



AMES HISTORY **MUSEUM**

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

BY CASIE VANCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am pleased to present AHM's 2022 Annual Report. Our staff and volunteers had another very busy and exciting year! Highlights of the year include:

- The Making History Capital Campaign raised \$3 million in just over a year! AHM worked with Avec Design Build and Henkel Construction Company throughout the year on plans for the expanded museum.
- Addition of a fourth full-time staff member. Savanna Johnson is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa and serves as our Office Assistant. They assist with collections and exhibits, manage the museum's membership program, and coordinate front desk volunteers and visitor services.
- Along with work on the capital campaign and building project, AHM staff, board, and volunteers continued to provide regular museum services including hosting visitors, installing exhibits, providing engaging programming and research assistance, and cataloging objects.

The museum's success would not have been possible without your support. Whether you've supported us as a member, donor, or volunteer, each act of support and encouragement has helped move the organization forward. Thank you!



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Our mission is to engage our diverse public and provide unique opportunities to learn about Ames history.

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2022 BY THE NUMBERS



5,193

visitors and program attendees
89 programs and events

82,134

engagement on social media
6,163 Facebook followers

183

research requests answered
758 digitized resources

66

donations of artifacts and
archival materials
5,537 collections records online

3,793

volunteer hours by 70 volunteers
time valued at \$100,135



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2022 FINANCIALS

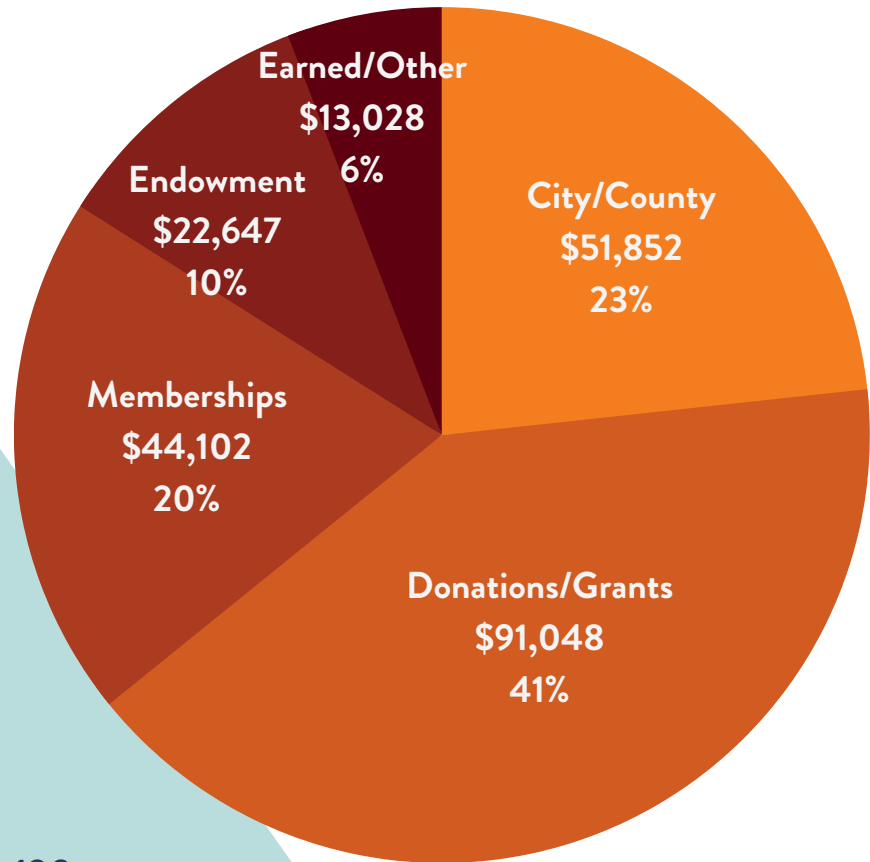
MAKING HISTORY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Pledges received as of
December 31, 2022:
\$1,576,450

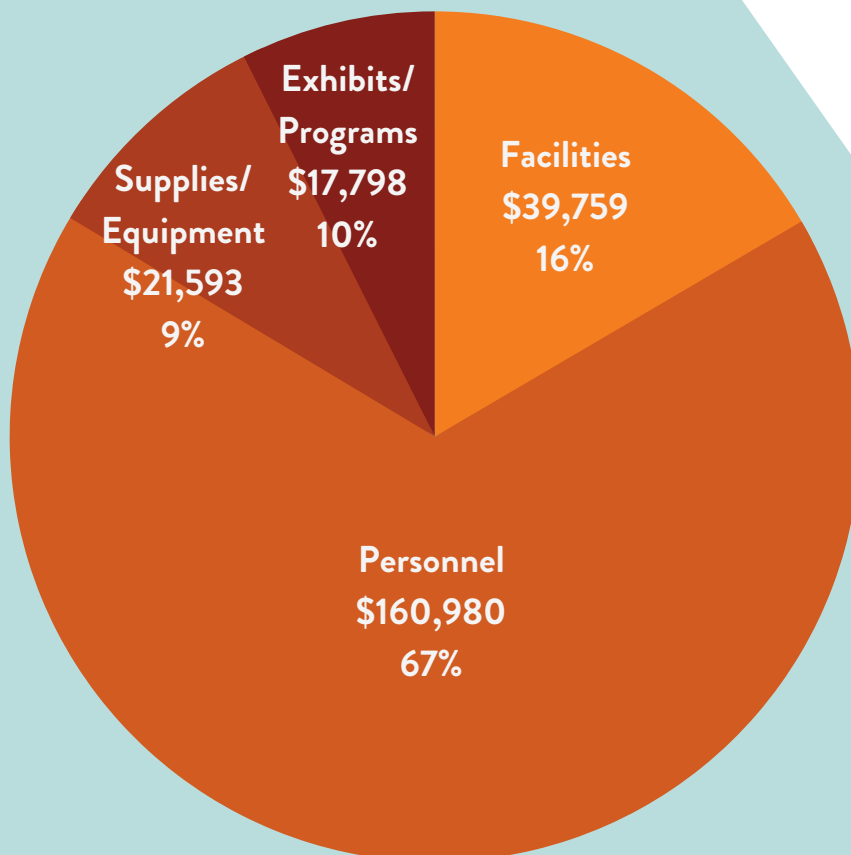
Pledges due 2023-2027:
\$1,500,814

Total raised as of
December 31, 2022:
\$3,077,264

OPERATING INCOME - \$222,677



OPERATING EXPENSES - \$240,130



ENDOWMENT FUND

Total in endowment
funds as of
December 31, 2022:
\$340,678

OPERATING RESERVES

Income minus expenses:
-\$17,453 (taken from
operating reserves)

Total reserves as of
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\$45,808

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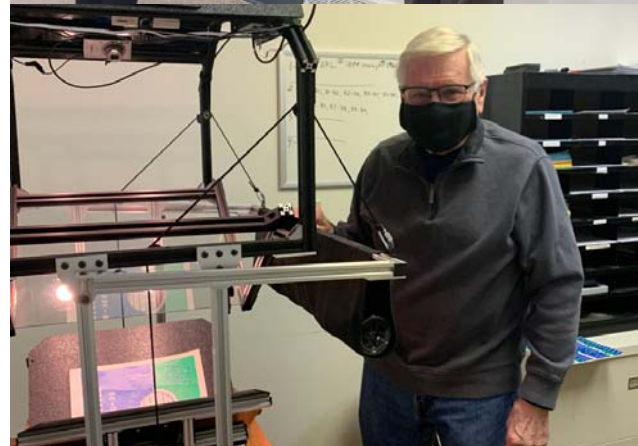


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COLLECTIONS & EXHIBITS

- More than 1,100 objects were cataloged and entered into PastPerfect museum software. More than 5,500 artifacts in AHM's permanent collection are searchable and accessible to the public through PastPerfect Online on AHM's website.
- Interesting artifact donations received in 2022 include original artwork by Ames artist Priscilla Sage, an ALMACO jab-type hand planter, photographs of the construction of the Darul Arqum Islamic Center, artifacts associated with KASI radio station, a 1980s Ames Police Department leather jacket, and an original painting by Jo Myers Walker.
- In addition to artifacts, AHM received several archival donations including The Songbirds chorus group materials, Ames Children's Theater scrapbooks, a collection of 32 WWII-era letters, several Ames postcards, and a 1955 Ames High School diploma.
- "Black Trailblazers" was on display through September. In October, "Ames in Art" opened. The exhibit features unique original artwork from AHM's collection. Artists include Linda Emmerson, Stewart Buck, Velma Rayness, and many others.



PROGRAMS & ENGAGEMENT

- Another successful lecture series took place March through June. The lectures were hybrid - at Ames Public Library and streamed via Zoom. Lecture recordings are available to view on AHM's YouTube page.
 - Hoggatt School was open each Sunday afternoon from June 5 through July 31. Programs included a spelling bee, schoolyard games, soapmaking, and more.
 - Staff and volunteers participated in many community events including Art Walk, Music Walk, 4th of July parade, Octagon Art Festival, Downtown Trick-or-Treat, and Snow Magic.
 - The annual benefit dinner in August was attended by 152 people. Awards were given to Lois Vohs, Red & Marilyn Stenberg, the Munn Family, and Everts Flowers Home & Gifts. The event was construction-themed and included successful live auction, raffle, and fund-the-need auction. This was AHM's 10th annual benefit event!
 - AHM partnered with Ames Public Library for several lectures, Discover Ames and Ames Community Arts Council for the annual ice cream social, Dog-Eared Books and Cooks' Emporium for special events, and many other organizations for exhibits and projects.
 - Making History Capital Campaign presentations and Pantorium tours were given to several community groups, local boards, and potential donors.
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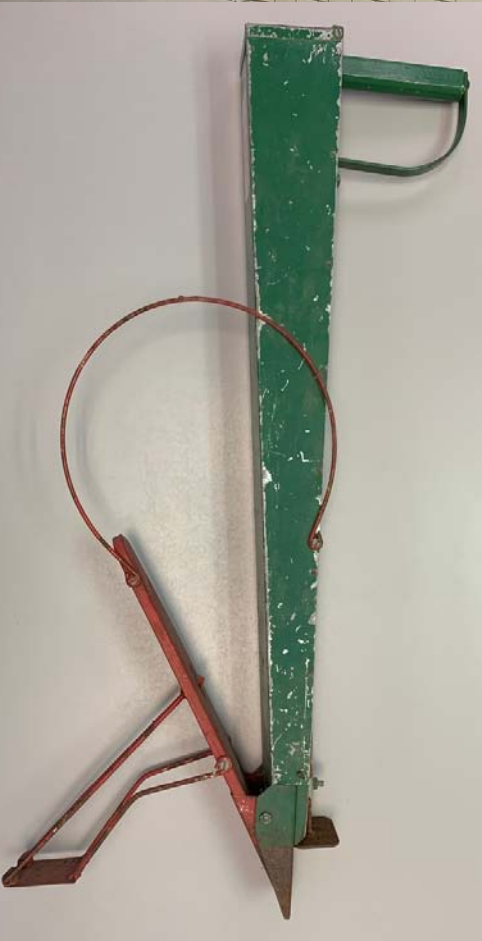
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