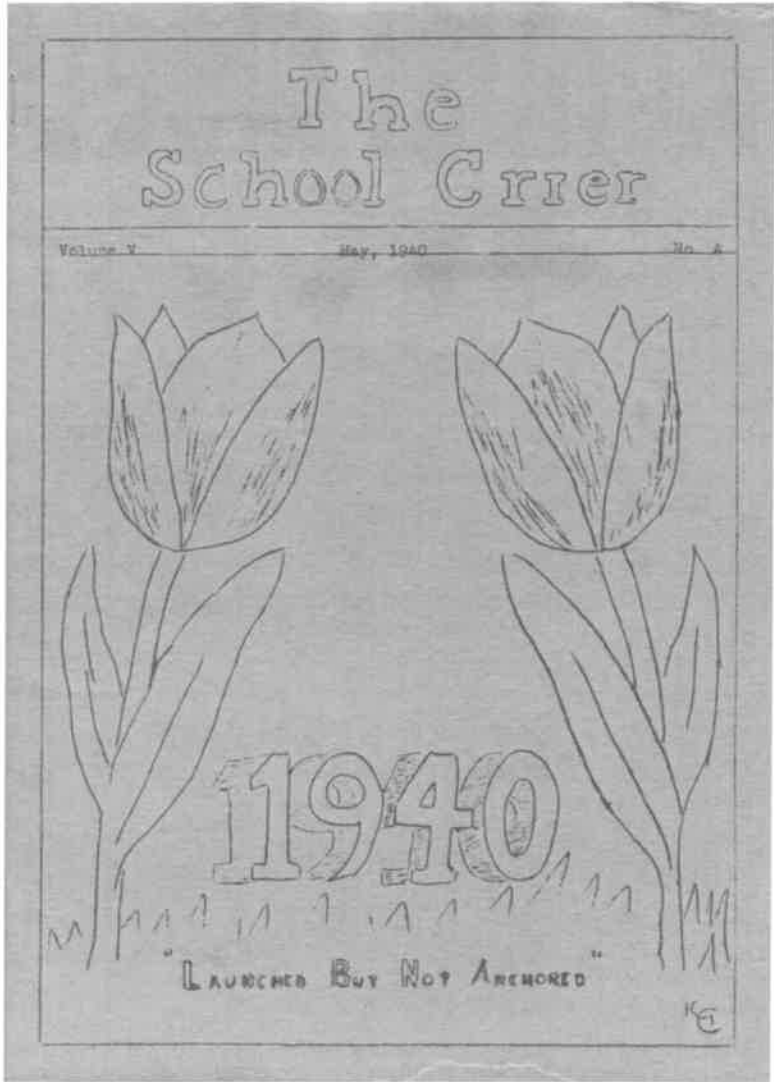




# HISTORY 21



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# Annual Meeting

Join us for our annual membership meeting!  
Following a short business meeting to approve the 2022 financial report and install new officers, you can experience a taste of the new cemetery tours. Look for your ballot in the mail soon.

**When:** Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m.

**Where:** T.B.D.

Can't make it in person? Join us digitally. Zoom link will be available at [AnokaCountyHistory.org](https://AnokaCountyHistory.org)

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ANOKA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Take your place in

**HISTORY**

**2022**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

I consider it a great honor to lead an organization focused on the future, while honoring the past. Our board of directors made a conscious choice in 2022 and 2023 to bring the wages of staff closer to a professional margin. This choice meant budgeting for a shortfall while ACHS creates a fundraising plan to make this commitment sustainable in years to come. It meant investing in us as a staff—and we appreciate the implicit trust that conveyed.



Thank you to our members, donors, sponsors, and friends who have not only donated time and effort to local history, but also money. In 10 years we will celebrate our centennial. If those original humans, gathered together for coffee and storytelling, could see their dream now, I think they would feel pride. 2022 added another year of success, challenges, and opportunities to the story of ACHS. I'm excited to share those with you in this report and at our Annual Meeting, May 21.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Ebnet-Desens'.

Rebecca Ebnet-Desens  
ACHS Executive Director



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Another fascinating year and even more intriguing stories! As a board, we continue to make our way through a Covid world. We held an in-person meeting in Linwood and another at the Fridley History Center. Our committees are working to fulfill our mission to gather, preserve and share the stories of all the people and communities in Anoka County.

We are blessed with a great staff who have pushed through tough times during the recent pandemic. While many local historical societies struggled, ACHS increased our outreach and digital programming. The board recognized the need to increase our staff wage to make our historical society one of the best in the state. Although we still have work to do in this area of fundraising, we're committed to doing the right thing by our staff. Our mission and vision have not changed and we must keep the lights on and pay the bills to operate.

Thank you to the many donors and volunteers for keeping us moving forward to provide you with your Anoka County history! Your contribution to our organization is greatly appreciated in ways we cannot even tell you. Please consider donating again to our historical society. Let's keep ACHS moving forward with programming history preservation. You can go to our website to donate, buy a gift membership, or adopt an artifact to help us protect history for future generations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Oxley'.

Richard Oxley, ACHS President

# THE 2022 ACHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Al Pearson, *District #1 Representative*

Wes Volkenant, *District #2 Representative*

Orville Lindquist, *District #3 Representative (Treasurer)*

Lotus Hubbard, *District #4 Representative*

Richard Oxley, *District #5 Representative (President)*

Open, *District #6 Representative*

Dee Ann Christiansen, *District #7 Representative*

Allison Schmitt, *At-Large A*

Dennis Berg, *At-Large B*

Daryl Lawrence, *At-Large C (Secretary)*

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Scott Nolan, *At-Large E*

Paul Pierce III, *At-Large F*

Steve Florman *At-Large G (Vice-President)*

Brad LeTourneau, *At-Large H*

Mike Gamache, *Anoka County Commissioner Liaison*

## ACHS STAFF

Rebecca Ebnet-Desens, *Executive Director*

Sara Given, *Volunteer Coordinator*

Erin McBrien/Kassandra Mckenthun, *Archivist & Collections Manager*

Don Johnson, *Digitization*

Karen Johnson, *Office Staff*

Cindy McKinney, *Front Desk*

Jan Bergstrom, *Transcription*

Andover, Anoka, Bethel, Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Columbia Heights, Columbus,

Coon Rapids, East Bethel, Fridley, Ham Lake, Hilltop, Lexington, Lino Lakes, Linwood, Nowthen, Oak Grove, Ramsey, St. Francis, Spring Lake Park

# January



**January 12-13: Civil War Program** *Head into AMSA 6th grade classes—600 students!*

**January 18: Storytelling 101** *A three-month series of interactive guidance to add color to biographical facts*

**April 24-26: MALHM Conference** *A chance to connect with museums around the state. Presented "When all the Spaghetti Sticks"*

**May 22: Annual Meeting**



**June 18: Federal Cartridge centennial celebration**

**June 24: Jell-O Races at Blaine Festival**

**July 9 : Anoka Riverfest, Federal Cartridge exhibit opening, & Yard Sale**

**July 25–31: Anoka County Fair**

**August 17: Willys Overland Knight Registry Upper Mississippi Valley Chapter Group Day**

**August 19-21: Nowthen Threshing Show**

**August 22: Arfstrom fundraising Event**

**August 28: Conocer los Parques, Fridley Latinx event and festival**

# June

# September



**September 1: Ghost Tours** *Two months of presenting the history and mystery of Anoka for ACHS's largest fundraising effort of the year*

**September 13: Wargo Nature Center Heritage Lab** *Six weeks of presenting history lessons to students*

**September 22: Flora Aldrich Program** at the Coon Rapids Senior Center

**September 27: Mini Family Archive Program** at the library

# Take your place in **HISTORY**

The billboard advertisement we ran in partnership with the Discover Anoka businesses on highway 169 said it all: Take your place in history.

Stories are central to history. It's right there in the word. Without them, the past would merely feel like dates and names strung together with no meaning.

Stories are the glue holding communities together, creating shared experiences we can use as a foundation.

Stories introduce new ideas and thoughts, give us characters and lessons, and create a common ground for understanding each other as people.

What is your story? Your place in history? How will ACHS programs and archive reflect your life 75 years from now?

## A STORYTELLING FOCUS

Beginning with 2022, ACHS has committed to telling the story of storytelling:

- Received a Legacy Grant to digitize the Olson Family Collection from East Bethel
- Hosted a program with Mary Jo Pehl on how to write a memoir using nontraditional resources
- Gave a storytelling workshop that asked people to use all five senses when remembering their past
- Planned for an exhibit featuring methods of storytelling people can apply to their own legacy stories
- Created the Adopt An Artifact Program to connect people with the stories in our collection
- Translated the Story Gathering Form into Spanish and added both to the gift shop



*Andi Sherek at Wargo Nature Center*

# 2021 vs 2022

37K

## VISITING ACHS

When we decided to remake the website four years ago, we never dreamed we would see the impact we have. Not only is it a place to post our latest events, most recent podcasts, and the donation button, but **AnokaCountyHistory.org** has become a portal open 24-7 where researchers can access a portion of the collection, watch digital programming, and see online exhibits. One of our goals for 2024 is to create 21 pages—one for each city—with maps, images, and history for you to enjoy.

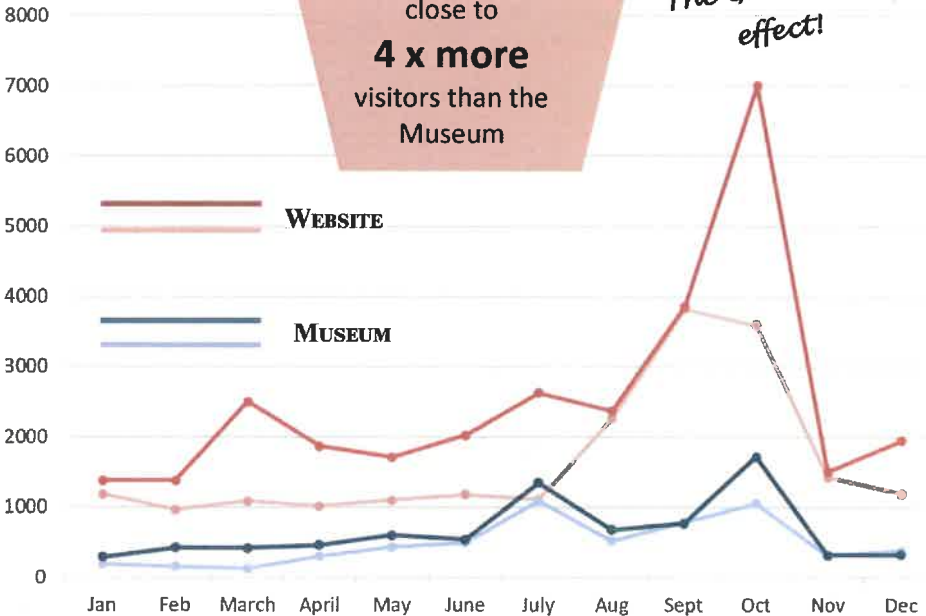
VISITORS

25k

DID YOU KNOW?

The Website gets close to **4 x more** visitors than the Museum

*The Ghost Tour effect!*





## SOCIAL MEDIA

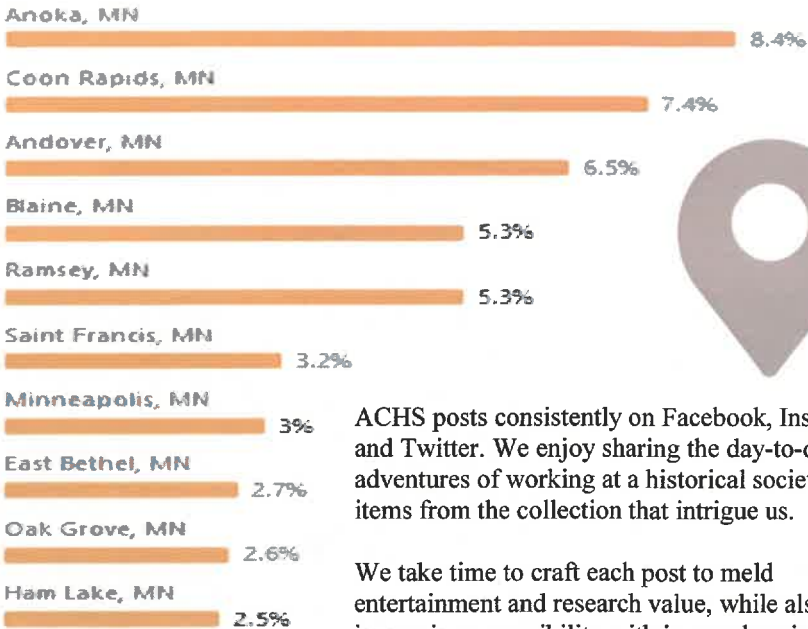
You know those parts of your day when you want something fun to read but nothing heavy enough to make you think too hard? Our social media continues growing with small, bite-sized tidbits of county history, personal interest stories--and photos! We love sharing those.

## FOLLOWERS



### Top cities

## WHO DO WE REACH?



ACHS posts consistently on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. We enjoy sharing the day-to-day adventures of working at a historical society and items from the collection that intrigue us.

We take time to craft each post to meld entertainment and research value, while also increasing accessibility with image descriptions and closed captions.

\* Graph and stats from FB



As I head into my 10th year (TEN?!?!?) at ACHS, it's been amazing to see how we have grown. Sharing Anoka County History, and our quirky love of it, to literally thousands of people each year blows my mind.

Sara Given, Volunteer Coordinator

# RESEARCH REQUESTS

One of the most exciting parts of ACHS comes in the form of questions we receive. What did my house look like back in the day? Where did Grandma come from? Why did that business move locations? We field these inquiries daily from patrons who walk in, email, call, or tag us on social media.

One of our goals for 2023 is to track these interactions more closely to see just how many curious people come to us in a year. For now, we can report 65 requests via email to the Collections Manager inbox and 536 in-person requests—we're excited to know how many more we're helping.



Contrary to the photo evidence, this specific shade of blue is not a requirement for researching at ACHS.



**Left:** Woman researching family in Centerville in a handwritten ledger.

**Middle:** HVAC workers figuring out how the museum's air system works from an original blueprint of the building.

**Right:** Jeremiah Ellis, a McWatt fellow for the Ramsey County Historical Society, looking at Twin Cities Ordnance Plant documents donated as part of the Federal Collection.

## FACILITY UPDATES

A significant portion of our budget each year is allocated to preserving the integrity of our building. Like any home, minor repairs add up over time, and those big ones? They hit hard. Fortunately, we haven't had issues lately with the walls and roof envelope elements.

In 2022, the boilers required a significant amount of maintenance effort. All four small units need serious attention to descale and change a few parts. We also completed some work on the AC unit to reduce the humidity in the summer—the collection

can't be stored in either too high or too low moisture. One of the most cumbersome jobs became changing light bulbs—one doesn't realize how high the ceilings are! (Thanks, Larry!)

Preserving the collection also means maintaining our digital needs. In 2022 we added several terabytes of space to our server, allowing us to continue backing up our day-to-day operational details and our ever-growing collection of artifact scans and pictures. Big thanks to Jane, Wayne, and Wes for their donations of computers to keep our researchers moving at the speed of the modern world!

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## HISTORY 21: THE VAULT

In its second year, The Vault membership has increased 63% in revenue, becoming a true source of income for ACHS. For 2023, look for special conversations between Sara and Rebecca regarding sensitive collection items and fun videos from Kassy as she discovers something unique in the stacks. If you're not a subscriber, join the fun at [AnokaCountyHistory.org/history-21-the-vault-1](https://AnokaCountyHistory.org/history-21-the-vault-1).





## SEASON 2

1. Flora Aldrich's "The One Man"
2. Dennis Berg
3. Reading Corps
4. Erin's 1st Anniversary
5. Hazel Hartman
6. Ben Mchie-McWatt Fellow
7. Big Stoop Orchestra
8. Adem Ojulu-McWatt Fellow
9. Fridley Tornado
10. Lindsay Christiansen - Development Hire
11. Bruce Cameron— WWII
12. Bone Watch Fob
13. Federal "On the Street"
14. Federal Oral History
15. Daryl Lawrence, local author
16. Linda Rodgers— Cedar memories
17. BWH-AMBI Ghost Stories
18. Anoka State Hospital oral history
19. Mary Jo Pehl— MST3K
20. Liz McFarland— Halloween Parade
21. VEERAC engines
22. Forgotten Star Brewery
23. Sam Hermanstorfer
24. Jim Kordiak



# HISTORY 21 THE PODCAST!



**50** EPISODES

**2.1K** PLAYS

We hoped our podcast would increase our audience reach, document modern history, and feature members of the community in a different way. We've achieved that, plus some.

During it's second year, we were able to move beyond the technical questions we had in year one. We had conquered posting and RSS feeds, sharing to podcast catchers and embedding the widget on our website. Now we turned our attention to the smaller details like incorporating recordings from WCCO made the night of the Fridley tornado or a family member reading Dr. Giddings' letters, which added dimension.

A big thank you to those who shared the production on social media, including the Minnesota Historical Society, and our Minnesota History Award from MALHM.

Podcasts



History 21: The Podcast!  
Anoka County Historica.

Sharing the stories and audio journeys from Anoka County's past and...

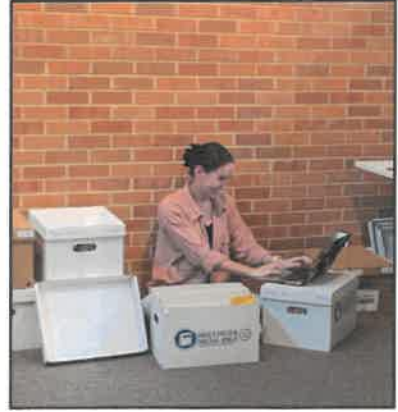
▶ Latest Episode

## THE INTERN CREW

The Anoka County Historical Society has a number of internships available on an ongoing basis and this year our interns worked on a variety of projects tailored to their backgrounds and goals.



Lani was an intern for this summer who had a background in art and was in the art program in Moorhead, so she worked on the Arfstrom collection. She wrapped all the newly accessioned Arfstrom sketches in mylar and organized them into archival boxes. Lani also took inventory and condition reports of the existing works of Arfstrom art. Her hard work poised this portion of the collection to be some of the most well-documented objects.



Maggie was another summer intern who worked with the collection. As a pre-law student, she worked exclusively on processing the Pratt Files, mainly consisting of documents from court cases in the late nineteenth to early twentieth centuries. Maggie focused most of her efforts on organizing them into a more manageable system within the boxes so that they were all set up for a volunteer to work on in CollectiveAccess over the winter.



Throughout her 10-month internship, **Emily** received hands-on experience with the archiving processes at ACHS. During this time, she learned how to follow the archival processing technique from start to finish correctly, create archival records, use and navigate online databases, and properly accession, label, and store various historical objects and documentation.

*Thank you for all  
your help!*

# VOLUNTEER



The year goes so quickly



with their help!



*Clockwise: Peyton serving pickles at the threshing show; Jan and Erin at our Riverfest Booth, Orville playing with old maps at the County Fair; Rich grabbing the fair box for a festival.*

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS

At the end of January we reached out to all the National Honor Societies in our county's high schools. **Twenty two students worked 104 hours** scanning photographs—that translates into hundreds of images that will now be accessible to researchers in our online database.

# GHOSTS OF ANOKA WALKING TOUR

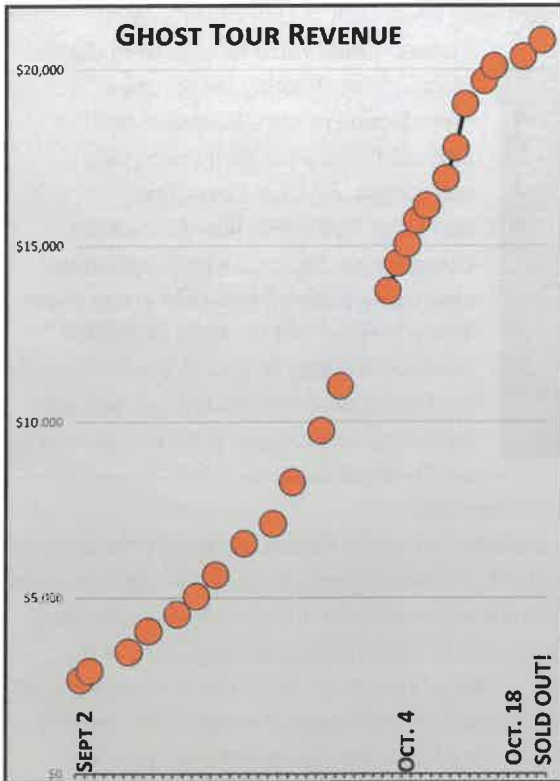
This year marked the 18th Annual Ghosts of Anoka Walking Tour event, and becoming an official adult didn't slow us down.

The tours are a staple of Halloween fun in Anoka and a must-do experience for people visiting from around the county, the state, and even the country and world. One human came from Sweden (and laughed when they learned their country's crown prince visited Anoka), a couple living in LA was in town to "meet the parents," as well as visitors from Maine and New Mexico.



The in-person tours sold out by the middle of October, with no active advertisement beyond social media posts mentioning that tickets officially went on sale. Our exceptional, dedicated, and fun volunteer Ghost Tour Guides

led over 1,500 people on tours, raising over \$21,000 for the museum. That's a big help! The program as a whole raised \$25,000.



\*Reflects public tour ticket sales only

The ongoing success of this event means there is room for growth as we head into our 19th year. The answer is clear—we need to add more tours. But to offer more tours, we must add more guides. Each guide receives a ghost tour script but is encouraged to put their personality and flair into sharing the stories and history.



You may know someone who loves Halloween and would be interested in joining the exclusive ranks of our Ghost Tour Guides—send them over!

# THE FEDERAL COLLECTION CULMINATION



Federal Cartridge Company of Anoka celebrated its much-anticipated centennial anniversary in 2022. In preparation, ACHS spent much of 2020 and 2021 cataloging 75,000 artifacts, documents, and photos donated by Federal into the collection. Many of these items are available online at [MNCollections.org](http://MNCollections.org) or through our website for research.



Staff worked with journalists across the country to produce feature pieces on the anniversary using this new collection. As our research progressed, ACHS developed and opened a physical exhibit at Riverfest in June featuring items such as Bob Ehlen's safety



glasses, 1960s video footage from the plant, a Nerf shooting range, and a reproduction of the Clubhouse. Staff also published an exhibit companion piece titled, *Federal First Class: Stories of the People Who Primed the Company for Success*, which highlights employees pictured in a 1925 group photo. These profiles told the story of Anoka residents working at a local factory through the Depression, two world wars, and many technological changes. A portion of this exhibit is available at



[AnokaCountyHistory.org](http://AnokaCountyHistory.org).

The massive event hosted on the Federal campus in the summer gave staff at ACHS another opportunity to meet employees past and present. People who worked in the greenhouse cultivating the carnations worn by Charles Horn, architects behind the signature in the corner of blueprints, and those who understood the nuance of the machinery all stopped to tell a tale. We still welcome tidbits and tall tales into the collection—jot some notes, make a recording, or send in some pictures.



# THE COLLECTION BY NUMBERS

Part of our mission is to gather and preserve Anoka County History, which means that the ACHS collection is constantly growing. The final step of processing an item is finding a physical space in the building. Unfortunately, our area is finite. In working towards accepting new items with deep connections to the County, the staff looks at de-accessioning (removing) items that do not have a story or relationship.

152  
Items  
Deaccessioned



33  
Accessions  
719  
Objects

**Museum term:**  
An “accession” is the museum term for a group of items one person has donated. Sometimes an accession is one item, while other times it is hundreds of items.



## ADOPT-AN-ARTIFACT KICK-OFF

In the final month of 2022, ACHS started a new program to help sustain and showcase the ACHS collection beyond its first box or folder.

**Ham Lake Anytime Fitness** became the first adopter in this program as a Caretaker of the Charles Atlas exercise materials. Atlas distributed the program himself in the 1950s and 1960s. This program was divided into 12 installments on how to build muscle in targeted areas of the body, with himself as the ideal.

ACHS strives to align the artifacts proposed for adoption with the values and passions of the person or business to make the connection more personal. Learn more about the program via the QR code [right] and visit the museum to see what items have already been adopted.



# Collections report



ACHS used this year as a transition period because our previous collections manager, Erin, accepted a new position, and Kassandra stepped in as interim archivist over the summer on a part-time basis. After the summer, she had to complete her master's degree in

history before beginning full-time employment as the new collections manager in January of 2023. Although the collections department experienced a slowdown in processing donations this year, the collections management branch of the museum did extensive public programming and exhibit installation compared to years past.

Since spring 2022, Kassandra has focused most of her energy on exhibit installation and outreach programs. Fortunately, this allowed her to become more familiar with the collection and the community. She has cultivated community relationships that will continue to blossom and create more meaningful connections to the ACHS collection.

*Above: Kassy installs a temporary exhibit at the Centerville City Hall featuring local veterans.*



*Right: Among our library displays this year was a feature of Jon Arfstom's work.*



Thankful to be back! Only a couple of years ago, I was an intern for ACHS, helping process the Federal collection for what I discovered was an incredibly welcoming community.

Now, I am overjoyed to be able to serve this community once again. 2022 has been a busy year for me, full of learning and laughter here at the museum. Thank you for allowing me to learn and grow as your new collections manager.

**Kassandra Mackenthun, Collections Manager**

## Collections Outreach



### Northtown Library Arfstrom Art Exhibition (July-August)

We continue our relationship with the Arfstrom family to install prints of Jon's art along the walls of the Northtown Library in Blaine. It was a great success that will assuredly lead to future collaborative opportunities. It gave the Arfstrom items of ACHS's collection and the general collection more exposure to the Anoka county community.

### Northtown Library Halloween Exhibit (October)

This exhibit is a library favorite, so we included items from the collection that are rarely displayed. This allowed for different objects in our collection to experience public exposure, while the appeal of Halloween would entice them to Adopt an Artifact from our Halloween collection.



### Centerville Veterans Exhibit (November)

The Veterans exhibit was significant to Centerville since its installation coincided with the celebration of Veterans Day. Although our collection lacked viable 3-D objects, the few we found and the information we gathered from the research library and online records created a well-organized display for the community.

### Northtown Library Blaine Exhibit (November)

ACHS strives to collaborate with local historical societies to benefit the communities. The Blaine Historical Society created an excellent display featuring their city and incorporated a few pieces from ACHS. These traveling exhibits provide an opportunity to

showcase the smaller portions of our collections best displayed in conjunction with other items. We would enjoy discovering new locations for these pop-up displays!



## THANK YOU!

### ANOKA COUNTY

Partnerships that survive the test of time speak to the level of mutual trust and respect between the parties. The staff and board members of ACHS continue to feel gratitude to the County of Anoka for not only saying local history is critical to maintaining the legacy of their residents, but also showing their support to our nonprofit with essential operating funds. Thank you for investing in the preservation of so many stories for our future generations.

### CITY OF ANOKA

We thank the City of Anoka for their continued support and advocacy of local history through their generous in-kind donation of rent for the library building ACHS occupies. Valued at \$80,000 annually, this donation allows ACHS to focus our energy on collecting and preserving the stories of the county.

## COLLECTION BEHIND THE SCENES



We made some space on our shelves for the largest donation of Arfstrom sketchbooks and artwork. The donation has total of 473 items processed in 2022.



### Spanish Story Gathering Form

In 2021, ACHS unveiled a Story Gathering Form to help families through the process of recording their stories. Now, you'll find the same form translated into Spanish to help even more families document their legacy.

While we would love the content to come live in the museum archive for future generations, the critical thing is that Anoka County residents keep their stories alive within their families, organizations, or clubs. Please help us promote this tool through 2023!



## MALHM AWARD, PODCAST

ACHS received a Minnesota History Award from the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums (MALHM) for *History 21: The Podcast*. One committee member said, “This is a great example of a historical society taking risks and using the technologies available to them to accomplish their core mission of educating and interpreting history.” The podcast completed its second full year in 2022, featuring the Fridley tornado (complete with WCCO recordings), oral histories from the collection, and the Big Stoop Orchestra.



## LWV AWARD

The League of Women Voters, Anoka, Blaine, and Coon Rapids, presented ACHS with a Friend of the League Award. Given in appreciation of our partnership to celebrate their 100th anniversary, the award represents how relationships strengthen through a shared, mutual goal. ACHS curated the League’s research into an exhibition and companion publication, as well as an online exhibit, still available at [AnokaCountyHistory.org](http://AnokaCountyHistory.org)

## MCWATT FELLOWSHIP GRANT

ACHS teamed up with comrades at the history centers of Ramsey, Hennepin, and Dakota Counties for a partnership grant funded through the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund to offer the McWatt Fellowship. Each organization received two fellows who created ways for ACHS to preserve the story of African Americans in the county. Adem Ojulu recorded conversations with African immigrants speaking in their tribal language and cooking a traditional meal. Ben Mchie constructed a curriculum based on food traditions to guide community elders and students in a recorded conversation and story share called Street Teams.



## KEY TO THE ACHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Each member of the ACHS Board sits on one committee, and focuses on improving that aspect of the society. But what are they?

**GATHER COMMITTEE**—Committee members work directly with the Collections Manager to determine the content of the museum archive, direction of the exhibits, and future preservation needs.

**ENGAGE COMMITTEE**—These volunteers work with ACHS staff to plan events, programming, and outreach. Often these are the faces you'll see at festivals!

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**—Every organization needs the “nuts and bolts” people. This group develops the investment strategy, fulfills human resources needs, maintains the facility, and oversees the budget details.

**DEFINE IDENTITY**—Staying relevant and innovative takes effort, as does creating branding, mission, and developing new board members. This group works to professionalize our approach to the world and encourage questions.

### THE BOARD ON THE ROAD

The ACHS board of directors left their ZOOM meetings twice to spend time with other historical societies in the county this year.

Their visit to Linwood began with the sounds of historic machinery coming to life, followed by a tour of the Grange building. The Fridley Historical Society talked about their collection and newly installed Embers booth.



*ACHS and Linwood Historical Society board members by the Grange building.*

At both locations, board members exchanged ideas and compared processes needed to run their organizations smoothly. While we differ in size and budget, the passion and dedication of volunteers to maintain a repository for local history is equal. The Board would enjoy visiting other groups in 2023—any suggestions?



# What will 2023 Bring?



## NEW EXHIBITS


The time has come to take down Federal Cartridge and install new stories of our local residents. Our Storytelling exhibit will feature the research and preservation experiences of several families as examples of how you can organize our own heritage tale. Look for commonalities and differences as well as helpful tips!

## CEMETERY TOURS

Tickets will go on sale for the new and improved Cemetery Tours in Anoka, Ham Lake, and Centerville this May and June. After a decade of rest, these programs will tell the non-spooky tales of people, the meaning of their headstone symbolism, and some community history for context.

## FESTIVALS

Although we try, we can't be everywhere at once! Enter our new rotating city festival schedule, allowing us to see everyone once every three years.

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- Continued digitization of the ACHS collection
  - Creating additional interactive content for *History 21: The Vault* users
  - Maintaining the production value of *History 21: The Podcast*
  - Increasing participation from under-served geographical parts of the county
  - Converting social media followers into members, donors, and volunteers
  - Producing a Spanish language version of the *Ghosts of Anoka Walking Tour*
  - Increasing capacity for guests to participate in the *Ghosts of Anoka Walking Tour*
  - Teaching middle school Creative Writing students how to use primary resources
  - Creating a collections storage solution for our space limitations
  - Implementing a more formal recruitment process for board members
  - Continuing to expand the online exhibits available on our website
  - Producing an interactive, engaging Storytelling exhibit

# 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Anoka County Historical Society

Budget vs. Actuals: budget FY2022 - FY22 P&L

January - December 2022

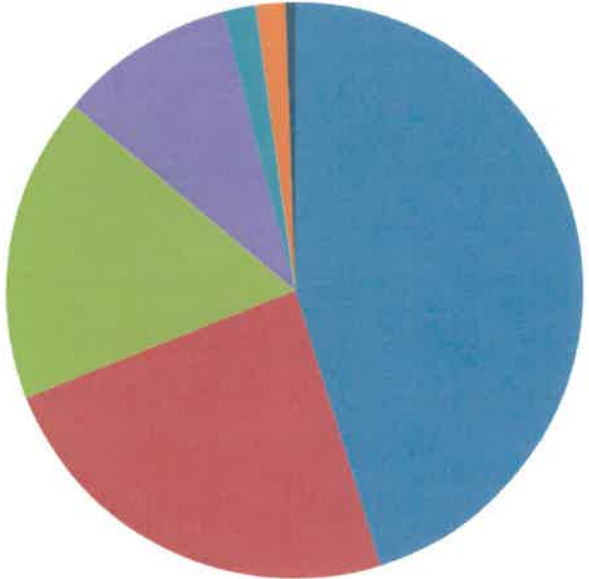
	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
<b>Revenue</b>				
Inkind Revenue	85,546.39	88,085.04	-2,538.65	97.12 %
Sales	215.01	200.00	15.01	107.51 %
Sales of Product Revenue	693.34		693.34	
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>				
Anoka County	162,823.00	162,823.00	0.00	100.00 %
Donations	57,884.11	71,100.00	-13,215.89	81.41 %
Interest Income	7.62	300.00	-292.38	2.54 %
Membership Dues	6,135.50	4,800.00	1,335.50	127.82 %
Other Income	688.90		688.90	
Programs and Events	33,255.01	25,850.00	7,405.01	129.85 %
Sales	1,082.58	1,884.10	-801.52	84.28 %
<b>Total TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>251,858.72</b>	<b>258,157.10</b>	<b>-6,298.38</b>	<b>98.34 %</b>
Uncategorized Revenue		520.75	-520.75	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$338,111.46</b>	<b>\$344,982.89</b>	<b>\$ -6,871.43</b>	<b>98.01 %</b>
Cost of Goods Sold	\$0.00	\$42.64	\$ -42.64	0.00 %
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$338,111.46</b>	<b>\$344,920.35</b>	<b>\$ -6,808.89</b>	<b>98.03 %</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Advertising	797.20	658.00	139.20	121.16 %
Auto Expense		154.00	-154.00	
Bank Service Charges	336.59	2,200.00	-1,863.41	15.30 %
Building Expenses	42,520.28	37,194.55	5,325.71	114.32 %
Computer/Software Expense	11,046.48	10,000.00	1,046.48	110.46 %
Dues and Subscriptions	3,319.09	2,800.00	519.09	118.54 %
Food	267.23	200.00	67.23	133.62 %
Furniture & Other Equipment	737.67	200.00	537.67	368.84 %
Gifts	115.80	200.00	-84.20	57.90 %
Human Resources Expense	884.85	2,230.00	-1,345.15	39.68 %
Inkind Rent	80,000.04	80,000.04	0.00	100.00 %
Insurance	6,823.89	5,339.29	1,484.60	124.08 %
Museum Exhibit Expense	4,248.98	2,000.00	2,248.98	212.45 %
Networking	100.00	200.00	-100.00	50.00 %
Office Supplies	5,465.28	7,200.00	-1,734.72	75.91 %
<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>190,491.93</b>	<b>208,724.00</b>	<b>-18,232.07</b>	<b>91.28 %</b>
Postage and Delivery	1,541.97	2,800.00	-1,258.03	55.07 %
Preservation Supplies	2,280.90	4,000.00	-1,719.10	57.02 %
Printing and Reproduction	8,643.97	2,800.00	5,843.97	308.71 %
Professional Fees	18,207.16	9,450.00	8,757.16	192.67 %
Program Expense	1,367.11	8,000.00	-6,632.89	17.09 %
Purchases	635.58	200.00	435.58	317.79 %
QuickBooks Payments Fees	29.71	23.89	5.82	124.36 %
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.20		0.20	
refund	-50.00	-6.00	-44.00	833.33 %
Repair/Maintenance-Non-Building	89.83		89.83	
Sales Tax Expense	137.00	400.00	-263.00	34.25 %
Travel Expense	1,182.24	1,000.00	182.24	118.22 %
Uncategorized Expenditure	65.99		65.99	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$361,086.94</b>	<b>\$367,867.77</b>	<b>\$ -6,880.83</b>	<b>98.29 %</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -42,975.48</b>	<b>\$ -49,047.42</b>	<b>\$ 71.94</b>	<b>99.83 %</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>				
Investment Revenue	-57,885.86	33,271.55	-91,157.41	-173.98 %
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ -57,885.86</b>	<b>\$ 33,271.55</b>	<b>\$ -91,157.41</b>	<b>-173.98 %</b>
Other Expenditures	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$ -25,000.00	0.00 %
<b>NET OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -57,885.86</b>	<b>\$ 8,271.55</b>	<b>\$ -66,157.41</b>	<b>-669.82 %</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -100,861.34</b>	<b>\$ -34,775.87</b>	<b>\$ -66,085.47</b>	<b>290.03 %</b>

Notes: While significantly short of zero, the net operating revenue came in nearly perfect compared to the amount the board of directors budgeted for 2022. The ACHS investments felt a loss, which negates the gain made in 2020. "Professional Fees" includes payments to accountants for the compilation and form 990 and grant costs for the Federal Cartridge Oral History Project. "Building Expenses" includes utility payments, repairs, janitorial services, pest control, and security monitoring.



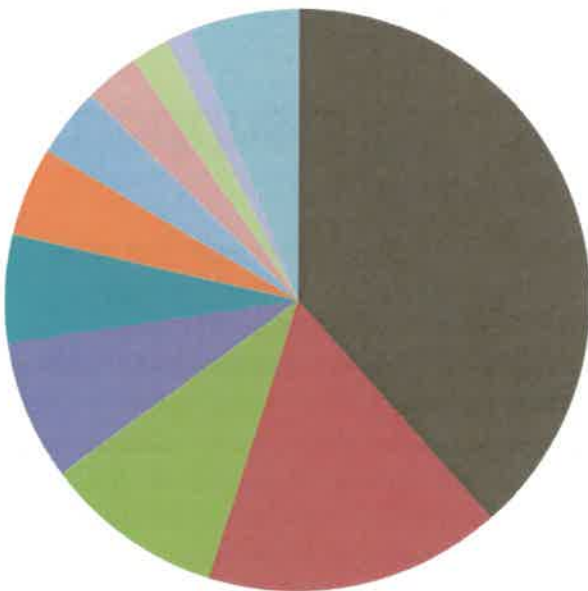
## REVENUE

- Anoka County
- Anoka, City In-kind Rent
- Donations
- Programs & Events
- Membership Dues
- In-Kind, other
- Sales



## EXPENDITURES

- Building Expenses
- Professional Fees
- Computer/Software
- Printing & Reproduction
- Insurance
- Office Supplies
- Museum Exhibit Expense
- Dues & Subscriptions
- Preservation Supplies
- Postage & Delivery
- Other



\* Excludes Payroll

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**History Center Hours—Spring Hours begin April 1**

Closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday

Tuesday 1-7 p.m., Wednesday-Friday 10-4 p.m.

Call us for a research reservation or to schedule shenanigans!

**ACHS Board Meetings**

Second Thursday of each month. 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Open to membership and the public. Find the link to attend digitally at [AnokaCountyHistory.org](http://AnokaCountyHistory.org) on the calendar.

**ANOKA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING**

**When:** March 16, 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Anoka County History Center

"After a short business meeting to introduce Kristen Woizeschke, the Adult Services Librarian at the Rum River branch of the Anoka County Library System to exploring partnerships for co-hosting future genealogy classes and programing, our spring program will be a discussion from all of you about something or someone you were surprised to find when doing your genealogy research. Be ready to share this unexpected discovery with the group."

**CEMETERY TOURS! - SAVE THE DATE.** Tickets will be available April 1.

Glen Carey Cemetery, Ham Lake. May 6, June 3

St. Genevieve Cemetery, Ceneterville. Tentative May 20, June 10.

Forest Hill Cemetery, Anoka. June 17, June 24

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