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Social Media

Outreach through social media continued to be a strong focus through 2022-2023. Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram remained useful platforms for public outreach. Short-form videos filmed by the Archives staff will be uploaded onto platforms, such as YouTube and Facebook Reels.

Collections

A number of new collections were accessioned during the 2022-2023 year. New government records accessioned and processed included the Romney School for the Deaf and Blind Collection, general correspondence and financial records of the Secretary of State, Ad-

jutant General, Attorney General, and various other state agencies (1863-1909), and several accretions to governors' collections, including the collections of Governors Cecil H. Underwood, William A. MacCorkle, Joe Manchin III, and Earl Ray Tomblin. Processing of chancery and law files from Ohio and Fayette counties was nearly completed. Also added were 51 new manuscript collections, 151 new photograph collections, and 72 new special collections. Among notable additions to the collections were the Virginia Rapp Collection and the Colonel Jack R. Adams and Francis G. Adams Collection.

In addition, 13 yearbooks were added

to the yearbook collection. Additions to the manuscript collections included four boxes of materials concerning the lives of Colonel Jack R. and Francis G. Adams. The Rodney Collins Architecture Collection contains four boxes of materials pertaining to West Virginia architecture and architects. The Dr. Fred Barkey Collection contains two boxes of materials relating to Belgium glassworkers in West Virginia, and also consists of several photographs, CDs, and audio recordings of interviews.

Noteworthy photograph collections included the Virginia Rapp Collection and the Stan Cohen Collection. The Virginia Rapp Collection consists of multiple photographs of U.S.



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presidents, many inscribed to Mrs. Rapp and/or her husband, and includes several photographs of Mrs. Rapp with President Ronald Reagan while he was campaigning in Parkersburg in 1984. The Stan Cohen Collection consists of several photographs relating to Charleston High School, many of which were included in Cohen's book, *Roar Lions Roar: Charleston High School, A Pictorial History*. Altogether, the State Archives accessioned more than 11,600 prints, negatives, slides, and postcards during the year.

Audiovisual Archives

During the fiscal year, newspapers covering the period from 1983 to 2022 were filmed for a total of 89 rolls of microfilm. The audiovisual archivist continued work processing audio and video materials from the Fenton Art Glass Collection, which had been donated to the State Archives in 2022 by Marty Seuffer.

Records Management

In the 20th round of Records Management and Preservation Board (RMPB) grants, 31 counties were awarded grants totaling \$484,735 for projects scheduled to begin on July 1, 2023. Lewis County received the largest award, \$40,000, to scan and index domestic civil

case files (2000-2010), criminal case files (1997-2003), and domestic violence case files (1998-2001); to index imaged deed books 514-525, and inventory record books 113-125; to scan and index pre-2018 criminal reports, investigation reports, and criminal complaints; and to scan and index pre-2021 land book notes regarding transfer documents so they are searchable by district and year. These projects are all continuations from the FY2023 grant cycle.

The smallest award, \$4,353, went to Ohio County to purchase a micro-cut shredder to dispose of documents that have exceeded the records retention requirement. Grants underway in the 2022-2023 year averaged just over \$14,736. Twelve grants exceeded \$14,736 (Greenbrier, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Mercer, Mingo, Monongalia, Morgan, Pocahontas, Raleigh, and Wayne). These counties had projects that included the purchase of shelving, scanners, or other equipment; encapsulation and/or conservation of record books; digitization of microfilm and records books; scanning of books and/or documents; and/or the indexing of records.

Two grants awarded were for less than \$5,000 – McDowell County was awarded \$4,909 to encapsulate and digitize map books 12 and 13 (this is a continuation of past grant projects to restore the county's original map books), while Jackson County was awarded \$4,527 to recover chancery order books 23-30 and law order books 20-32.

The statewide county records preservation project staff continued to collect and digitize deed books. Staff scanned 84 deed books for Cabell County, edited the digitized images, and converted them to smaller black and white files.

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2023 HISTORY ADVOCATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Senator Eric Nelson
Senator Rupie Phillips
Delegate Erikka Storch
Delegate Mike Honaker
Delegate John Hardy



2023 HISTORY HEROES

Carol Bell	Edward Howard Hill
Art Burnside	John Kavaliunas
R. Paul Clayton	Michael A. Kelly
Jill Dolen, Evan Lightner, and Brian Richmond	Christopher Kerns
David R. Eddy	Lynda B. Lancaster
Samuel David Elkins and Ethel McCallister Elkins	Kim Arbogast McBride and W. Stephen McBride
Dwight D. Emrich	Joni Liston Morris
Martha Endres, Brian Shaffer, and Anne Smittle	Roger Nedeff
Cicero M. Fain III	Kimberly R. Rolls
Ginger Straub Fato	Dixie Selmon
Joe Geiger	Stephen J. Suhler
Steve Halstead	Rick Unger
Jackie Herrick	Jeff Zinn



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FY2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- Records Management and Preservation Board awarded grants for the 2023-2024 fiscal year totalling \$484,735 to support projects in 31 counties
- hosted the 2023 Carter G. Woodson Lyceum
- 5,422 books and pamphlets added to collections
- more than 220 linear feet of manuscripts and state government records, and more than 11,600 photographs and negatives added to collections
- statewide county records preservation project digitized 84 record books
- 89 rolls of film shot in preservation microfilming of daily and weekly newspapers
- 221 research letters, 1,578 reference calls, and 11,188 e-mails handled
- 80 videos uploaded to the Archives and Archives Music YouTube channels
- hosted 480 people in library during History Bowl matches
- provided 1,295 free photocopies to other state agencies
- 41 Veterans Memorial biographies added to Archives and History website through efforts of volunteers and students



RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION GRANTS 2022-2023

County	Granted
Barbour	\$11,430.00
Berkeley	\$14,512.00
Boone	\$10,000.00
Cabell	\$8,512.00
Fayette	\$11,004.00
Gilmer	\$8,439.00
Grant	\$9,086.00
Hardy	\$10,000.00
Harrison	\$10,000.00
Jackson	\$4,527.00
Jefferson	\$18,148.00
Kanawha	\$40,000.00
Lewis	\$30,000.00
Lincoln	\$12,173.00
Mason	\$13,161.00
McDowell	\$4,909.00
Mercer	\$27,396.00
Mineral	\$10,000.00
Mingo	\$30,000.00
Monongalia	\$30,541.00
Morgan	\$15,000.00
Ohio	\$10,000.00
Pendleton	\$10,000.00
Pocahontas	\$20,000.00
Preston	\$13,640.00
Raleigh	\$26,645.00
Randolph	\$8,956.00
Roane	\$6,339.00
Upshur	\$9,795.00
Wayne	\$15,000.00
Wirt	\$9,445.00
Wyoming	\$13,836.00
Total	\$501,027.00

Inter-Agency Support

Staff aided several state agencies regarding their records and retention schedules and responded to requests for information on various topics.

Archives staff continued to assist the Department of Education with preparation for the Golden Horseshoe test. Archives and History continued to play a substantial role in the West Virginia History Bowl, with regional tournaments being held throughout February, and a play-in competition held on March 11 in Buckhannon.

Archives and History staff continued to provide support to other sections within the Department of Arts, Culture and History. The photo archivist provided 22 images to the museum section, 16 images to the State Historic Preservation Office, and 11 images for *Goldenseal* magazine.

Archives also provided 82 gratis images for individuals in state offices or elsewhere. A photo gallery exhibit highlighting the Bob Bird Photograph Collection was installed in May 2023. An exhibit on West Virginia Statehood was installed in the Archives Library in early June 2023.



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HIGHWAY MARKERS

NEW MARKERS

Cabell County

Lucien Cincinnatus "Cooney" Ricketts

Kanawha County

*First Carter Woodson School
Huntington-Skinner House "The Beeches"*

Pocahontas County

John Bradshaw

Raleigh County

*Casa Loma
Grandview Monitor
"Two Roads Opening the Wilderson" Bluestone*

Summers County

William C. Richmond / Sandstone Falls



History Bowl

During the 2022-2023 year, 62 schools from 25 counties participated in History Bowl. There were 97 teams at the regional tournaments and 29 at the Play-in Tournament.

Counties Participating

Berkeley

Boone

Brooke

Cabell

Doddridge

Fayette

Hancock

Jefferson

Kanawha

Lincoln

Marshall

McDowell

Mineral

Mingo

Monongalia

Monroe

Nicholas

Ohio

Preston

Putnam

Raleigh

Randolph

Ritchie

Wood

Wyoming

Outreach

Archives and History staff continued to focus on educational outreach to students during the 2022-2023 year. Various school groups visited the library for tours and to conduct research; not including participants in History Bowl matches, no less than 244 students were served through programming in the library. For most tours, staff set up several stations that the students rotated between to highlight various types of items from the Archives collections and explain the types of materials stored in the Archives (such as maps, yearbooks, microfilm, photographs, videos, etc.)

In addition, work on educational videos continued. History Day at the State Capitol was held on February 23, 2023, with 29 display groups in attendance. Thirty-two History Heroes were nominated, and 26 attended the History Heroes Award Ceremony at the Culture Center in person. Archives staff hosted a program for the 2023 Carter G. Woodson Lyceum on June 23, 2023, and taught courses on the importance of archiving during the Governor's School for Literacy camp on June 28, 2023.

STATE ARTS OFFICE 2022-2023



Promoting West Virginia's Arts

The State Arts Office, in conjunction with the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, provides grants to artists, nonprofit arts organizations, communities, and schools across the state. Funding for these programs is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and matched by the West Virginia State Legislature. The mission of the State Arts Office is to support and grow West Virginia's creative economy through grant awards and services while creating future audiences in the state's youth.



In FY2023 the State Arts Office received \$2,926,193 in grant requests. From those requests, \$2,056,446 in funding was awarded across 187 grants. These grants provided work for 6,029 artists and engaged 199,566 youth and 302,462 adults. In FY2023 the State Arts Office awarded:

- \$686,923 in Arts Partners grants providing support to 13 major arts organizations
- \$600,693 in Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources grants to 12 arts and history organizations for capital improvements to their facilities
- \$308,268 in Community Arts grants supporting 27 arts organizations
- \$127,716 in STEAM Power WV grants to 26 schools and organizations
- \$84,495 in Arts in Education grants to 10 schools and arts organizations
- \$62,095 in Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources Fast-Track grants to 7 organizations to make emergency repairs or ADA upgrades
- \$38,500 for folk arts programs at the WV Humanities Council

- \$32,043 in Professional Development grants to 17 individual artists
- \$31,199 in Creative Aging for Lifelong Learning grants to 8 artists and arts organizations to offer arts education programming to adults
- \$27,359 in Living Traditions: Folk Art grants to 8 artists and arts organizations
- \$18,805 for Youth Engagement Through Public Art Grants to 4 youth and arts organizations
- \$18,537 in Community Arts Mini-Grants to 11 West Virginia arts organizations for community-based projects
- \$8,446 in Travel and Training grants awarded to 18 artists
- \$6,367 in Arts Conference Expense grants to 20 arts professionals for travel costs to attend the statewide Arts in Our Communities conference
- \$4,999 in Arts in Education Mini Grants to 5 schools and arts organizations

The State Arts Office continued in-person constituent outreach in FY2023, including:

- Governor's Arts Caravan - grant writing workshops and listening tours
- Arts in Our Communities Conference Site visits

In addition to the 5 grant writing workshops/listening tour sites of the Governor's Arts Caravan, the State Arts Office staff made 35 site visits in FY2023. Of these visits, 16 were to counties designated as economically at-risk or distressed by the Appalachian Regional

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Commission.

The information provided by constituents during listening tours, site visits, submitted in grant applications, and submitted in final reports allow staff to measure progress against the State Arts Office's strategic plan. This plan runs from 2018 to 2023 and has 4 main goals:

- Promote arts in education



- Nurture the growth of the creative economy
- Ensure access, inclusion, diversity, and equity in the arts
- Encourage arts advocacy

Another way the State Arts Office reaches its constituents is through *ArtWorks*, a monthly television show highlighting artists and arts programming around the state. The show can be viewed on cable television and on

YouTube. Episodes filmed in FY2023 featured events such as the West Virginia Emerging Artists Juried Exhibition, the Celtic Calling community arts & culture festival in Charleston, and the West Virginia Youth Symphony's winter concert. Rebecca Park, representing Friends of Old Time Music and Dance, appeared on the show to discuss an arts education residency with Uganda-based youth dance and music group, "Dance of Hope". *ArtWorks* also highlighted the success of Bloomfield Richwood and Love Hope Center for the Arts, two of the state's newest art galleries.

The West Virginia Department of Arts,



Culture and History's partnership with the Save The Music Foundation is an important tool for preserving and sustaining music programs for the state's youth. By the end of FY2023, 133 middle schools in all 55 counties had benefited from this program. A total of \$4.84 million has been awarded in West Virginia. Schools received matching grants worth an average of \$40,000 in new musical instruments, ongoing program management, and instructional materials. These

schools received FY2023 Save The Music grants:

- Elkins Middle School, Randolph County
- Fayetteville Middle School, Fayette County
- Fort Gay Middle School, Wayne County
- Logan Middle School, Logan County
- Mannington Middle School, Marion County
- Montcalm High School, Mercer County
- Moundsville Middle School, Marshall County
- Oak Glen Middle School, Hancock County
- Point Pleasant Middle School, Mason County
- Ripley Middle School, Jackson County
- West Preston Middle School, Preston County
- Williamstown High School, Wood County

Partnerships, like the one with Save The Music are vital to the mission of the State Arts Office. In FY2023 the agency continued to partner with the Rural Arts Collaborative (RAC), supporting extended arts education residencies in West Virginia schools. The Arts staff has helped RAC create and support partnerships among schools, teachers, professional teaching artists, and arts organizations. Since 2018, RAC residencies have taken place in schools in 16 West Virginia counties. A highlight of FY2023 was the successful jazz education residency led by RAC teaching artist Calvin Stemley at Monongah Middle School in Marion County.

In August 2022, State Arts Office staff and Curator of the Department of Arts, Culture and History embarked on the second Governor's Arts Caravan. This 5-day tour included 5 grant

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writing workshops and listening sessions, as well as 21 site visits to arts organizations in 9 towns across the state. Grant coordinators were on hand to answer questions about grants and services and encourage applications from historically underserved areas and organizations.



In October 2022, the State Arts Office accepted applications for the fall deadline grants. These included Creative Aging for Lifelong Learning, Living Traditions: Folk Art, Professional Development for Artists, STEAM Power WV, and Youth Engagement through Public Art grant. All of these grant programs have recently updated and streamlined applications. These shorter, simplified applications make grant funding accessible to a larger range of applicants.

In November 2022, the State Arts Office collected ornaments for the First Lady's holiday tree. This year the tree had a "bow" theme and artists were encouraged to create ornate works of art out of traditional bow making materials. Nineteen artists from 8 counties submitted

ornaments that were displayed on an 18-foot tree in the Culture Center's Great Hall.

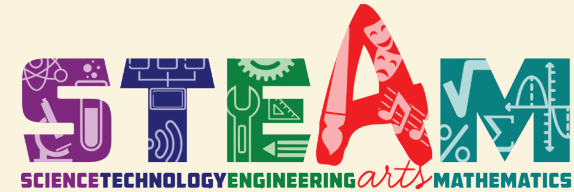
The State Arts Office also collected ornaments for the First Lady's Student Ornament Competition. The theme was "Nutcracker" and 291 ornaments from K-12 classrooms in 40 counties were submitted. These ornaments were also displayed on an 18-foot tree in the Great Hall. Winners were selected from four grade-level categories and winning classrooms were sent \$100 gift certificates for art supplies. The winning schools were:

- Mercer Christian Academy, Mercer County
- Genoa Elementary, Wayne County
- Pendleton County Middle-High School, Pendleton County
- Huntington High School, Cabell County

In March 2023, the State Arts Office connected artists and arts organizations across the state through the annual Arts in Our Communities Conference. One hundred Forty-seven artists and representatives from arts organizations attended the free 2-day event at the Culture Center in Charleston, making it



FY2023 STEAM POWER WV GRANT PROGRAM



FY23 saw the return of the STEAM Power WV grant program. Funding for this initiative comes from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and the Department of Education. Funded proposals integrated the Arts with one of the four STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) disciplines for projects engaging pre-k through 12 grade students in hands-on activities. \$127,716 in grant funding was awarded to 27 projects taking place at schools and nonprofit organizations.

the largest arts conference in the Department's history. The conference featured programming for artists, arts organizations, and arts educators. This year's conference also featured a performance by the West Virginia Professional Dance Company, a movement workshop, and a multi-disciplinary arts, music, and history performance.

While the conference does not have a registration fee, some prospective attendees are

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unable to attend because of travel costs. A new grant program, the Arts Conference Expense (ACE) grant, was introduced to offset costs associated with travel to Charleston. Artists and representatives of arts organizations were able to apply for up to \$500 in travel reimbursement to attend the conference. \$6,367 was awarded to 20 individuals. This grant removes financial barriers and allows more West Virginians to attend the professional development opportunities offered at the conference.

Directly following the Arts in Our Communities Conference, the State Arts Office held Arts Day at the Legislature in the State Capitol Building. Fifty-Five artists and arts organizations set up booths outside the House and Senate chambers to showcase their work and inform their legislators of the arts offerings in their districts. Attendees were able to listen to live musical performances, see actors in costume, and watch a painting demonstration.

Poetry Out Loud programs were held at 46 schools and organizations around the state with 4,876 students participating under the instruction of 153 teachers. FY2023 saw an increase of 1,537 students participating at the school level. The state finals were held at the Culture Center in Charleston and 41 students from 28 counties participated. Morgan Sprouse of Bridgeport High School was named the 2023 state champion and Willow Peyton of St. Marys High School was the runner-up. West Virginia artists are an integral part of the program as performers, judges, mentors, and gift makers. Among those involved in this year's state finals were author and storyteller Bil Lepp, WV poet



laureate Marc Harshman, poets Joel Peckham and Rachael Peckham, musicians Brendan Hearn and Dakota Karper, woodworker Matt Thomas, designer and letterpress printer Emily Sokolosky, artist and designer Nicholas Tankersley, and violinist Alasha Al-Qudwah.



Handcrafted hardwood trophies created by Matt Thomas of ThomasWork were presented to the state champion and runner-up. State Champion Morgan Sprouse went on to the Poetry Out Loud National Finals, where she was one of 9 students to advance to the final round. She was also invited to perform 2 poems at Arts Alive, the West Virginia Department of Education's annual arts education showcase.

The State Arts Office is committed to building future audiences in our state's youth and supporting the growth of the creative economy of West Virginia. To do this, staff will continue reviewing the office's grants, services, and processes throughout the year to ensure they are the best fit for the artists and arts organizations they are designed to serve.



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ARTS GRANTS DISTRIBUTED IN FY23

Direct grants by County:

Many grants extend beyond the borders of the county in which they are awarded.

BARBOUR COUNTY

Kylie Payne - \$301
Zoe Payne - \$355

BERKELEY COUNTY

Berkeley County Council - \$70,000
Marlowe Elementary School - \$1,200

BOONE COUNTY

Bituminous Coal Heritage Foundation - \$10,000

BROOKE COUNTY

Brooke County Arts Council - \$50,000
Clara Haizlett - \$2,076

CABELL COUNTY

Alchemy Theatre Troupe - \$8,113
Cabell Midland High School - \$7,000
Carline Waugh - \$2,500
David A Noel - \$500
First Stage Theatre Company - \$3,241
Hanna Christine Kozlowski - \$3,741
Huntington Children's Museum - \$7,468
Huntington Museum of Art - \$77,885

Keith Albee Performing Arts Center - \$129,700
Nora Ankrom - \$94
Richard H. Sutphin - \$6,901
Sandra Reed - \$5,000
Steven Hughart - \$2,311

FAYETTE COUNTY

Hannah Mitchell - \$500

GREENBRIER COUNTY

Adam Jeffrey Rossi - \$198
Carnegie Hall - \$57,130
Catherine Rennard - \$459
Greenbrier County Board of Education - \$14,075
Greenbrier Repertory Theatre Company - \$70,861
Lucky Penny - \$5,000
Marcus Fioravante - \$2,339
Sarah Elizabeth Bray - \$305
Sonia Jones - \$90

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

Hampshire County Arts Council - \$2,050
Hampshire County CVB - \$1,000
Katherine Bellingham - \$500
Monica Wilson - \$500
The River House - \$5,078

HANCOCK COUNTY

Weirton Elementary School - \$1,481

HARDY COUNTY

Town of Wardensville - \$2,550

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Adam Booth - \$5,944
Appalachian Chamber Music Company - \$5,951
Contemporary American Theater Festival - \$20,000
Friends of Music - \$14,953
Harriett Kirsten Lee - \$5,500
Jefferson County Commission - \$75,000
Old Opera House Theatre Company - \$90,324
Speak Storytelling, \$11,316

KANAWHA COUNTY

Andrews Heights Elementary - \$3,003
Appalachian Arts Academy - \$1,496
Barrie Kaufman - \$500
Celtic Calling - \$3,000
Charleston Ballet - \$40,651
Charleston Light Opera Guild - \$3,000
Children's Theatre of Charleston - \$12,675
Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences - \$68,166
Cross Lanes Elementary - \$1,424
Crystal Good - \$500
Domenica Queen - \$1,266
Emily Dodrill - \$452
Friends of the Alban Arts & Conference Center - \$10,475
Kanawha County Board of Education - \$21,250
Kanawha United Presbyterian

Church - \$5,000

Kanawha Valley FOOTMAD - \$8,643
Masque Informed - \$5,567
Montrose Elementary - \$4,997
National Youth Science Foundation - \$7,500
Richmond Elementary - \$4,997
Tamarack Foundation - \$4,853
Tijah Bumgarner - \$2,414
WV Humanities Council - \$38,500
WV Symphony Orchestra - \$90,670
WV Youth Symphony - \$4,170

LEWIS COUNTY

City of Weston \$41,446

MARION COUNTY

Fairmont Chamber Music Society - \$2,986
Hannah Lenhart - \$2,500
Lydia Warren - \$285
Marion County Board of Education - \$7,500
Stephanie Dulaney - \$868

MARSHALL COUNTY

Central Elementary - \$2,112
Moundsville Middle School - \$999
Strand Theater Preservation Society - \$14,440

MCDOWELL COUNTY

Reconnecting McDowell - \$2,000

MERCER COUNTY

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Candace Wilson - \$500
Chuck Mathena Foundation - \$46,933
RiffRaff Arts Collective - \$7,450

MINERAL COUNTY

Friends of Ashby's Fort - \$45,583
Mineral County Commission - \$15,000

MONONGALIA COUNTY

City of Morgantown - \$95,000
Jordan Brigman - \$185
Leslie Norris - \$1,932
Melissa Ryan - \$500
Monongalia County Board of Education - \$1,000
Mountaineer Area Robotics - \$2,400
North Elementary School - \$3,045
Sally Jane Brown - \$500
Shalya Marsh - \$500
Summit Chambers Music Series - \$7,259
The Shack Neighborhood House - \$2,687
Thomas Bailey - \$500
Vincent Kitch - \$332
WV Public Theatre - \$17,000

MORGAN COUNTY

Morgan Arts Council - \$36,861

OHIO COUNTY

Eleanor Marshall - \$4,890
Elm Grove Elementary - \$7,500
Eric Dye - \$316
HoH-Share - \$2,000
Micah Underwood - \$375

Oglebay Institute - \$84,669
Ohio County Board of Education - \$1,283
Terri Giller - \$719
West Liberty University Foundation - \$985
Wheeling National Heritage Area Corporation - \$1,631
Wheeling Symphony Society - \$60,906

PLEASANTS COUNTY

Judith Keith - \$315

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

High Rocks Educational Corporation - \$19,090
Peggy Owens - \$660
Pocahontas County Opera House Foundation - \$11,720
Ryan Krofcheck - \$500

PRESTON COUNTY

Arthurdale Heritage - \$42,030
Rebekah Kendyl Bostic - \$732

PUTNAM COUNTY

Mountain View Elementary - \$652
Three Bridges Arts Experience - \$3,000
Winfield Middle School - \$7,387

RALEIGH COUNTY

Beckley Art Group - \$23,674
WV Professional Dance Company - \$36,343
Youth Museum of Southern WV - \$20,000

RANDOLPH COUNTY

ArtsBank - \$10,480
Augusta Heritage Center at Davis & Elkins College - \$23,762
Emily Miller - \$381
Eric Armstrong - \$383
Randolph County Commission - \$4,455
Randolph County Community Arts Council - \$22,700
Seth Young - \$412

ROANE COUNTY

Roane County Board of Education - \$7,500

SUMMERS COUNTY

Appalachian South Folklife Center - \$9,700

TUCKER COUNTY

Jennifer Iskow - \$3,615
Kelly Alba - \$3,614
Mountain Laurel Learning Cooperative - \$2,760
Nathan Baker - \$2,470

TYLER COUNTY

Jane Knight - \$485
Donna Earley - \$500

UPSHUR COUNTY

Almost Heaven BBQ Bash - \$1,800
ART26201 - \$3,650
Crystal Ann Brown - \$500

WAYNE COUNTY

RenewAll - \$1,625
Spring Valley High School - \$7,157

WEBSTER COUNTY

Cecil Ybanez - \$440
Stephen Elijah Hardway - \$277

WETZEL COUNTY

ArtsLink - \$11,571
WV Arts Presenters - \$12,750

WOOD COUNTY

ArtsBridge - \$31,208
Jennifer Ann Eisenmann - \$331
Joyce Tharp - \$315
Parkersburg Art Center - \$44,351
Parkersburg High School - \$7,000
Vivian Killian - \$5,000
WVU Parkersburg Foundation - \$17,278

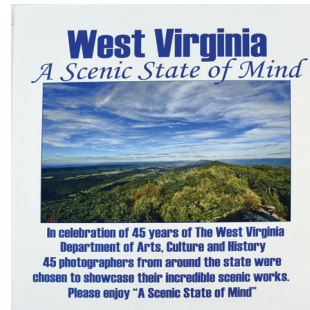


HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022-2023

July 2022

FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR WOODY WILLIAMS

45TH ANNIVERSARY OF CULTURE AND HISTORY ARTEXHIBIT



October 2022

OUR LEGACY, OUR FUTURE

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

WV MARCHING BAND INVITATIONAL

GOVERNOR'S CUP MARCHING BAND FINALS

DRUMS AT THE CAPITOL COMPETITION

HALLOWEEN PARTY

August 2022

GOVERNOR'S ARTS CARAVAN

GOVERNOR'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM LUNCHEON

APPALACHIAN STRING BAND MUSIC FESTIVAL



November 2022

FIRST LADY'S CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT UNVEILING



September 2022

AGRICULTURAL POSTER CONTEST ON DISPLAY

OPENING OF DEA EXHIBITION



December 2022

JOYFUL NIGHT

FIRST LADY'S STUDENT ORNAMENT CONTEST

FIRST LADY'S CHRISTMAS BOW COMPETITION

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January 2023

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY CELEBRATION



April 2023

BUNNY BRUNCH

WEST VIRGINIA DANCE FESTIVAL

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY BOWL FINALS

May 2023

VANDALIA GATHERING

MUSIC AMONG THE HILLS JAZZ FESTIVAL

ANNUAL JURIED QUILT EXHIBITION

GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION CEREMONY



February 2023

HISTORY DAY

HISTORY HEROES CEREMONY

GOVERNOR'S ALMOST HEAVEN STUDENT ART EXHIBITION



March 2023

CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ARTS COMPETITION

ARTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

ARTS DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE

POETRY OUT LOUD

ACADEMIC SHOWDOWN FINALS

REGIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR



June 2023

AMBASSADORS CAMP

WEST VIRGINIA DAY FESTIVITIES

GOLDEN HORSESHOE REUNION

HISTORY BOWL LEGENDS TOURNAMENT

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR LITERACY THROUGH

ARTS, CULTURE & HISTORY

CARTER G. WOODSON LYCEUM



STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE 2022-2023



Certified Historic tax credit project Granada Theater, Bluefield.

Protecting West Virginia's Past

The State Historic Preservation Office strives forward with its mission to encourage West Virginians to take on preservation efforts across the state by supporting programs that aid in identification, recognition, and preservation of our state's historic resources. From 2022-2023 we fulfilled that aim through our various programs including, but not limited to, National Register nominations, the survey and planning grants, development grants, and our tax credit program. We invested time and effort in our partnerships with individuals, local, state and federal agencies to achieve our common preservation goals.

This year we received 30 Part One historic rehabilitation tax credit applications, 24 Part Two applications totaling approximately \$105,681,711 in potential investments, and 11 Part 3 applications totaling approximately

\$23,629,891 qualified rehabilitation expenses. The total investment in rehabilitation is \$25,528,986 from across these eleven projects. Successful applicants received credit on 20-45% of identified and approved expenditures through the state and federal programs. The total state tax credits received, including residential and commercial projects, was \$5,891,760 in this fiscal year.



Among the other achievements this year, 12 nominations were listed in the National Register of Historic Places totaling 380 historic resources, individual and district listings for the state (See related table.) Several survey projects were completed during the fiscal year: the 2021 Multi-County Survey of Clay, Lewis, Upshur, and Webster counties; Davis & Elkins College campus; and the Parkersburg downtown core area. The office also received individual Historic Property Inventory Forms (HPIs) from the public and agencies submitted HPIs as part of the Section 106 review process. In total, 1,199 HPIs were reviewed by staff and added to our inventory database. Finally, we added to our internet geodatabase 2329 architectural sites, 32 archaeological sites, 13 National Register properties, 22 architectural surveys, 147 archaeological surveys, and 121 cemeteries.

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Twenty Development Grants totaling \$537,360.50 were awarded by our office. Projects included repairing the stained glass windows on First Presbyterian Church in Fairmont and restoring the front Doric columns at Happy Retreat in Charles Town. Sixteen Survey & Planning grants totaling \$167,064 were funded. Projects will assist the preparation of individual National Register nominations of the U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph House and Hunter Cemetery in Beckley as well as a multiple property thematic nomination focused on frontier forts. Twenty-one counties were impacted by our grant programs. (See complete lists of grants.)

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, our office provided comments to state and federal agencies. Staff completed approximately 2,715 reviews. Our office entered into 12 memoranda of agreements and 2 programmatic agreements. Our office participated in the review process associated with the Corps of Engineers permit for Nucor Steel West Virginia LLC steel mill and barge terminal at Apple Grove. Staff also reviewed archaeological and architectural survey reports in order to comment on the review process associated with the Parsons to Davis and Wardensville to State Line sections of Corridor H. Staff commented on proposed demolitions and site clean up projects funded by the REAP Dilapidated Properties Program. Proposed locations for LEAD broadband deployment were also reviewed with 20 counties set to receive enhancements. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded five water and sewer projects across Preston,

Doddridge, Brooke, and Mineral counties. Other projects included new trails at Babcock and Cacapon State Parks, redevelopment of the American Car Foundry property in Huntington and various individual bridge replacement and housing rehabilitation projects.

In February 2023, the office presented a two day, virtual training for the state's Certified Local Governments (CLG). As part of our federal program activities, the CLG program is designed to assist local communities directly in their preservation efforts. Topics covered included preservation in the community, architectural styles in the state, identification & documentation of historic resources, responsibilities of certified local governments via the historic landmark commission, local design review, public engagement, participating as a consulting part n the Section 106 review program, and using SHPO's map viewer tool. Other educational efforts included the 2023 calendar *West Virginia's National Historic Landmarks*, featuring sites such as the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Martinsburg Shops, the Greenbrier, and the Weston State Hospital.



STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE 2022-2023

STATE FY23 DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The Development Grant is funded by the West Virginia Legislature.

The grants are 50/50 matching grants. Twenty grant program recipients were selected.

The Archives and History Commission awarded \$537,360.50 for restoration and rehabilitation of National Register properties.

Cabell County

The Redemption Church, \$20,825 to remove facade, remove debris/stains from brick and repair mortar at The Orpheum Theatre in Huntington.

Greenbrier County

Sue Grizzard and Mark Hathaway, \$7,666 to install new gutters and downspouts on C.K. Miller House in Alderson.

Hardy County

Town of Moorefield, \$23,000 to repair windows and replace siding and trim on Robert Higgins House in Moorefield

Jefferson County

Friends of Happy Retreat, \$4,887.50 to restore Greek Doric columns on Happy Retreat in Charles Town.

Edward and Mary Love, \$16,932 to replace roof,

repair gutters, and repair foundation on Armory House #107 in Harpers Ferry.

Shawn Robert Hutchinson, \$15,500 to replace roof on Armory House #24 in Harpers Ferry.

SWaN Investors, \$18,033 to replace roof, repair windows and masonry on Barber Shop-Block E, Lot 6 in Harpers Ferry.

Kanawha County

1030 Quarrier Development, LLC, \$40,000 to replace roof on 1030 Quarrier Street (the "Professional Bldg") in Charleston.

Randall Hill, \$33,750 to repair/replace main, bay, and porch roofs and repair/replace box gutters and soffits on Ruffner Payne Cottage in Charleston.

Marion County

First Presbyterian Church, \$40,000 to repair windows on First Presbyterian Church in Fairmont.

Mason County

Main Street Point Pleasant, \$18,750 to install new electric wiring and install new sump pump at A.F. Kisar House in Point Pleasant.

Ohio County

William Buckley, \$38,000 to replace roof on Friendstone in Wheeling.

Friends of Wheeling, \$40,000 to replace first floor, construction and reinforcement of second floor structural beams and repair roof edges on Hughes Houses in Wheeling.

Fort Henry LLC, \$37,500 to repair masonry on the north facade of the Fort Henry Building in Wheeling.

Preston County

Arthurdale Heritage, Inc, \$37,655 to replace roofs on Forge, Center, and Visitor Center/Craft Shop in Arthurdale.

Raleigh County

Cheryl Burm and John Cavanaugh, \$16,387 to replace roof on 211 Prince Street in Beckley.

Randolph County

Davis & Elkins College, \$40,000 to replace roof on Liberal Arts Hall in Elkins.

Woodlands Development Group, \$40,000 to replace cornice on Tygart Hotel in Elkins.

Upshur County

Upshur County Historical Society, \$3,475 to replace gutters, and address exterior damaged weatherboarding and trim boards on French Creek Presbyterian Church in French Creek.


Wyoming County

Webster Property Management II, \$45,000 to replace roof on Wyoming Hotel in Mullens.



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HISTORIC REHABILITATION TAX CREDIT PROJECTS

PART ONE APPROVALS Evaluations of Historic Significance			PART TWO APPROVALS Description of Rehabilitation		PART THREE APPROVALS Certification of Completed Work
Barbour County Woods-George Building, Philippi	County R- The Brown House, Charles Town 121 W. Washington St. Valley Hardware, Charles Town	Wheeling Bader & Mauer Building, Wheeling Charles Hanke Building, Wheeling The Historic Kaufman's Building, Wheeling Wilson-Barnes House, Wheeling	Berkeley County R- 401 W. Race Street, Martinsburg	Charleston National Bank of Commerce, Charleston Staats Hospital, Charleston	Berkeley County McCrotry's 5 & Dime, Martinsburg
Berkeley County R- 401 W. Race Street, Martinsburg U.S. Courthouse and Post Office, Martinsburg	Kanawha County 244 & 244 1/2 Bradford, Charleston National Bank of Commerce, Charleston	Randolph County Dann Building, Elkins Elkins Moose Lodge, Elkins McLaughlin Building, Elkins Wilt Building/Elkins Opera House, Elkins	Cabell County 801 Fourth Avenue, Huntington	Marion County City Center, Fairmont Former YMCA of Fairmont, Fairmont	Fayette County Fayetteville Esso Station, Fayetteville
Cabell County Coal Exchange Building, Huntington J.L. Cook Hardware Co., Huntington	Marion County City Center, Fairmont	Tucker County Parsons School, Parsons	Calhoun County Calhoun County High School, Grantsville	Morgan County Bath District High School, Berkeley Springs	Jefferson County R- 205 W. Washington St, Charles Town
Calhoun County Calhoun County High School, Grantsville	Mercer County Wheby's Grocery Store, Princeton		Fayette County Grade School, Fayetteville Phillips-O'Dell House, Fayetteville	Ohio County 1851 National Road, Wheeling A.C. Miller Building, Wheeling A.C. Schneider Building, Wheeling Bader & Mauer Building, Wheeling Charles Hanke Building, Wheeling Wilson-Barnes House, Wheeling YWCA of Wheeling, Wheeling Manufacturer's Light and Heat Co. Wheeling,	Kanawha County 1567 Lee St, E, Charleston DuPont Hotel, Charleston
Grant County Hermitage Motor Inn, Petersburg	Monongalia County Warner Theater, Morgantown		Greenbrier County R- Miller House, Alderson Old Hardware Gallery, Lewisburg	Ohio County Stifel Fine Arts Center "Edemar", Wheeling	Mercer County Granada Theater, Bluefield
Greenbrier County Old Hardware Gallery, Lewisburg, Jefferson	Ohio County R- 44 Greenwood Ave, Wheeling R- 1851 National Road, Wheeling A.C. Miller Building, Wheeling A.C. Schneider Building,		Jefferson County 121 W. Washington St. Valley Hardware, Charles Town	Wood County 2100 Dudley Avenue, Parkersburg	
			Kanawha County 1030 Quarrier Street, Charleston Charmco Building,		

*R = Residential Credit

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FY2023 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Berkeley County

Downtown Martinsburg Historic District (Additional Documentation), Martinsburg

Calhoun County

Calhoun County High School, Grantsville

Greenbrier County

Lewisburg Historic District (Supplementary Listing Record), Lewisburg
Rupert School, Rupert

Jefferson County

James Osbourn Farm, Shepherdstown
Nathan Haines Farm, Charles Town
Weirick & Weller Waterwheel, Charles Town

Kanawha County

Tiskelwah School, Charleston

Mercer County

Bramwell Additions Historic District (Boundary Increase) (Additional Documentation), Bramwell

Ohio County

North Wheeling Historic District (Boundary Increase), Wheeling
Virginia Apartments, Wheeling

Pocahontas County

Huntersville Old County Jail, Huntersville

Putnam County

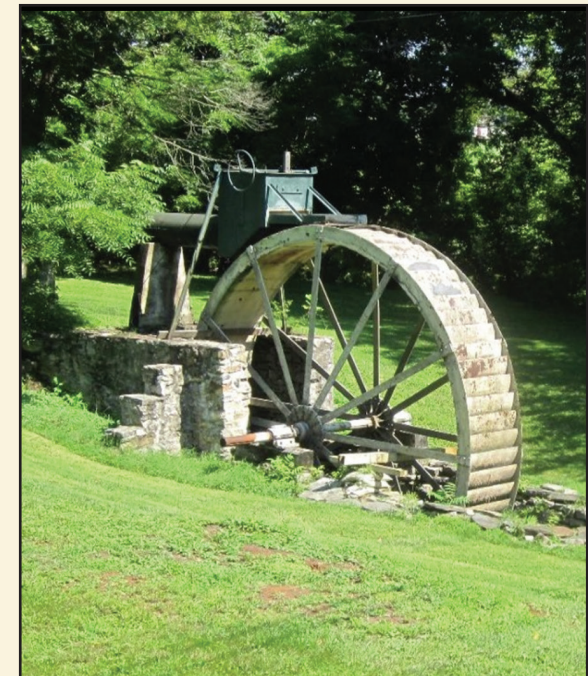
Eleanor Historic District, Eleanor

Raleigh County

New Salem Baptist Church, Tams

Wayne County

Dunlow Norfolk & Western Railway Depot, Dunlow



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SURVEY AND PLANNING GRANTS

The Survey and Planning grants are funded through the annual Historic Preservation Fund of the National Park Service for use primarily by Certified Local Governments to conduct historic preservation activities.

Cabell County

Marshall University Research Corporation received \$15,000 to assist with the PreDevelopment report for the Douglass Junior & Senior High School.

Fayette County

Panela Webster-Walsh & Laura Moore received \$13,500 to assist with the Comprehensive Planning report and PreDevelopment report for the Tyree Tavern.

Historic Fayette

Theater received \$7,620 to assist with the Comprehensive Planning report for the Fayette Theater.

Greenbrier & Pocahontas Counties

Summers County Historic Landmarks Commission received \$5,250 to assist with the Multiple Property Documentation (MPD) and National Register Nomination for the Frontier Forts.

Hampshire County

Hampshire County Commission

received \$19,250 to assist with the survey of Hampshire County cemeteries.

Town of Romney received \$20,000 to assist with the PreDevelopment report for the WV School for the Deaf & Blind State Barn.



Harrison County

Salem University received \$2,100 to assist with the National Register Nomination for the U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph House.

Kanawha County

Capitol Market, Inc received \$3,300 to assist with the National Register Nomination for the Capitol Market.

Lewis County

The City of Weston received \$12,394 to assist with the PreDevelopment Report for the Weston Cultural Center.

Ohio County

Wheeling Historic Landmarks Commission received \$25,000 to assist with the National Register Nomination for the Warwood Historic District. Wheeling Historic Landmarks Commission received \$12,000 to assist with the PreDevelopment report for the Blue Church.

Preston County

Preservation Alliance of West Virginia received \$3,000 to assist with the Preservation Workshops to be held at Arthurdale.

Arthurdale Heritage Inc received \$9,000 to assist with the PreDevelopment report for the Furniture Factory roof rebuild.

Raleigh County

City of Beckley received \$7,700 to assist with the National Register Nomination for the Hunter Cemetery.

Summers County

City of Hinton received \$8,400 to assist with the National Register Nomination for the Avis Overhead Bridge.

Wood County

Wood County Commission received \$3,550 to assist with the National Register Nomination for the William Cooper Stiles Mansion Complex.

MUSEUMS 2022-2023



Presenting West Virginia's Artifacts

ATTENDANCE

West Virginia State Museum	88,651
Grave Creek Mound	
Archaeological Complex	14,129
West Virginia Independence Hall	5,155
Camp Washington Carver	3,720

HIGHLIGHTS

The Museums Section is dedicated to inspiring, educating and enriching the lives of the public by instilling a deeper understanding and sense of pride through the collection, preservation and exhibition of diverse cultural and historic traditions, focusing on every aspect of West Virginia history, culture, art, paleontology, archaeology and geology from all geographic regions - representing the people, land and industries.

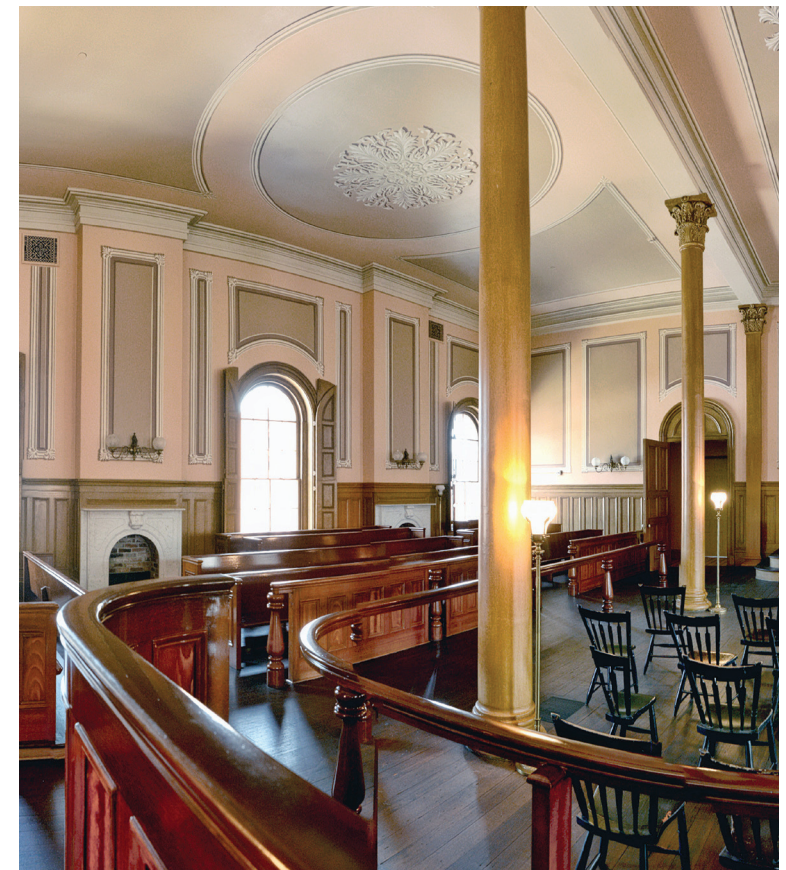
The State Museum education component has new and updated Little Bits, Discovery Guides and Scavenger Hunts. A new program

titled Pioneer Packet is geared to 2nd through 4th grade students. The department website has been remodeled and updated to be more user and mobile friendly. Technology was upgraded in the museum media room for projectors, computers and audio systems. A continued focus of education was creating new on-line lesson plans and educational resources as staff worked with school teachers and professional staff. Education continues to work with the Department of Education to reach all teachers and students throughout West Virginia for classroom education programs.

State Museum exhibitions during this period included the *Governor's Almost Heaven Student Art Exhibition* focusing on Favorite Park: City, County or State as well as receiving art from kindergarten through high school students; Congressional Arts Competition where district winners are exhibited in the Nation's Capital for a year; *2023 West Virginia Juried Quilt Exhibition*; *Stitching Together the Past: Crafting Comfort Through West Virginia Textiles*, which featured some of the oldest looms, spinning wheels, yarn winders, quilts and clothing from the collection; the *Emerging Artists Exhibition*, which featured West Virginia

artists that in many cases had not had the opportunity to showcase work in a museum or gallery; *Pastimes* featuring games, toys, sports equipment, musical instruments and a variety of models; and the anniversary exhibition *Ten Years Later: Sesquicentennial Artist Invitational*. A special exhibition was featured and coordinated with the Governor's office from the Drug Enforcement Administration titled *Drugs: Cost and Consequences*.

Museum preservation continues to work with the collection as well as assisting with special projects in the Governor's Mansion and



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Office as it related to a variety of restorations and presentations. Protecting and preserving the collection as well as assisting agencies, organizations, museums and the public to protect and preserve various artifacts continued to be a featured goal of the agency.

New collection additions included a lamp made by the donor's father, John Bodo, as well as his mining equipment, including a helmet and lunch bucket from Holden No. 3 Mine, Logan County, ca. 1940, donated by Patricia Sazy, Louisville Kentucky; Bowinca's Hot Dog Sign formerly in Charleston's East

End Morris Street Shopping Plaza, ca. 1970 and donated by Howie Harris, Charleston; Receiving blanket woven by Dorothy Thompson in Davis and used by the donor after her birth on November 11, 1943 in South Wheeling, donated by Margaret Brennan, Wheeling; Four-foot-long piece of staved wooden water pipe from the Clendenin area, donated by John Mottesheard, St. Albans; Walking Spinning Wheel from Schock, Gilmer County, owned by Oe Minnie Miller (1887-1973) as originally received as wages from an older lady from the Boggs Family of Perkins, donated by Susan

Conrad Farley, Brandon, Mississippi; Crossbow made by the donor at St. Albans High School, which won the Grand Prize at Southern WV Student Craftsman Fair on May 12, 1957. Donated by Richard Thomas of South Charleston; Cabin Creek Quilts labeled placemat donated by Steven Holsclaw of Cross Lanes; Mountain State Forest Festival Princess Gown with underskirt worn by Joan "Joanie" Panger in 1963 and Mountain State Forest Festival Princess Gown worn by Peyton Panger in 2017, donated by Joan

Panger of Charleston; Lady's Marine Corps League Uniform donated and worn by Lt. Marjorie Lemley Teague of Parkersburg; antique "Drunkard's Path" blue and white pieced quilt made in Wirt County, donated by Reberta Hall of Palestine; child's dresser box upholstered in gold tooled leather made in Wheeling, 1875, donated by Stuart Throrburgh Walker, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

Special programming was featured at the sites, including Ambassadors Camp and the Blenko Birthday collection at the Culture Center, a coffee and social coordinated by the staff at West Virginia Independence Hall at the



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McLure House Hotel, and lecture series at Grave Creek.

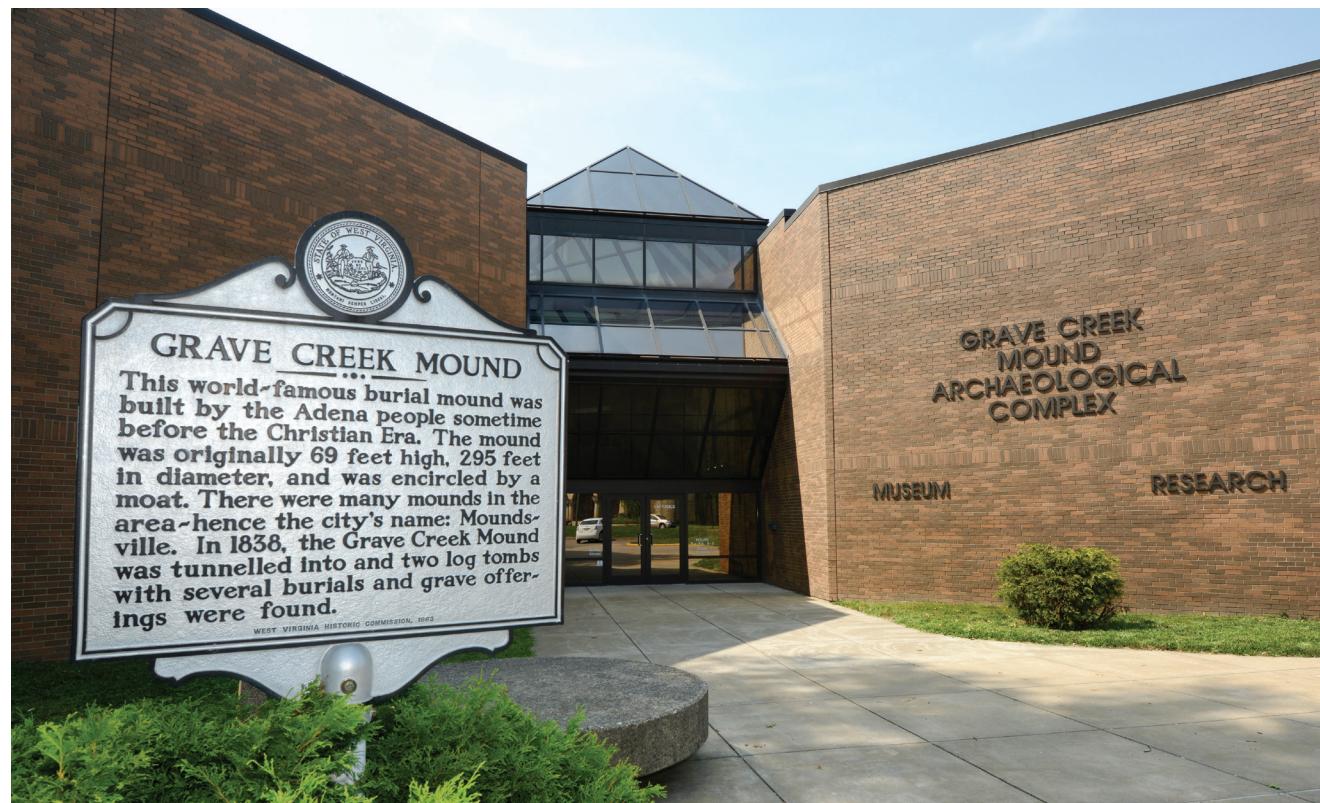
The Appalachian String Band Festival returned to Clifftop after a two-year absence. The event was well attended with lots of campers that covered most of the available space. Due to several days of rain leading up to the festival, the two primary oversized areas for large campers were too wet for set-up and parts of those areas closed off.

The State Museum exhibition outreach staff and technical staff completed the final phase of the completion of an Adena Hut, installing top and floor of the authentic structure on the second floor of Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex. The archaeological site continued

several successful programs including the Lecture and Second Saturday Film Series, Fossil Day, which featured several programs and fossils brought in by the public were identified. The site also hosted a Regional History Bowl competition. Artists from the Greater Wheeling chapter of the National Association on Mental Illness provided an exhibit in the Activity Room. This created the opportunity for a watercolor class for adults in which participants completed a painting of a flower.



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West Virginia Independence Hall provided several programs, including those related to Black History Month, the Ohio Valley Roundtable, Courtroom concerts, the Snookie Nutting Preservation Awards, a courtroom debate between Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson for West Virginia Day, family fun days, and lectures.

With the various programs offered by the Museum including educational, exhibitions, collections and outreach assistance the museum serves every county in the state.



COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS 2022-2023



The Communications and Events staff coordinates and promotes events within the agency. This section works in partnership with the other sections of the department, the Governor's Office, the First Lady's Office and other state agencies. Through traditional communications like statewide media releases and contemporary social media activities, the staff provides news about the activities at each of the department's sites.

The fall season kicked off with one of our department's biggest events - the eleventh annual West Virginia Marching Band Invitational. This year's invitational was held in October at Laidley Field in Charleston, West Virginia. Forty-six bands were able to compete at this event. Cabell Midland High School from Cabell County was named the overall Honor Band, the Old Gold Division Grand Champion, the Class A Champion and the winner of the 2022 Governor's Cup Marching Band Series. Paden City High School from Wetzel County won the Blue Division Championship. Philip Barbour High School won the Drums at the Capitol Competition. Gail Kennedy, former band director at Spring Hill Junior High School,

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South Charleston High School and Pocahontas High School; and the late Thomas Eschbacher, former band director at Washington Junior High School and Parkersburg South High School, were inducted into the Marching Band Director Hall of Fame during the event.

In November, the department helped host the annual First Lady's holiday ornament reveal. This year's ornament was made by Charleston stained-glass artist, Amanda Buckner. Ms. Buckner crafted 500 ornaments that were on sale at the West Virginia State Museum Gift Shop and at Tamarack in Beckley, West Virginia. The 2022 ornament featured the Governor and First Lady's beloved pet, Babydog.

Each year, in December, the department plans and presents the annual Joyful Night celebration at the State Capitol Complex. This event kicks off the holiday season at the Capitol with the lighting of the state Christmas Tree which was donated by Christmas Tree



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Farmer Jim Rockis from Morgantown. One of the highlights of the department's holiday decorations are trees decorated with the ornaments from past First Lady's Ornament Competitions. Featuring themes selected by the First Lady, the ornaments come from kindergarten through high school students from around the state. This year, the student ornament competition had its largest turnout with more than 280 participants. Also, one of the many trees in the Culture Center great hall was decorated with entrants into the First Lady's Best Bow Christmas contest.

In April, we were excited to once again host the West Virginia Dance Festival - the only state funded dance festival in the nation. This year more than 300 middle, high school, and college dance students were able to engage in dance classes taught by world renowned instructors from all over the country as well as view performances from their peers and two professional guest artists.

Memorial Day weekend, the department held our annual Vandalia Gathering. This

three-day event was very well attended and we are happy to see pre-covid crowds once again return. West Virginia's highest folklife honor - The Vandalia Award - is presented to those who embody the spirit of our state's folk heritage and are recognized for their lifetime contributions to West Virginia and its traditional culture. The 2023 award winner was Stan Bumgardner, former editor of *Goldenseal Magazine*.

In June, the Culture Center routinely hosts the state's annual West Virginia Day celebration. Along with the tradition of cutting the state birthday cake, WV Day marked the addition of two events introduced in 2022 - Golden Horseshoe Reunion and History Bowl Legends Tournament. The Golden Horseshoe Reunion welcomed many past winners and saw the knighting of First Lady Cathy Justice as an Honorary Golden Horseshoe recipient. The History Bowl legends tournament pitted six all-star teams against each other to see who remains the most knowledgeable on the history of the Mountain State. The Monroe County legends team, coached by Ashley Mann was

victorious in the tournament.

This year, we once again hosted our Ambassadors Camp. This camp typically hosts 2 students from each county who have just finished their eighth grade year and are nominated by their county superintendents. Students stay in the dorms at the University of Charleston and participate in programs at the State Capitol to learn about West Virginia history, culture and arts awareness. This year, we had more than 80 students join us for camp.

Newly created, our department planned and executed the Governor's School for Literacy through Arts, Culture and History. More than 90 students from around the state attended this five-day camp. Students stayed in the dorms at the University of Charleston and participated in classes related to literacy, had college tours at West Virginia State University and Marshall University. The participants had a field trip to southern West Virginia visiting the Tamarack, the Beckley Exhibition Coal mine, the New River Gorge and their trip was capped off with a performance of "Hatfields and McCoys" presented by Theater West Virginia at the Cliffside Amphitheater at Grandview State Park. On their last day, the students presented digital presentations about their week at camp and what they learned.

Each year we strive to improve and expand on all activities and to better publicize and reach new and existing visitors and guests to the department sites and events. We welcome all guests to experience our signature events.



West Virginia Traditional Life **Goldenseal**

Goldenseal, published by the DACH, is our state's magazine of traditional life and is issued quarterly. During FY 2022-23, *Goldenseal* featured 89 articles about West Virginia history and culture.

The Summer 2022 issue was dedicated to the Appalachian String Band Festival, better known as Clifftop. It also featured an article on Camp Washington Carver, home to the festival, which in 2022 celebrated its 80th anniversary. As a magazine dedicated to West Virginia Traditional life, this issue covers it all. Our new State Folklorist Jenny Williams is introduced, and readers will find articles on subjects such as trout fishing, our State Parks, drive-in movie theaters, old-time music, and farm life memories. This issue also features a great piece by contributing author K.D. Bradshaw about the "Heaviness of Memory" and reconciling the memories and sacredness of the past with the ever changing culture of the present in Appalachia.

The cover story of the Fall 2022 issue "Honoring Past and Present" was about the Mystery Stone Carver of Southern West Virginia, a piece by Gerry Milnes. A theme throughout this issue is honoring our past while in the present. As such, there are many

articles on cemeteries and their connection to the communities they belong to, as well as headstone restoration, cleaning, and preservation. Ivan Tribe and Jake Bapst take a look at "The Death of Frank Bowen" and how one ballad developed from a local murder. A photo essay of Campbells Creek with an interesting then-and-now view provided through images of the past superimposed with photos of the present is also featured. U.S. Government Lock No. 5, Burning Springs, Civil War Graffiti, and the woodturning Rowan Brothers are all covered in this issue, providing a nice sampling of our state's folklife and traditions.

The cover story of the Winter 2022 issue was an interview with Norman Fagan. Norman played an integral role in developing the department, and many of the programs he set in motion are still functioning today, such as the Vandalia Gathering and the West Virginia Dance Festival. He was, and still is, a champion of West Virginia arts, culture, and history. Also in this issue: a tribute to Woody Williams; the life of Okey DeRaimo; life on Jim Ridge; the mysteries of Grandma's Trunk and the story of one family's hope chest; a photo essay of Boothsville, a town once located in Marion, Taylor, and Harrison counties; a poem for

Kaymore, a mining town; an interview with Karen Nance, historic preservationist; the story of Nettie Ferris, a female tent preacher; the life of Pearl Bragg Laska Chamberlain, a female aviator and the first woman to fly from the Lower 48 up to Alaska; the history of firefighting and an interview with Phil Hart Belington Fire chief and Rev. Bob Wilkins Volunteer Chaplain of the Philippi fire department; Jennifer Cline recalls her memories of "Grandpa's Medicine" and talks of different folk remedies of Appalachia; former editor John Lilly contributed a nice article on the western swing band Asleep at The Wheel and their time spent in West Virginia. Another West Virginia Book round-up is included in this issue, and it is all wrapped up with another West Virginia Back Roads by Carl Feather, this one featuring the King Tree Farm a Preston County business carrying on a family legacy.

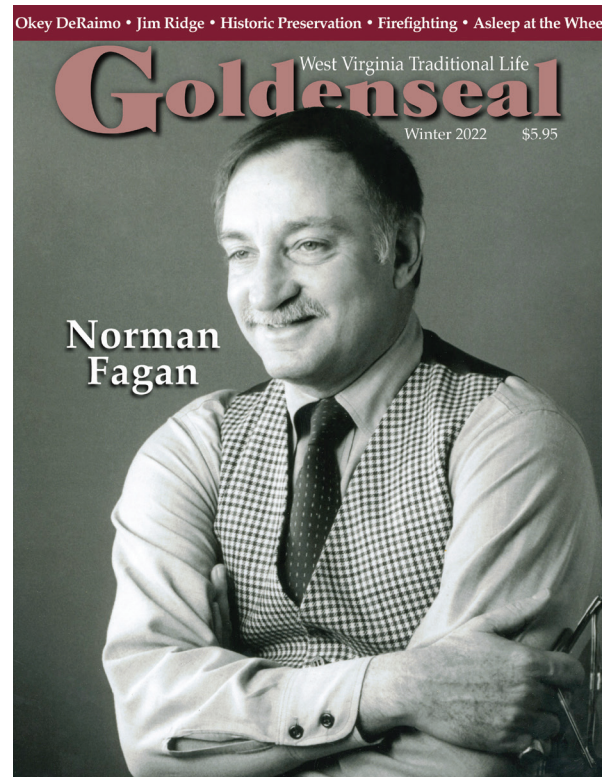
The Spring 2023 issue cover story was about Big Slim—A WWVA country music star. Ivan Tribe and Jake Bapst co-authored this informative article that takes a look back at the life of Big Slim. This issue also featured a look back on the newly revived Marshall University Track Program; a lovely article about repurposing feed sacks for quilts, or clothing, and a number of other uses; Fairmont Normal's first female president Margaret Elizabeth Dickey; a life lesson learned from a rooster; Preston County's own Volkmar Wentzel and the story of how this National Geographic photographer came to settle in WV; a look back at the 2022 Vandalia

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Gathering; Weberwood, a South Charleston neighborhood; Kanawha County's Dr. Alice Randall; a cobbler from McDowell County; Camp Horseshoe quilt retreat in Tucker County; a look back at historic Luna Park; the story of a WV Mail Carrier; a family's business in Madison, Ashby Martin, a Nicholas County stone cutter; and an interview with Larry Mustain who owns and operates the historic Reed's Mill.

Summer 2023 was dedicated to Appalachian musician, and teacher Dwight Diller. Dwight won West Virginia's highest folklife honor the Vandalia Award in 2019, recognizing him for his lifetime dedicated to preserving and passing on the traditions of West Virginia's old-time music. Dwight was integral in the Library of Congress recordings of the Hammons Family of Pocahontas County. State Folklorists Jenny Williams shared an interview with "Appalachian Soul Man" Aristotle Jones; the success of the Raleigh County Historical Marker Program; Samantha Stephens shares a moving piece "The House of Campbell", detailing her realizations, and discoveries researching her great grandfather, who owned and operated the first Black funeral home in Charleston. Also in this issue: homesteading in Lincoln County during the '70s; Blacksmithing in WV; Barnes Bowman's Store of Hardy County is fondly recalled; Peter M. Wallace shares his memories of working with legendary editor Jim Comstock—who he deems the "Quintessential WV Hillbilly." Historian Julian Norman has written a great look back at Star City (Monongalia County); the history of the Greenbrier River—"What it Survived and How it Thrived"; DuBois on Main,

a museum organized to share stories of the All-Black school in Mt. Hope (Fayette County); History Hero Anna L. Campbell shares her memories of her 90 years in Nicholas county; the Laurel River Club B&B, a farm and B&B in Jenningson (Tucker County); Heroine of West Virginia Literature—Phyllis Wilson Moore; Also in this issue are a number of Goldenseal Goodbyes remembering great West Virginians and contributors to GOLDENSEAL over the years; and finally another West Virginia Back Roads, this time featuring Shorty Anderson Auto Service Inc. of Monongalia County.



**FY 2022-23 GOLDENSEAL SHARED
89 STORIES FROM 37 OF OUR STATE'S
55 COUNTIES:**

Barbour	Mineral
Berkeley	Mingo
Braxton	Monongalia
Cabell	Morgan
Fayette	Nicholas
Gilmer	Ohio
Greenbrier	Pendleton
Hampshire	Pocahontas
Hancock	Preston
Hardy	Randolph
Harrison	Raleigh
Kanawha	Ritchie
Lincoln	Summers
Logan	Tucker
Marion	Upshur
Marshall	Wayne
Mason	Webster
McDowell	Wyoming
Mercer	

LIBRARY 2022-2023



Library Section of the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History

The Library Section serves 171 WV public libraries in developing a culture that values reading, education, and freedom of access to information, by providing resources, services, consultation, and programs that support learning and literacy to every library. The Library Section focuses on providing West Virginians with print disabilities access to information needed to be informed, productive citizens by enhancing the service capacity of public and academic libraries of West Virginia. The following highlights what the Library Section...

Funding and Finance

The Library Commission receives both state and federal funding. The state provides operational funds for the agency. In addition, the West Virginia Legislature supports public libraries by providing state aid to the Grants in Aid (GIA) and Service Center Grants programs.

Funding to public libraries is administered through the agency and is distributed quarterly to public libraries.

Federal funds are appropriated by Congress and received through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The Library Commission uses funds from the IMLS Grants to States Program and to support statewide library development. Federal dollars, fund West Virginia Family Read Week, digital resources for all citizens, the Blind and Print Disabled services, and broadband in each library.

State Aid Information

- Grants in Aid: \$9,989,571.00
- Services to Print Disabled: \$161,717.00
- Library Services: \$580,776.00
- Technology Services: \$943,353.00
- TV Studio: \$50,000.00
- Operating Expenses: \$1,372,503.00

Federal Grants Information

Digital Resources Funds: \$608,871.46

The Library Commission provides direct grants to West Virginia libraries with LSTA grant funding it receives each year. Grants are only awarded after a satisfactory application showing need and are contingent on available funds. The majority of LSTA funds are used for statewide projects that assist all libraries and West Virginians. To receive allotments from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Library Commission must have a current five-year plan that has been approved by IMLS that corresponds with the LSTA priority.

LSTA Funds are used to access several library services platforms to access public library collections, used for statewide databases, including Consumer Health Complete, Job & Career Accelerator, Learning Express Library, and World Book Online and to provide Library



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development services to West Virginia public libraries including consultations, and continuing education opportunities.

Information Technology

- Upgrading existing ethernet cable to high-performance CAT 6A ethernet. Once complete, this project will support and give our public libraries the ability to utilize existing high-speed internet and allow for future speed increases.
- Received funding to increase internet speeds from 500Mbps to 1Gb for some of our Service Centers and Library Systems.
- Successfully completed a pilot project with the WVOT for testing a new computer Reboot-to-Restore software system.
- Coordinated with the WVOT on a Library Technology Survey. The survey was used to collect information regarding the Library Section and its partnership with the WVOT.
- The Library Section, as a consortium, acts on behalf of each participating library to file for funding from the Federal E-rate program. The application filed for E-rate FY2023 consisted of 142 libraries and received a funding commitment of \$859,267.20.



Blind & Print Disabled Services

Ensuring West Virginians that cannot utilize traditional print materials have access to resources and services.

The Regional Library for the Blind and Print Disabled provides information and reading materials in accessible formats to West Virginia residents who are unable to use standard print because of a visual, physical, or reading disability.

In fiscal year 2023, the WVLC Special Services Department and our three sub-regional libraries (Huntington, Parkersburg, and Romney) worked to circulate materials and function as Reader Advisors for patrons in their communities. In total, the Charleston and sub-regional Special Services Departments combined to circulate 225,791 downloadable resources and 3,633 large print and braille items.

Newsline is an audio service of the National Federation of the Blind and offers over 500 publications, weather forecasts, breaking news alerts, and job listings via telephone, email, computer, or smart device. A few popular national and regional resources include the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Charleston Gazette*, *Huntington Herald Dispatch*, *Parkersburg News*

Sentinel, *The Martinsburg Journal*, and *Times West Virginia*.

Title Circulation Statistics:

- Charleston: 169,716
- Huntington: 18,385
- Parkersburg: 22,814
- Romney: 14,876

TOTAL: 225,791

Large Print/Braille: 3,633

Newsline Statistics:

- Number of Subscribers: 257
- Total Calls: 19,697
- Total Call Minutes: 292,402
- Average Call Time: 2.11 minutes
- Total Online Accesses: 268,705
- Total Content Accesses: 249,187

BARD Downloadable Statistics:

	Charleston	Huntington	Parkersburg	Romney
• Audio	18,357	2,713	2,611	2,618
• Braille	1,693	75	13	2
• Audio Magazine	635	14	131	23
• Braille Magazine	271	11	0	0

(BARD) Braille-Audio-Reading-Download

LIBRARY OUTREACH 2022-2023

Television Services

Fiscal year 2022 - 2023 ended up being another atypical year for the Library Television Network. The Network produced 167 television shows and introduced 2 new programs, Building Strong Communities hosted by the American Red Cross and Giving Back for a Better Community hosted by the Roark-Sullivan Lifeway Center. They also resumed productions on 2 other shows that were on hiatus for nearly a year. *Spotlight on Health* hosted by Kanawha-Charleston Health Department and *Your Health Done Right* hosted by West Virginia Health Right. Several special guests appeared included Gayle Manchin, from the Appalachian Regional Commission and Senator Shelley Moore Capito. Along with adding additional shows this year, the Network distributed another 330 shows free of charge to 8 of their affiliate stations around the state to cover additional viewing territories and channels.

As mentioned in last year's report, the studio underwent an extensive upgrade, to a High Definition (HD) facility. With this new addition, the staff wanted to be able to give the show hosts the ability to interview their guests remotely via Zoom. So the staff installed and set up a system that allows a guest to be interviewed from anywhere in the world with a laptop and good internet connection. Several of the shows have used this new tool and have had great success with using it. The first one produced was with a doctor from the West Virginia University School of Medicine in Morgantown.

Television Services special productions

- **Poetry Out Loud Promotional Video**
A video that highlights the state finals showcasing outstanding performances. Used as an on-line tool for students & teachers preparing to participate in the competition.
- **YouTube Channel Statistics**
Online for almost 6 years, it has over 164.3K views with 14.1K hours of view time.
- **The Secretary of State's Office**
Produced 130 DVD copies of the Poll Workers Training Video for the upcoming elections.
- **Various Public Service Announcements**
Produced a Martin Luther King Jr. Day PSA, 3 - Black History Month PSAs and a Halloween, Veteran's Day/Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday PSAs.
- **The Department of Arts, Culture & History**
Edited 35 separate videos from the 2023 Dance Festival and 2 full length videos of the 2023 Vandalia Gathering performances.



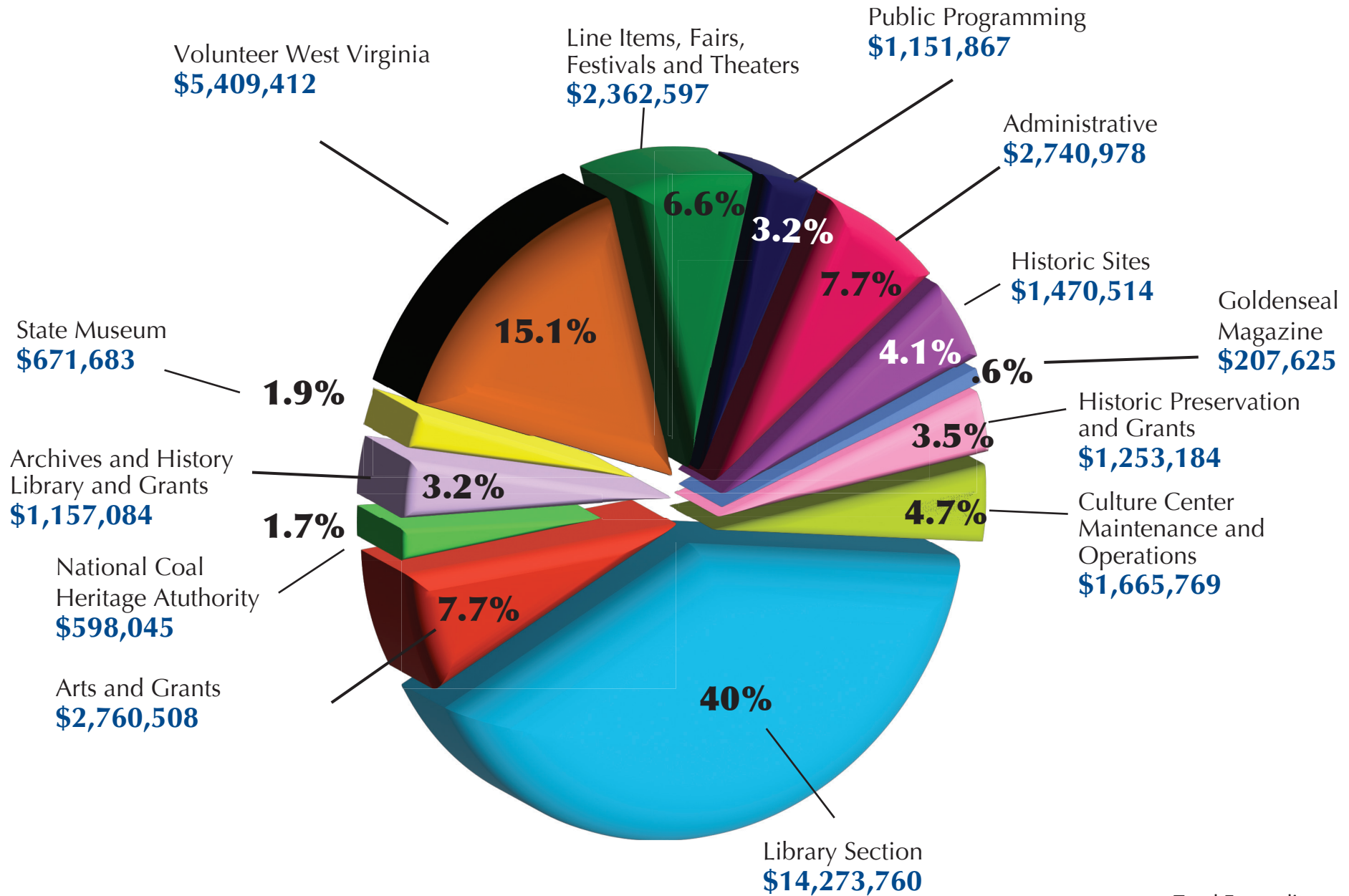
Library and Development Services

Circulation for FY 2023, was 103,041. This includes print circulation and electronic resources databases, eBooks, eAudio, and eVideo.



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***FY2023 Total Expenditures – \$35,723,026**



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