



White Bear Lake Area
Historical Society
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The White Bear Lake Area Historical Society's 2015 At-a-Glance

Memberships: 470 **Core Weekly Volunteers:** 8 **Event Volunteers:** 135 **Research Contacts:** 375

Presentations/Events: 67 **Facebook Fans:** 2153 **Email newsletter Subscribers:** 1272

52 Weekly "Matoska Memories" in *The White Bear Press*

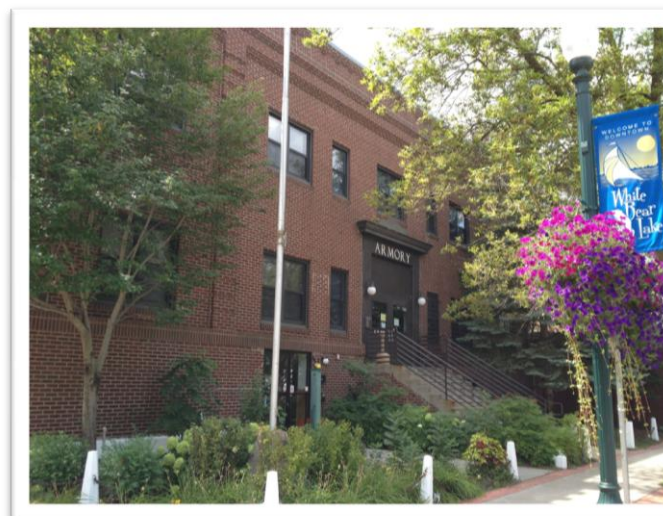
12 Monthly "Last Glance" pieces in the *White Bear Lake Magazine* & Articles in *Town Life Magazine*

Major Accomplishments: Two buildings saved & museum self-assessment completed

2015 Board Members: Jenni Corbett, President Rheanna Raymond, Vice President
Brady Ramsay, Treasurer Kim Godfrey, Secretary Jo Emerson Shawn Mullaney Michelle Vadnais

Executive Director: Sara Markoe Hanson

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2015 Annual Report



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Proudly preserving the stories of Birchwood, Dellwood, Mahtomedi, White Bear Lake and White Bear Township!

Message from the Executive Director, Sara Markoe Hanson

The White Bear Lake Area Historical Society accomplished much throughout 2015. The Fillebrown House Structural Stabilization Project was completed by late spring and we were back open to the public in time for school groups to visit. Much of the summer was spent at community events and completing the American Alliance of Museums Self-Assessment Program. In the fall the White Bear Town Hall was relocated to Polar Lakes Park to be restored. The research and outreach through publications and presentations around the communities we serve continued and interest in our history has never been greater. With the many changes throughout



our area the work we do is all that more important to maintain the unique sense of place that is our home.

Program Series Returns to New RCL - White Bear Library in April

With the opening of the new White Bear Lake Branch of the Ramsey County Library the WBLAHS is back to presenting twice monthly programs to an average of 36 attendees per session. Don't forget to check out the historic photos displayed throughout the library if you come by for a program.

Attendees enjoy a program in the new meeting room at the White Bear Library. Photo by Meg



WBLAHS Mission

The White Bear Lake Area Historical Society connects the community to its past, cultivating an understanding and appreciation for our history.

We fulfill our mission by:

- Gathering and maintaining historical information and artifacts.
We are safe keepers of our heritage.
- Educating the community about our history.
We are the community storytellers.
- Encouraging personal and community responsibility for preserving our physical links to the past.
We are advocates for historical preservation.

The Fillebrown House Re-Opens to Public

Through the generous support of our community and the two grants from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund the Fillebrown House was once again open for tours, programs and events in 2015. The Structural Stabilization Project was completed and the Fillebrown was open for our regular summer tours and school groups. Thank you to all who made this project possible! The focus in 2016 will be on exterior repairs and painting.

The WBLAHS was also the recipient of a 2015 Community Beautification Grant from the Mahtomedi Garden Club. The funds provided new plants and mulch for the grounds at the Fillebrown House.



Income by Category

| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| DUES | \$ 8,470 | \$ 13,752 | \$ 16,173 |
| DONATIONS | \$ 71,154 | \$ 73,529 | \$ 62,661 |
| GRANTS | \$ 11,000 | \$ 11,135 | \$ 21,496 |
| TOURS/PROG | \$ 32,040 | \$ 22,639 | \$ 30,080 |
| SALES | \$ 9,207 | \$ 9,047 | \$ 7,717 |
| TOTAL IN | \$131,871 | \$130,102 | \$ 138,127 |

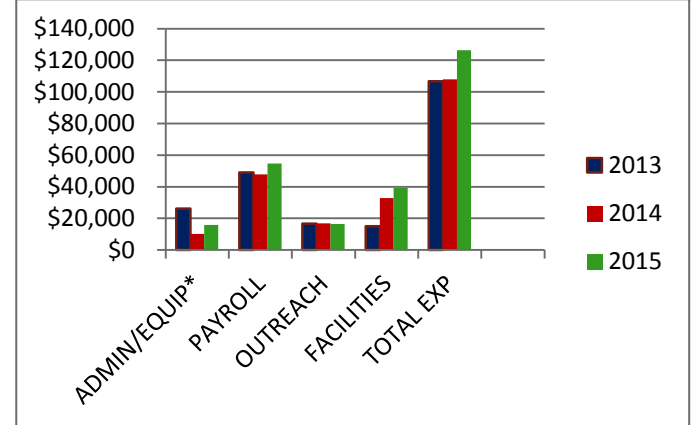
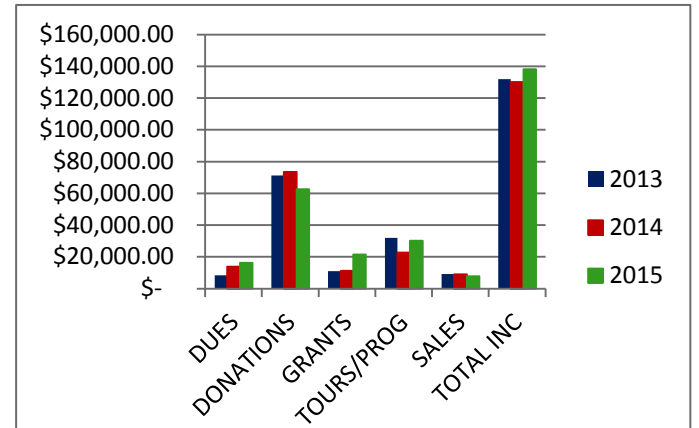
*2013 & 2014 DONATION FIGURES INCLUDE THE "MAKE THE FILLEBROWN HOUSE SHINE" FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN.

Expense by Category

| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| ADMIN/EQUIP* | \$ 26,161 | \$ 10,193 | \$ 15,902 |
| PAYROLL | \$ 49,128 | \$ 47,901 | \$ 54,681 |
| OUTREACH | \$ 16,570 | \$ 16,815 | \$ 16,469 |
| FACILITIES | \$ 14,950 | \$ 32,930 | \$ 39,279 |
| TOTAL EXP | \$ 106,809 | \$107,839 | \$126,331 |

*2013 ADMIN/EQUIP FIGURE INCLUDES A \$9800 EXPENDITURE OF A GRANT TO PURCHASE MICROFILM EQUIPMENT. 2014 & 2015 FACILITIES FIGURE INCLUDES FILLEBROWN HOUSE STRUCTURAL STABILIZATION COSTS.

The most recent IRS 990 and WBLAHS FY 2015 Balance Sheet are available on the "About Us" page at www.whitebearhistory.org.



White Bear Town Hall Finds a Home at Polar Lakes Park

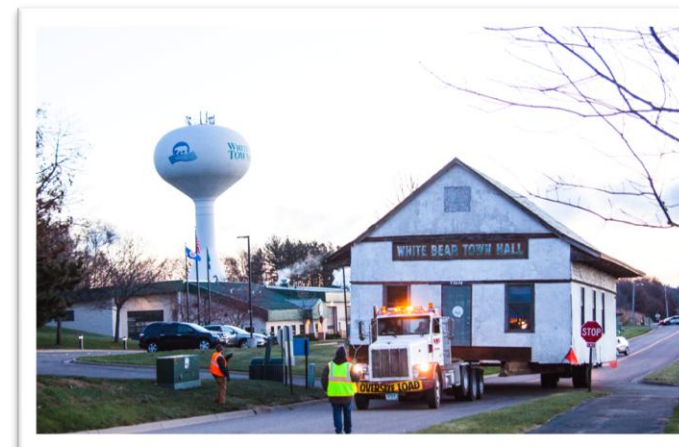
Just after the stroke of midnight switching the calendar to November 21st, 2015, the White Bear Town Hall pulled out of its longtime home on Hoffman Road on its way to its fourth, and hopefully final, site.

Crews worked throughout the chilly November night to get the structure safely to Polar Lakes Park on Hammond Road just after 7:00am. To follow the journey through photos and video check us out at [Facebook.com/whitebearhistory](https://www.facebook.com/whitebearhistory).

The historic 1885 Cass Gilbert designed structure will be restored as a physical link to White Bear Township's past and a tool to tell the stories of our area.



Photos by Matt Todd



Thank you to all who came out for Town Board meetings, wrote to Town Board members or voiced your opinion about the Town Hall throughout this process. **You made a difference!**

