



LMC ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Our mission is to tell the story of Muskegon County by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the history of its people and natural environment.



**LAKESHORE
MUSEUM CENTER**



WHAT DRIVES US:

2024 Annual Report



2024 was an amazing year for fundraising, community engagement, and planning for the future. We did over \$500,000 in capital improvements, including replacing the Hackley House roof, the Fire Barn doors, the Hume House dining room window, and the Scolnik House of the Depression Era turret. We also removed the asbestos lining the pipes under the Muskegon Museum of History & Science. Currently, the board and staff are working through the strategic plan and making great strides.



Muskegon Museum of History & Science 38,732 total visitation

Number of Visitors to the Museum **17,067**

Number of School Participants **12,907**

Number of Program Participants (non-school) **8,758**



Muskegon Historic Sites 13,615 total visitation

Number of Visitors to the Museums **9,241**

Number of School Participants **1,936**

Number of Program Participants (non-school) **2,438**



Heritage Museum of Business & Industry 3,843 total visitation

Number of Visitors to the Museum **1,950**

Number of School Participants **1,151**

Number of Program Participants (non-school) **742**

Combined Museum Visitation
56,190

2024 Volunteer Hours
6,199.32 given by 151 volunteers

2024 ACQUISITIONS IN REVIEW

Learning Together

2024 Acquisitions in Review

The Lakeshore Museum Center (LMC) actively collects objects and archival material relevant to Muskegon County's natural and cultural history. In 2024, 570 objects were offered to the museum as donations.

These items are reviewed by the Acquisitions Committee and the Board of Trustees for their relevance to Muskegon County, condition, and the ability for

the LMC to care for the objects. Through that process, 217 objects were selected to join the collection in 2024.

Once an object becomes part of the collection, it does not always stay in storage. Objects and archival materials are used in exhibits and programs, researched by community members, and available digitally on the public portal.

Brenda Nemetz, Collections Manager and Registrar

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Research Requests

10,459

Objects Exhibited in 7 Museums

12,650

Objects Viewable on the Public Portal



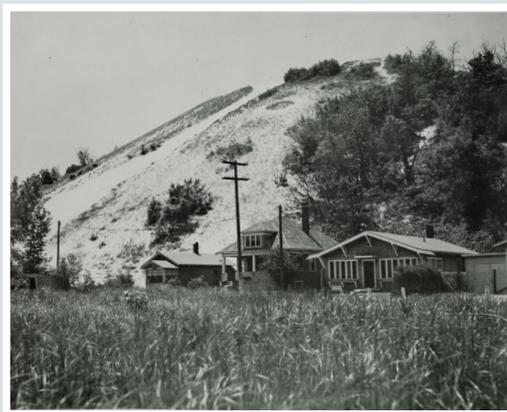
A 4.25 x 8 inch artillery shell casing manufactured by Westran in the 1970s. Text on the front reads, "BOMB FRAGMENTATION U-49 A/B LOADED DATE."



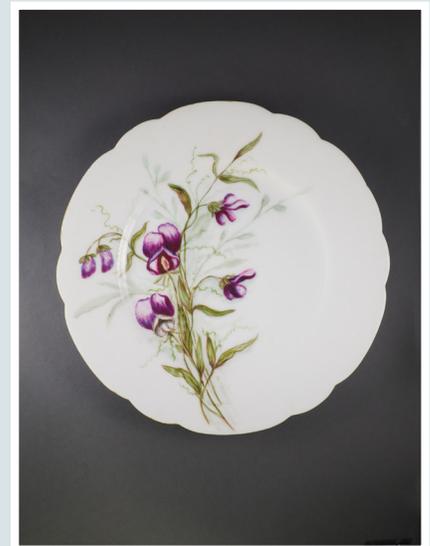
Explore Muskegon County's natural and cultural history through archives, objects, and photographs of the Lakeshore Museum Center collection.



Postcard with an image of four people rowing in a rowboat on Twin Lake, Michigan. Postmarked November 7, 1911.



Photograph of four houses at the base of Pigeon Hill circa 1930s-1940s.



Hand-painted dessert plate painted by Anna McDonald Root, known as Byrde Root, in 1896. She was born in 1863 to Thomas and Anne Miller, who ran the Miller & Co. Iron Works. In 1887, she married Russell Lee Root, who died in a train accident in the Upper Peninsula in 1897. Byrde died five months later. Her mother donated land in 1902 for a park. Root Park is located at the convergence of Apple Avenue, Muskegon Avenue, and First Street.

2024 VISITOR REVIEW

Collecting, Preserving, Inspiring



2024 Visitor Reviews



**MUSKEGON MUSEUM
OF HISTORY & SCIENCE**
of the Lakeshore Museum Center

What a great museum for a rainy afternoon! We enjoyed the exhibits and loved the fact that it was all rooted in Michigan history so we could relate and understand a little more. The areas for kids are wonderful and allow for imaginative educational play.

- Google Review by Eryn B.



**MUSKEGON HERITAGE MUSEUM
OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY**
of the Lakeshore Museum Center

Fantastic exhibits! Such an asset to Muskegon; a fascinating look into the past and present businesses and life in Muskegon County. Very well done; very well presented. (We spent an hour and a half in this three story museum.)

-Google Review by EA



**HACKLEY & HUME
HISTORIC SITE**
of the Lakeshore Museum Center

I LOVED visiting these historic mansions, and Terry was an amazing tour guide. Both mansions have been lovingly restored, and it was fascinating learning about the families and local history. We also visited the Fire Barn. A must see in Muskegon!

-Google Review by Elizabeth M.



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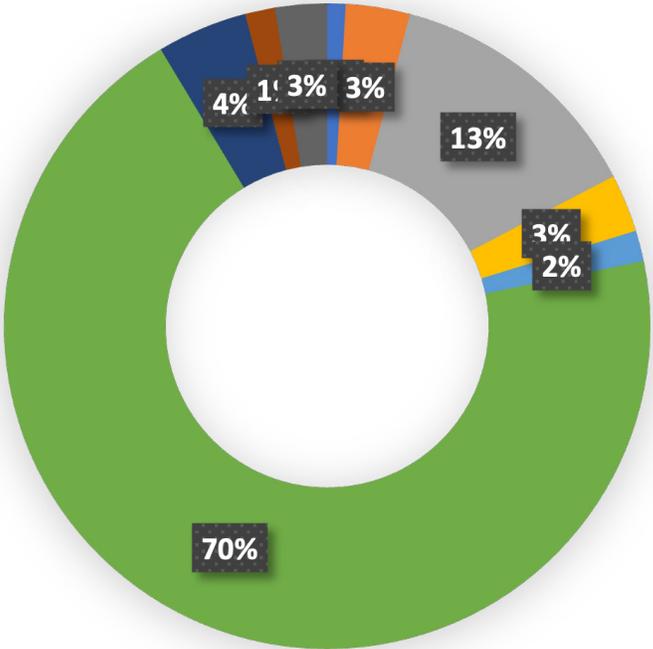
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2024 INCOME & EXPENSES

INCOME

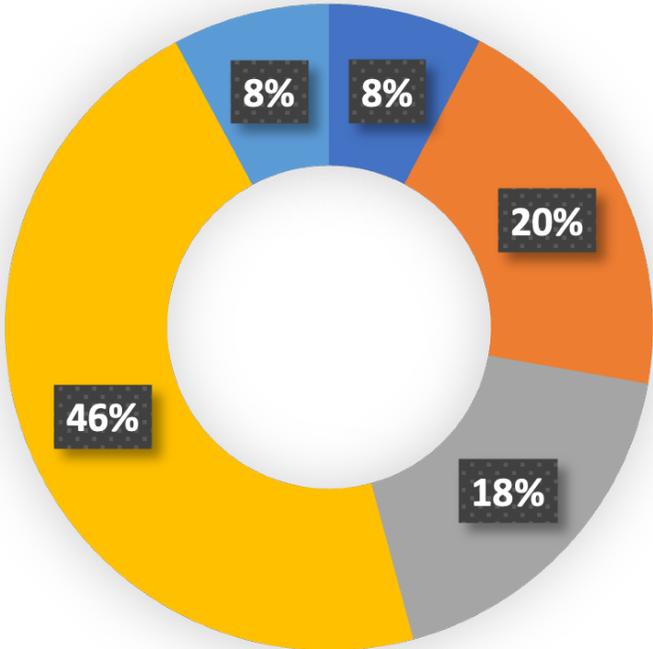
Total \$2,608,022



- Fundraising
- Admissions
- Donations
- Grant Income
- Memberships
- Millage
- Investment Income
- Program Income
- Misc Income

EXPENSES

Total \$2,179,700



- Facilities
- Operating
- Personnel/Admin
- Program Support
- Marketing

Grants

- State of Michigan Grant for Hackley and Hume Historic Site: \$2,000,000.00
- Time Well Served Grant: \$2,300
- Play and Learn Grant: \$4,800
- MIWish Grant: \$368

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

PAST AND PRESENT



REFLECTING Exhibits in 2024

Paleo Joe and his Dinosaur Bones



STEM Center Upgrade



New Deal-WPA Artifacts



NEW Dream: May 2025 Millage Ask for Expansion

During absentee and early voting through Election Day, May 6, 2025, county voters can help preserve Muskegon County's history by approving a 0.31 mill construction millage—just \$31 per year for a \$200,000 home.

Your support will fund new museum space at the Muskegon Museum of History & Science, renovate archives, and create educational exhibits for all ages.

The millage will also help:

- Modernize educational spaces for K-12 students
- Ensure ADA-compliant access for all
- Secure and expand public access to Muskegon County's historical collection



NEW for 2025

Projects

- Hume House roof
- City Barn roof
- Hackley House front porch
- Tuckpointing at Heritage Museum of Business & Industry
- Chimney restoration on Hume House

Exhibits

- *Muskegon County History Gallery* featuring Mosaic Muskegon
- *New Rosie the Riveter Mural* at Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business & Industry

2025 Home Front Heroes



Muskegon Museum of History & Science

430 W. Clay Ave., Muskegon
231.722.0278

Hackley & Hume Historic Site

484 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon
231.722.7578

Fire Barn Museum

484 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon
231.722.7578

Scolnik House of the Depression Era

484 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon
231.722.7578

Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business & Industry

561 W. Western Ave., Muskegon
231.722.1363

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MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF ART
MuskegonArtMuseum.org



WEST MICHIGAN SYMPHONY

Dvořák Cello Concerto

May 9 | Frauenthal

Smetana Overture to *The Bartered Bride*
Mozart Symphony no. 38 "Prague"
Dvořák Cello Concerto

WESTMICHIGANSYMPHONY.ORG



MUSKEGON CIVIC THEATRE FOOTLIGHTS FUN CAMP production of

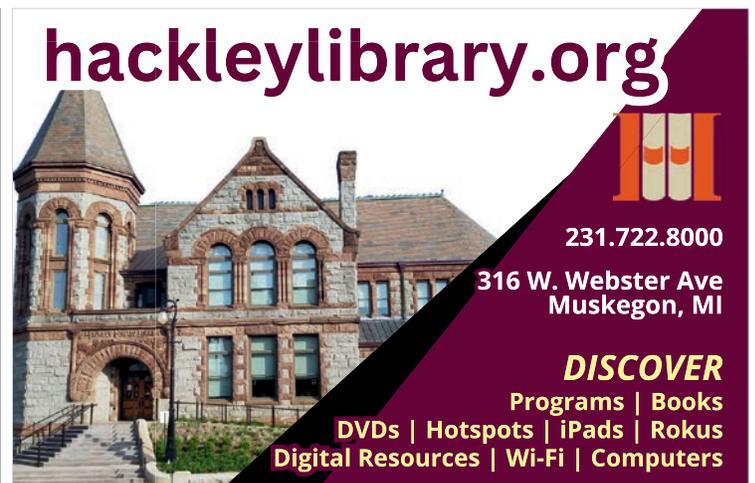
THE MOST WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER

Music and lyrics by Denver Casado
Book by Denver Casado & Brian Dawson

SESSION 1 – June 7-11 2023
SESSION 2 – July 21-25 2023
SESSION 3 – July 28-August 1 2023
SESSION 4 – August 4-8 2023

Grades K-6 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Frauenthal Center – Beardsley Theater

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