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ANNAPOLIS MARITIME MUSEUM & PARK

2016-2017 **ANNUAL REPORT**



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OUR MISSION The Annapolis Maritime Museum and Park (AMMP) 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.



The trails, woodlands and plazas within newly acquired Back Creek Nature Park are being cleared and returned to public use and enjoyment. The first floor of the once derelict Waterworks Building has been entirely rehabilitated with classrooms for over 8,000 kids who participated in the Museum’s education programs this year. At the McNasby building, plans are now complete for entirely new and engaging exhibits that will replace the original installation in the exhibit hall.

The simple fact is that AMMP has reached a level of vitality and community engagement that could not have been envisioned even a year ago. This evolution has brought with it an entirely new set of opportunities that will allow AMMP to build upon and expand its intimate linkage with the history, culture and ecology that define the unique Annapolis spirit. This has always been at the core of AMMP’s success.

All of this holds great promise for the future and will make 2018 a formative year.

However, this Report is about 2017, which has been extraordinary in every way thanks to the energy and creativity of a terrific staff, led by Alice Estrada, a committed and visionary Board, and ultimately because of the Museum’s incredibly supportive members, volunteers, donors and sponsors who are the foundation for all that has been achieved.

Thank you all.
Eric Rubin, Chairman

Dear AMMP Community,

This Annual Report documents the amazing progress, indeed the amazing transformation, that Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park has achieved in 2017. That transformation is most clearly reflected in the name change that appears here for the first time in an Annual Report. But that is simply one manifestation of what has been achieved this year.

Childhood education programs have expanded exponentially. Attendance at lectures, art shows and community-based programs all have reached new levels of participation. AMMP membership has increased almost 25 percent.

OUR CAMPUSES.



The historic **McNasby Oyster Company** was the last oyster packing plant in Annapolis and serves as the home of the Annapolis Maritime Museum. The maritime heritage exhibits, environmental programs, and engaging community events held at the McNasby Campus have established the AMMP as a beloved community anchor. With a direct view of the Chesapeake Bay, the Campus also provides rare Bay access for canoe and kayak launch.

Located across Back Creek from the McNasby Campus is the new **Park Campus**. This 12-acre Park meets the growing demand of AMMP’s education programs connecting students to their local history and to the Nation’s largest estuary, the Chesapeake Bay. The Park and building were neglected for over a decade and the Museum has begun a revitalization of the campus and the building with dramatic results. The 1934 Waterworks Building now holds two classrooms for education programming.



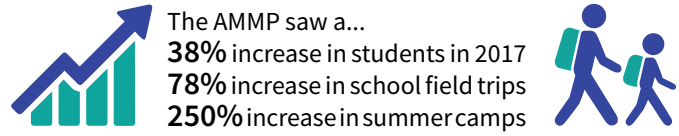
WE CREATE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS.

Our unique and innovative outdoor education programs connect our students to the Chesapeake Bay’s history, ecology, and culture, inspiring them to establish a strong environmental ethic and a connection to the place they live.

Did you know? The AMMP’s programs fulfill the State of Maryland’s environmental literacy requirement and also provide STEM/STEAM based learning opportunities.

Learning in natural environments boosts performance in reading, writing, math, science and social studies.

(Source: Children & Nature Network)



“I loved the boat ride and how we got to put the oysters in a safe place. I learned that it is very important for the water to be clean so it can sustain all the marine life that lives in the Bay. Thank you for taking the time to teach us, it was lots of fun!”

– 6th grade student at Annapolis Middle School

In 2017, the Museum saw a



in visitation,

a free new audio tour for the Museum exhibits,

and the Four Rivers Heritage Area Stewardship Award presented to John Gudas.

WHY LOCAL HISTORY MATTERS.

The AMMP is the only institution in the state’s capital that focuses on the rich maritime history and the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay, and how it has shaped the regional identity of the city. Our local history defines us and gives us all a sense of belonging. It’s our job to broadcast this information to as many audiences as possible, like the story of Arnie Gay, a hardworking dedicated sailor who transformed the Annapolis waterfront from workboats to recreational boating. Visit Arnie’s complete story on our online portal.

In 2017 our focus on **Maritime Heritage** included:

- Cataloging 101 Oral Histories donated as part of the Mike Miron Collection
- Building research library collection of local maritime history
- Commission new exhibit design concepts for the Museum



THE ANNAPOLIS MARITIME MUSEUM AND PARK: THEN & NOW



1886

McNasby family begins the McNasby Oyster Company.

1918

McNasby family opens the Eastport facility for business.

1973

William Joseph McNasby Jr. gives

City of Annapolis established a Maritime Zoning District to protect maritime business from development pressure. With help from the State of Maryland, the City of Annapolis purchases the McNasby’s property.

1986

the business and the Eastport building to his friend John W. Turner and his wife Mary Lou Turner.

1990

The Annapolis Maritime Museum was founded originally as the Eastport Historical Committee. The small barge house was designated as a museum by the Mayor and became known as The Barge House Museum.

2000

The committee officially amended a new name: the “Annapolis Maritime Museum.”

2003

The Museum’s campus suffered severe damage during Hurricane Isabel, and set a course toward rebuilding as a world-class center for preserving and teaching maritime heritage.

ONE MUSEUM. TWO LOCATIONS.

Over 265 hours of oral maritime history transcribed and preserved.



Over 38,000 students participating in AMMP programs since its inception in 2007.

WE CONNECT COMMUNITY AND ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE.

- Thousands attended our 2017 Tides & Tunes summer concert series
- Offered another outstanding Winter Lecture Series on maritime heritage and Bay ecology
- Sold out events – Boatyard Beach Bash and Annapolis Oyster Roast and Sock Burning
- Proud owner and gateway for Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse tours



OUR VENUE WITH BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE CHESAPEAKE.



“The Museum’s waterfront setting in historic Eastport evokes the spirit of old Annapolis. Unique, charming and memorable.”

– Mother of the Groom, May 2017

The Museum saw 43 couples tie the knot and 55 community celebrations and corporate events in 2017

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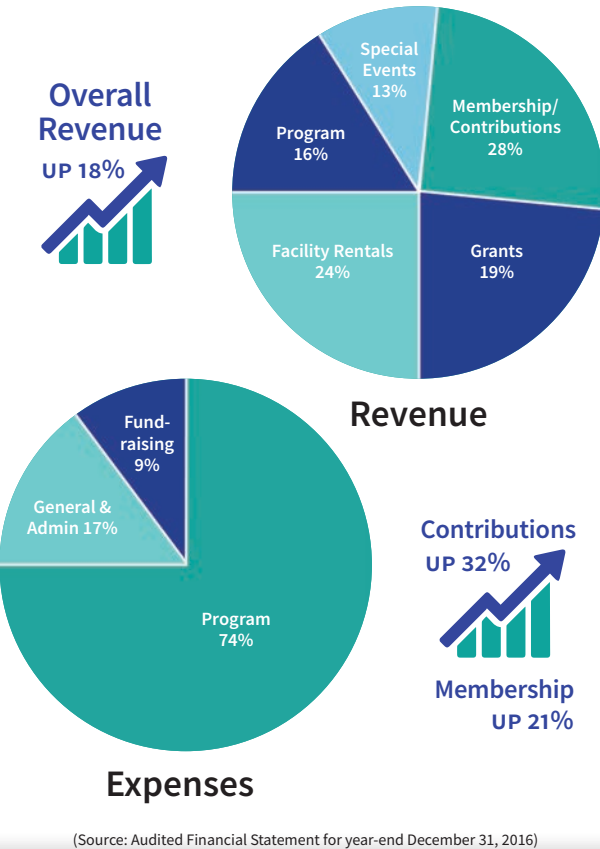
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AMM assumes ownership of the Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse in partnership with the City of Annapolis and the US Lighthouse Society.

The Education Center is launched at the Annapolis Maritime Museum and offers environmental education programs to 300 students from Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

The First Annual Oyster Roast and Sock Burning is held on the Museum's Campus.

The Museum acquires the 12-acre Ellen O. Moyer Nature Park at Back Creek. The Museum grows to the Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park.



2004

2005

Parrotheads united for the First Annual Boatyard Beach Bash.

2007

2008

The McNasby Oyster Company renovation is completed.

2010

The building becomes a Museum, gallery, educational center and community meeting space.

2015

AMM in partnership with Department of Natural Resources and Chesapeake Bay Trust installs a living shoreline on the site of the McNasby's Oyster Company.

2016

2017

Revitalization of the new Park campus is underway including the conversion of a 1934 Waterworks Building to two new education classrooms.

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