



PRESERVATION  
PARTNERS of the  
FOX VALLEY

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of Preservation Partners is to offer heritage education and to promote the appreciation and preservation of the Fox Valley's rich architectural and historical resources.

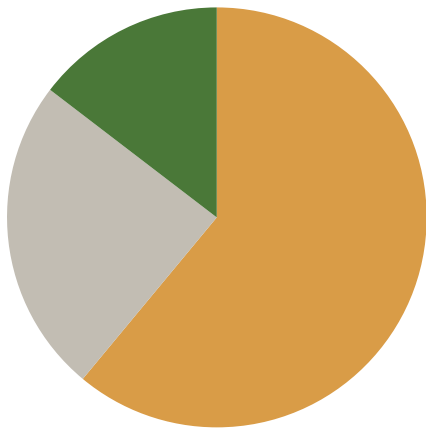


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# 2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## ASSETS

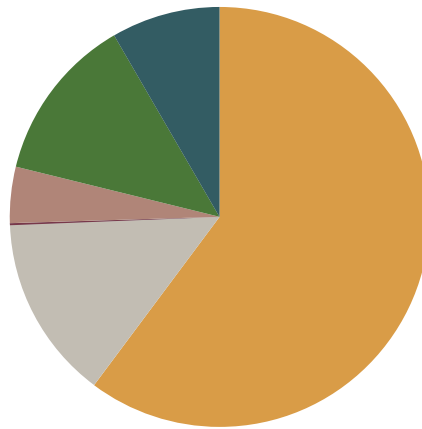


Total: **\$410,542**

- Artifacts
- Cash on Hand\*
- Buildings

\*Cash on hand includes investment accounts and rainy-day funds

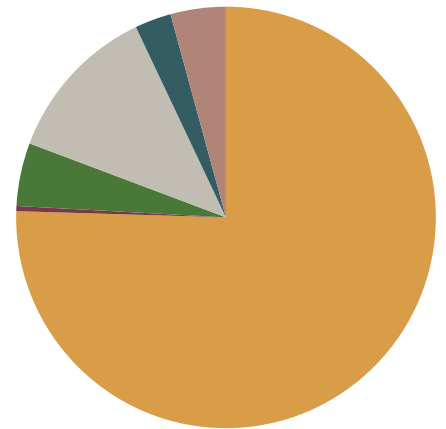
## INCOME



Total: **\$166,153**

- Museum Income
- Donations
- Memberships
- Beith Assessment Donations
- Contractual Agreements and Grants
- Events and Programs

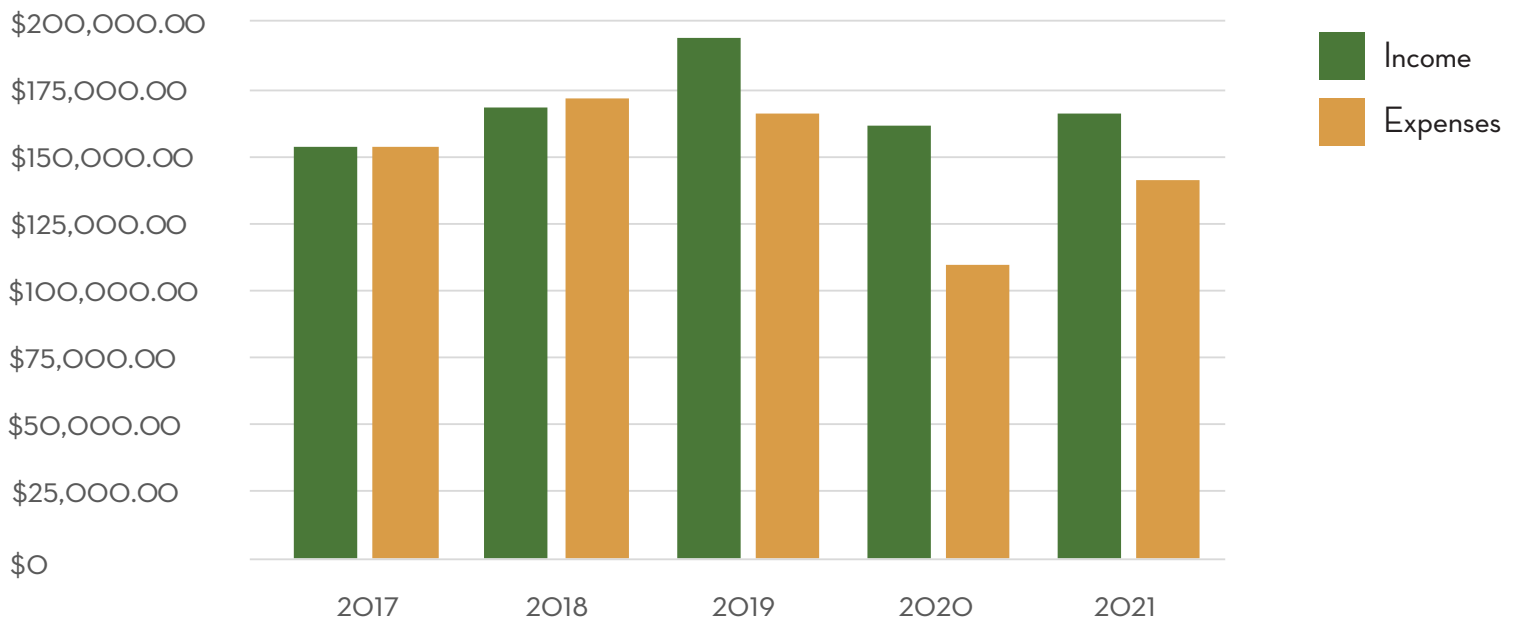
## EXPENSES



Total: **\$141,700**

- Museums/Education
- Members
- Overhead
- Payroll and Employer Taxes
- Beith Assessment Expenses
- Events and Programs

## INCOME AND EXPENSES: A BRIEF HISTORY





## QUICK STATS

**4,667**



Followers on Social Media  
(15.67% increase from 2020)

**9,753**



Visitors to Museum Sites

**\$23,518**



Membership Joins  
and Renewals

**\$11,260**



From 54 donors for the  
Beith Assessment

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS

### 1. Museums OPEN!

After a year of lonely halls, the Fabyan Villa opened its doors again in May for guided tours highlighting the Riverbank Estate's storied history. A limited volunteer pool and continued restrictions because of COVID-19 meant that we were only able to have the museum open two days a week in lieu of our typical four. **Still, we welcomed almost 7,000 people to the Villa and Japanese Garden!** Comparatively, in 2019, we welcomed just over 8,000 visitors. That's 88% visitation in 50% of the time! We also hosted our first-ever Winterlights event in the Japanese Garden. Over 1,400 people visited the Garden during winter evenings at the end of 2021 to see the Garden bathed in lights. For a first try at this big event, we were so pleased that so many people came out!

### 2. Celebrated with Members and Volunteers

As a "thank-you" for sticking with us through the circumstances of the past couple of years, we decided to welcome our members to a Summer's End concert in the Japanese Garden in late August. Then, since we had so much fun there, we welcomed our members back in September for our first Apple-Bee at the Durant House! It was so wonderful to see our friends' faces again, and to celebrate the fall apple harvest.

In November, we were able to thank our volunteers for their contributions throughout the year at a Volunteer Appreciation event held at the St. Charles History Museum. We look forward to continuing to celebrate our volunteers and members in 2022!

### 3. Beith House Assessment Project

In a two-week period in March, 54 donations came through to match the \$2,500 provided through the Landmarks Illinois Preservation Heritage Fund Grant Program! The combined \$13,760 paid for a full architectural and mechanical/electrical/plumbing (MEP) assessment of the Beith House. We also contracted a structural engineer to perform a structural assessment of the building to support the full architectural and MEP assessment. A cost estimate was then established from the completed report, giving us a ballpark number that will guide our building use and scope of work determinations.

### 4. Strategic Plan

We unveiled our strategic plan in August 2021! The plan, designed to be flexible enough to roll with the changes of time but rigid enough to be a strong guide for PPFV as we learn and grow. Visit [ppfv.org/our-accountability](http://ppfv.org/our-accountability) to view the plan.

### 5. Historic Preservation Education

New staff means new energy--and we got that with Al Watts, our new Community Engagement Director! He is focusing his energy on engaging with and educating the community about the importance of historic preservation in the Tri-Cities. We have many, *many, many* new ideas that we'll be implementing soon!



# INITIATIVES FOR 2022

## BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Below are just a handful of the initiatives PPFV staff and the Board of Directors are pursuing in 2022.

### Back to Being Together

2022 will see the return of some of our favorite events! Plans are already in place for our second Farm-to-Table event on the Durant House Lawn, as well as a revival of the Treasures of the Tri-Cities event. Museum events like estate walks at the Fabyan Forest Preserve and monthly events at LeRoy Oakes will be revived as well. Follow us on social media and check your mail for news about upcoming events!



### Focus on Education

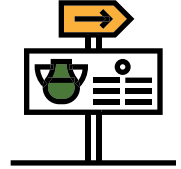


Preservation Partners is working to increase our impact on preserving the Fox Valley's history through education. In 2022 we will be highlighting the economic benefits of historic preservation, providing resources for building owners, and hosting educational events for members of all ages. We are cultivating relationships with local historic preservation commissions, city council members, cities' staff, real estate professionals, and key stakeholders in the community. We are working to generate positive, proactive support for historic preservation through positive educational experiences.

### Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Tracking



Much like any business, non-profits need to track key pieces of data to make sure they are actually making progress towards achieving their mission. This is where Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) come in. KPIs are critical indicators of progress toward an intended result, meaning that collected data informs whether true progress is being made. In our case, we will be taking key measurables and monitoring them over time to determine our effectiveness toward achieving the benchmarks outlined in the strategic plan's four Focus Areas.



We are in the beginning stages of implementing this tracking, but this is an important first step toward making real progress toward our mission. Visit our website for a refresher on the strategic plan's four Focus Areas.

## BEITH HOUSE CONDITION ASSESSMENT



Perhaps the biggest project on our radar in 2022 is continuing our efforts regarding the Beith House condition assessment that was performed in 2021. A very robust scope of work was created from the assessment and a very conservative cost estimate was developed from that. Over the coming months, the Board of Directors—with input from our members, volunteers, staff, and other community members—will determine the best future use for the Beith House and whittle down the scope of work to a manageable project that will help PPFV work towards its mission. Look for more information soon!

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