

2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Charting a Course for the Future

Memories and Connections

AMM continues to serve as a community anchor for special events and a place where memories are made. From first dances at weddings to 10 consecutive weeks of dancing nights away at AMM's Summer Concert Series, the Museum and Park remains a beloved gathering place for the entire Annapolis community.

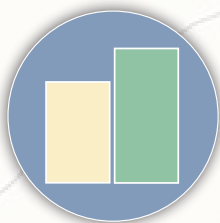
The Park Campus welcomed Eco-Goats and hosted the first September Sunset Concert Series with a waterfront backdrop.



Park Campus September Sunsets Series



**AN AVERAGE OF
500 PEOPLE
ATTEND EACH
SUMMER CONCERT**



**30% INCREASE IN
WINTER LECTURE
SERIES ATTENDANCE
SINCE 2016**



**5TH CONSECUTIVE
YEAR WEDDINGWIRE'S
COUPLE'S CHOICE
AWARD**

The Keel of the Museum

Our inspirational and hard-working volunteers continue to be the heart of our organization. Their selflessness, time and talent are the engine behind the Museum's daily operations, programs and events.

Maritime Traditions

An authentic and unique Annapolis tradition:
The Annual Annapolis Oyster Roast & Sock Burning

*It's the first of the season, at the Spring equinox,
A rightful tradition to burn all our socks.
Goodbye to winter, only deck shoes we wear!
Though the socks we are burning leave a stink in the air!*



**241 VOLUNTEERS AND 6000
VOLUNTEER HOURS**

"From its small aquarium to its oyster shells, and its sailboat outside to the breathtaking views from the dock, this venue was perfect and fit with historic Annapolis so well." Groom, July 2018



From Our Chairman

Our Mission

Dear AMM Community,

2018 has truly been a landmark year in the Museum's history. From the addition of the skipjack *Wilma Lee*, to the newly refurbished Education Center at the Ellen O. Moyer Nature Park, the Annapolis Maritime Museum and Park (AMM) has made great strides in the significant expansion of its programs and positive impact on the community.

AMM's education programs expanded to 10,000 participants, and this year marked the merger of the Box of Rain (BOR) programs. Additionally, we added Jay Fleming's photographic exhibit on Bay ecology and today's watermen.

Above all, we could not preserve the maritime heritage that forms the cultural foundation of Annapolis without your support.

Whatever you love about Annapolis and the Chesapeake Bay region, we hope you find some elements of these experiences reflected in the Museum. Thanks to you -- our donors, volunteers, and partners -- we are charting a bold new course for the future of AMM.



BOR Build-A-Boat Program



I appreciate your continued investment in AMM, and I look forward to seeing you at the Museum and Park in 2019.

Thank you again,
Carol B. Sisco, Ph.D.
Chairman of the Board

A Beacon

Built in 1875 and now a National Historic Landmark, Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse is the last "intact" lighthouse of its kind left in its original location. The lighthouse has been beautifully restored by the U.S. Lighthouse Society; interior tours are offered in partnership with AMM.

The Annapolis Maritime Museum and Park educates youth and adults about the Annapolis area's rich maritime heritage and the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay through programs, exhibits and community events.

Expanding Our Impact

In July, AMM merged with Box of Rain and assumed their maritime programs under the AMM umbrella. This successful and long-standing nonprofit focused on serving kids living in public and subsidized housing. This partnership provides the opportunity for AMM to serve the same local children year after year, creating a lifelong connection to the maritime fabric of our community.



**EACH BOR YOUTH RECEIVED
OVER 100 HOURS ANNUALLY OF
MARITIME-THEMED INSTRUCTION
AND MENTORSHIP.**



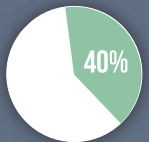
Charting Our Future with Education

Because of your ongoing support, AMM's newly acquired Park Campus began full operations in 2018. After tremendous improvements to the campus grounds, the Park now permanently houses the Education Center. With a new patio and a third classroom to accommodate more students, the year-round impact of the Museum's education programs has now reached 10,000 participants per year.

This year AMM expanded its signature Oyster Education Program to six Anne Arundel County middle schools, seeing 1500 students with each student receiving six hours of science and environmental literacy lessons. In partnership with Watermark and Chesapeake Bay Trust, this expansive program includes an oyster dissection, interview with a working waterman and a boat ride to plant oyster spat on a sanctuary reef.

Additional expansion includes:

- Little Skipjacks – Pre-K students use their senses to explore, touch, and observe live Bay animals.
- Chesapeake Champions – Second graders go seining, conduct experiments, grow and plant Bay grasses.
- Summer Camps – Campers develop their connection to the natural world as they investigate 12 wooded acres, a secluded cove and nature trails.



40% OF STUDENTS ARE PART OF FREE & REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

"LITTLE SKIPJACKS" GREW 30%, EXPANDED TO INCLUDE LOCAL HEAD START PROGRAMS



"My son had an amazing week at camp this week. He especially loved the time by the water catching crabs and fish. He also really enjoyed the painting and the hike. He will 100% be back next summer."
Summer Camper Parent



The Compass

Connecting to our past is the way we give people inspiration for the future. The Museum's main exhibits, docks, decks and beach at the mouth of Back Creek provide unique access to the Chesapeake Bay. The Museum exhibits focus on two core interpretive themes:

- Working Waterfront in since the founding of Annapolis
- Bay Ecology & Bay Health

We have enhanced the Museum with three new attractions:

- The Skipjack Exhibit – new temporary exhibit telling the story of Bronza Parks and *Wilma Lee*
- Oyster Wars Cannon – on loan from Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Marine Deck Chronometer – on loan from Ulysse Nardin

AMM exhibits ensure that our maritime heritage is preserved and interpreted in meaningful and relevant ways so that it can be cherished for generations to come.



2,360 BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY COLLECTION

**AMM CURATOR, CAITLIN SWAIM
RECEIVED THE 2018 FOUR RIVERS
PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD**



A Year at AMM

Jan :
Jay Fleming
Art Show Begins

Jan:
Winter Lecture 8-Week
Series Begins

March:
Oyster Roast & Sock Burning

Our Logo Brought to Life

This year, a major milestone in the life of the Museum was reached with the acquisition of our very own skipjack, the *Wilma Lee*. AMM's skipjack was welcomed home in the summer with a signal canon firing shots to officially announce the arrival to a cheering crowd.



The *Wilma Lee* is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The skipjack is a quintessential symbol of the region's maritime heritage. After refurbishment in the months ahead, this iconic vessel will elevate AMM's programs to a new level.

"We look forward to seeing students and museum visitors aboard the Wilma Lee. Our education programs and exhibits have always been hands-on, but what an authentic experience it will be to really show people what it was like to work in the oyster industry 80 years ago."

- Alice Estrada, Executive Director



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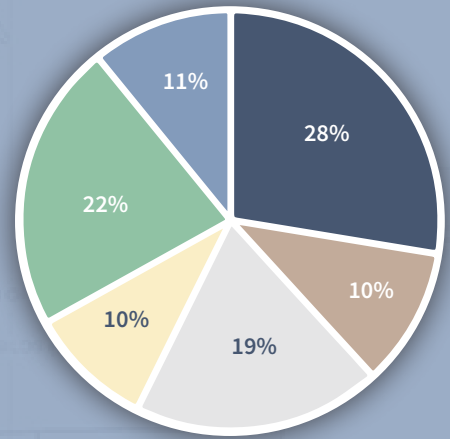
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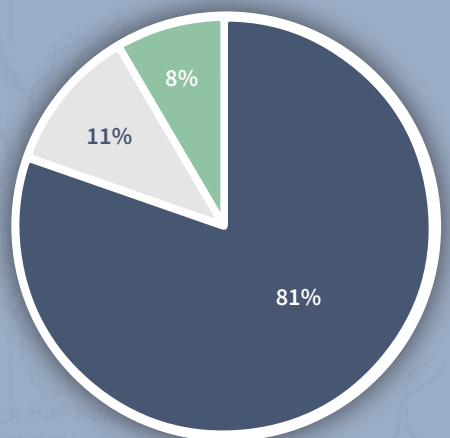
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2017 Revenue

28% | \$324,294 Contributions
10% | \$112,803 Program
19% | \$224,765 Facility Rental
10% | \$127,948 In-Kind
22% | \$260,747 Special Events
11% | \$124,821 Grants



2017 Expenses

81% | \$829,103 Program
11% | \$115,660 Gen & Admin
8% | \$87,176 Fundraising

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