



ST. MARY'S COUNTY MUSEUM DIVISION

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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND MUSEUM, PINEY POINT LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM AND HISTORIC PARK, OLD JAIL MUSEUM AND DRAYDEN AFRICAN AMERICAN SCHOOLHOUSE

WIND AND WEATHER

Mother nature laid waste to the best laid plans...

When my son was growing up, he was a great fan of the *Redwall* series of books by author Brian Jacques. Each year, the characters had a feast during which they gave a name to that year. I think our name for 2022 should be "The Year of Cancellations."

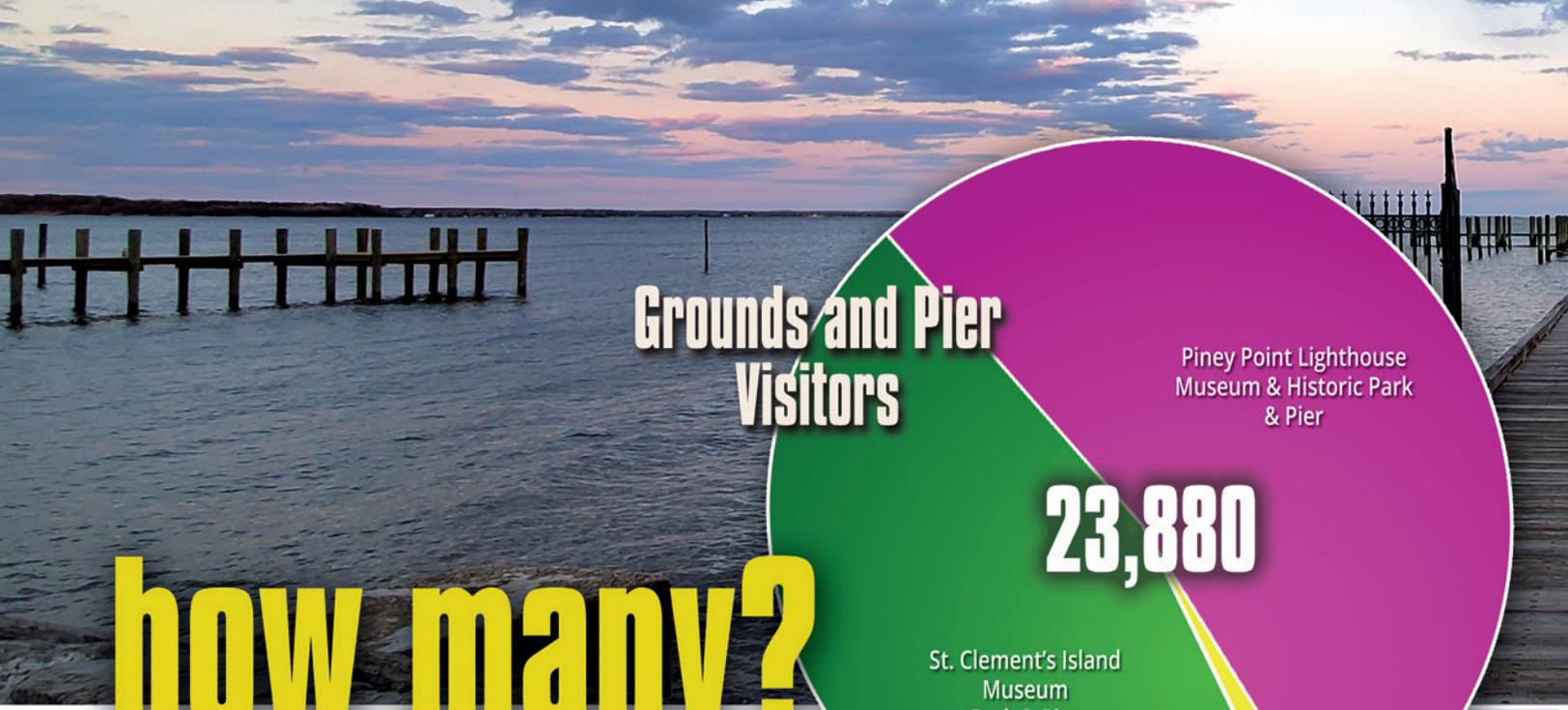
We lost our main fundraising event, the Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival Weekend, due to the unprecedented flooding at Colton's Point. We then lost the annual Blessing of the Fleet due to torrential rains and winds. Then, one day, the St. Clement's Island Water Taxi had its best single day attendance ever, followed by what ended up being a multi-day stretch of cancelled cruise days due to severe weather issues. Similarly due to hazardous weather conditions, we had to cancel at least one Dinner & a Cruise event.

And yet, we were able to keep going and make it through another year. On a positive note, we did bring on three new senior staff members as well as some new Museum Assistants, all of whom have added a great deal of energy to our operations. We also expanded our great relationship with the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC) and partnered with them on a series of events at the U.S. Colored Troops Interpretive Center, located in a restored historic flattops structure in Lexington Park.

Let's hope for smooth sailing ahead for 2023 as we continue to grow!

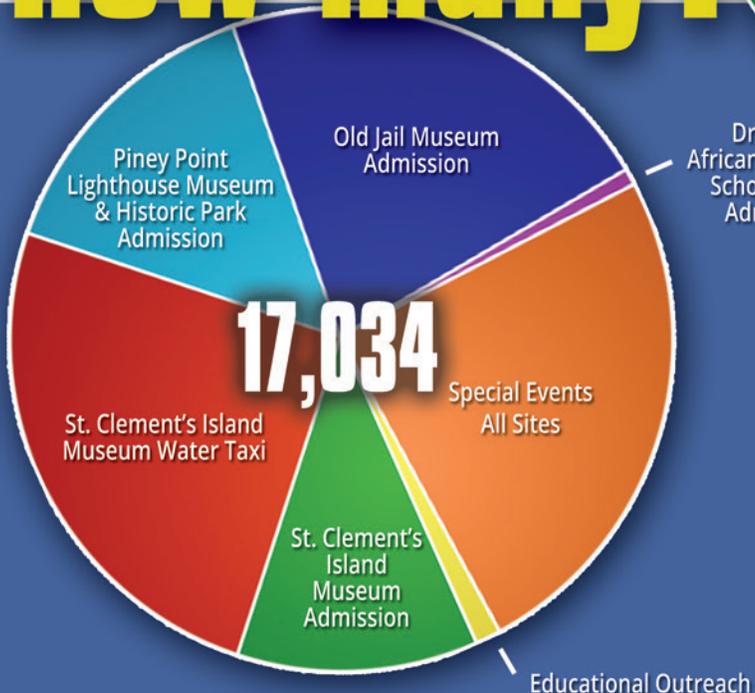
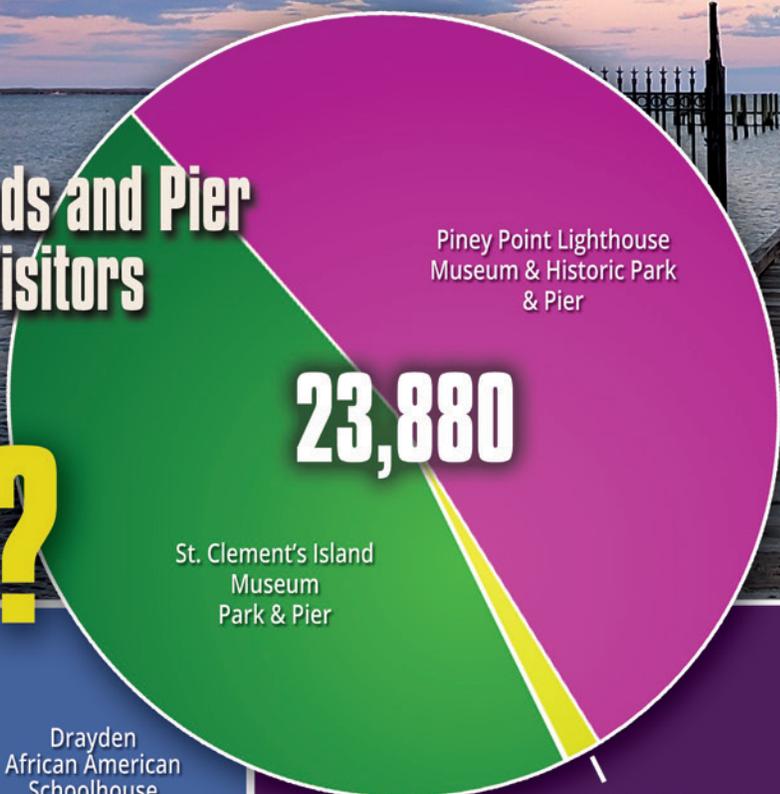






how many?

Grounds and Pier Visitors



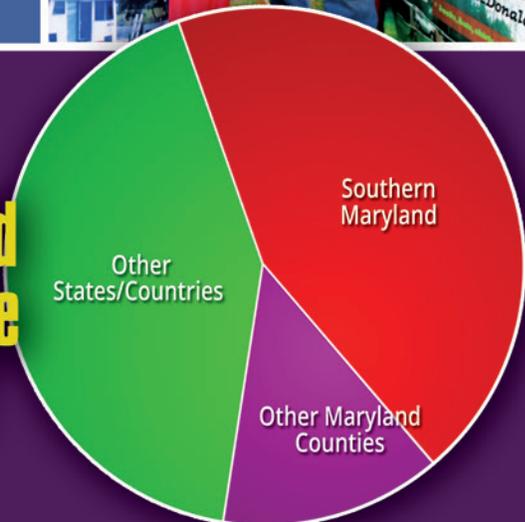
Museum Visitors and Outreach

Drayden African American Schoolhouse Admission

Kayak Launch and Grounds Rental



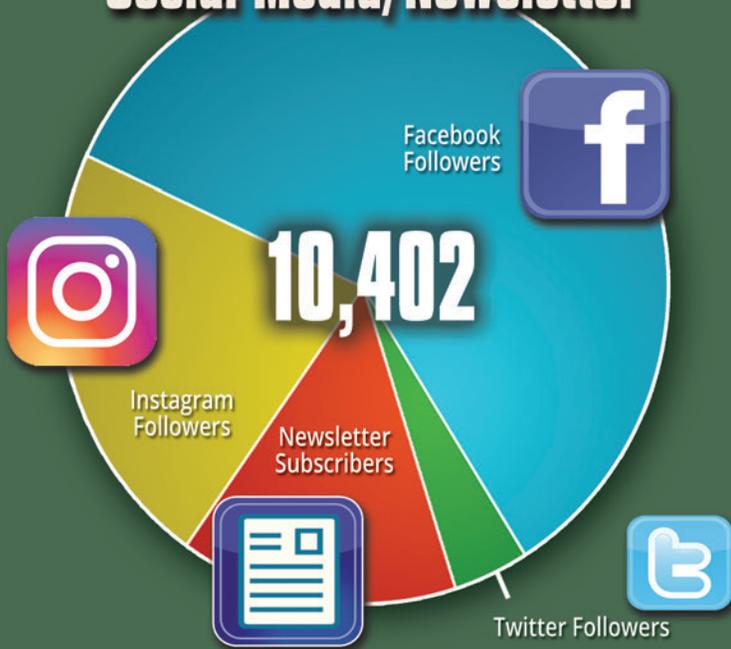
where did they come from?





Our visitors

Social Media/Newsletter



how did they find us?

- Internet
- Word of Mouth
- Museum Brochures
- Repeat Visitation
- Road Signs
- Newspapers





events

MUSEUM EVENTS

Appraiser Fair at St. Clement's Island Museum • Community Day at St. Clement's Island Museum • Maryland Day at St. Clement's Island Museum • First Landing Wine & Arts Festival • Black Diamond Civil War Weekend • St. Clement's Island Heritage Day • Juneteenth Open House at Drayden African American Schoolhouse • Monthly Open House at Drayden African American Schoolhouse • Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival [cancelled in 2022] • Outdoor Adventures at Piney Point • Second Saturdays Monthly Family Activities at the Museums • Children's Day at St. Clement's Island Museum • RetroFest on the Potomac • National Lighthouse Weekend • St. Clement's Island Museum Art Kids classes • Six Dinner & a Cruise Series events • St. Clement's Island Museum Christmas Open House • Piney Point Lighthouse Museum Retro Holiday Open House • Museum Store Sunday • Smithsonian Museum Day at St. Clement's Island Museum • Outdoor Story Time with the St. Mary's County Public Library at Piney Point Lighthouse • First Fridays at the Old Jail Museum • Free Admission on Mother's Day to the Museums • Free Admission on Father's Day to the Museums • Free Admission on Armed Forces Day to the Museums • Wildlife Photography Seminars • Moll Dyer Day at the Old Jail Museum • St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at the Museum

OUTSIDE EVENTS WE PARTICIPATED IN

Tourism Day in Annapolis • Maryland Tourism Coalition "Maryland in a Day" Road Trip • Juneteenth • St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase • Maryland Tourism Coalition Spring Seminar at Serenity Farm • Cherry Blossom Festival • St. Mary's County Fair • U.S. Oyster Festival • National Voter Registration Day • Blessing of the Fleet [cancelled in 2022] • Community Christmas Party at the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department

exhibits

AT THE USCT INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Travelling Exhibit: 17 Men: Portraits of the US Colored Troops

AT PINEY POINT LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM

Retro Christmas Exhibit • US Navy items relating to World War II at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum

AT ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND MUSEUM

Popup Art Exhibit: Southern Maryland Women in Art • Maryland Day Exhibit: A Collection of Photographs and Artifacts Commemorating the Founding of Maryland • Black Diamond Event Exhibit: The Civil War on the Potomac River • Watermen in St. Mary's County • Schercliff Swamp Farm: Four Generations of Mattingly Tobacco Farmers • Christmas Doll and Train Exhibit

AT THE OLD JAIL MUSEUM

New permanent interpretive panels

artifacts on loan

23 artifacts are on loan FROM other institutions
4 artifacts are on loan TO other institutions



The St. Mary's County Museum Division is one of only two accredited organizations in St. Mary's County, one of only three in Southern Maryland, and one of only 23 in all of Maryland.

contributors

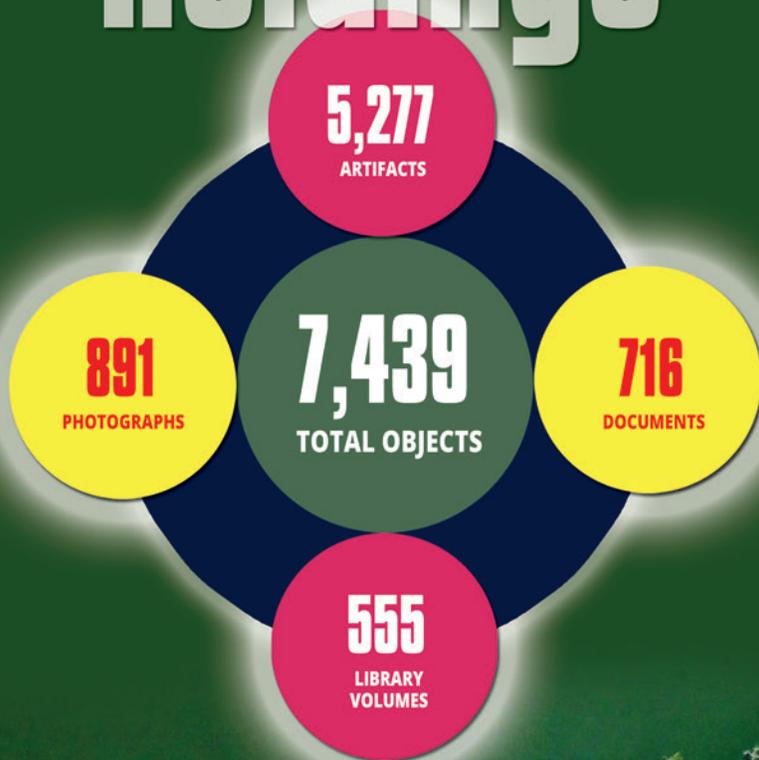
in-kind and financial

American Legion
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holdings



donations

A painting of the Water Taxi donated by the artist, Nicole Stewart

A model boat hand-crafted by waterman, Clemie Cheseldine donated by Mary Cheseldine

6 negatives of the vessel Dorothy A. Parsons under sail in 1956 donated by Thomas Farrell

J. C. Lore oyster can donated by Dave Voisine

A print of "Cathy Williams, Female Buffalo Soldier" donated by Carol Booker

A painting of the U-1105 and a painting of the Piney Point Lighthouse donated by the artist Tom Denton

staff updates

We hired a new Site Manager for Piney Point - Ken Burke

We hired a new Education/Programming Coordinator - Sara Saunders

We hired a new Friends Fundraising/Membership Coordinator - Zach Steele

We had a student with us through the Summer Youth Employment program.

We had 4 apprentices with us from the Dr. James A. Forrest Career & Technology Center through the MD Dept of Labor's Tech Jobs Rule program.



volunteer hours



THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!
723 hours = \$21,653.85

museum division board of trustees

This advisory group is appointed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, and serves to provide them with advice and assistance concerning the cultural and natural history of the region through the establishment and maintenance of museums.

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2022 budget

TOTAL BUDGET
\$720,670

Salaries/Benefits

Printing

- Telephone/Postage
- Leases
- Training, Conferences, Memberships
- Utilities
- Other Projects
- Advertising
- Contracted Services
- County Vehicle Maintenance
- Insurance
- Operating Supplies and Materials

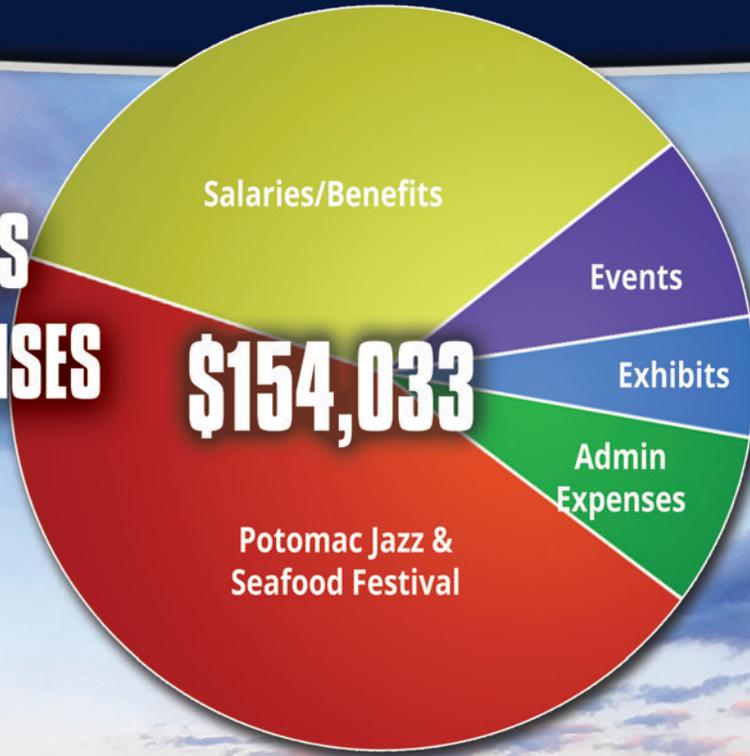


Friends of the St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums

The Friends organization is the 501(c)3 arm of the Museum Division of the St. Mary's County Department of Recreation & Parks, whose mission it is to raise funds in order to support historical interpretation, education programs and special needs of the sites managed by the Museum Division of St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks.

FRIENDS NET EXPENSES

\$154,033



Programs and Events

FRIENDS INCOME

\$118,803



Friends Board of Directors

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- Paul Nelson, Treasurer
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- Brian Williams
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BLACK DIAMOND INCIDENT
 "Out of the frying pan into the fire"



museum store gross proceeds

The total sales for the Museum Store is a bit off this year as a result of the loss of two of our biggest events due to weather. We are confident that sales will rebound quickly in the new year.



Every January, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County recognizes the members of every county board and commission and thanks them for their service for that year. Pictured left to right are: Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner Eric Colvin, Trustee John Deatrick, Trustee Robin Finnacom, Trustee Mike Brown, Trustee Michael Blackwell, Trustee Laura Friess, Commissioner Michael Alderson, Commissioner Scott Ostrow, Commissioner President Randy Guy. Not Pictured: Trustees Lynn Fitrell, Amy Davis, Dr. Catherine Bowes, Dr. Regina Faden, Karla Langhus and Jeanette Pettit.



Thank you donors for supporting our work.

NUSTAR KAYLEEN'S ESTATE ESCAPE MATHNASIUM OF CALIFORNIA THOMAS AND CAROLYN MATHEWS DIXIE AND JIM POE HELEN DORSEY ROBERT AND MONICA LUDWIG TERRENCE HOOVER ANN COLVIG MARY HAYDEN MARY ROLAPE HERBERT AND LYNNE REDMOND THE BENEVITY COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND MARILYN AND RENE' GRACE VINCE TURNER LAURA HAMMETT DAVID THOMPSON JEAN BURKE KAREN ABRAMS TOM & HELEN DAUGHERTY ANN DAVIS ALBERT EVANS CLAIRE FARQUHAR JOHN FELICITAS PETER FRANDSEN SUSAN GILMAN JEFFERSON GLASSIE SHELBY GUAZZO ROSE GUYTHER MICHAEL & MILLIE HUSEMAN JOYCE JUDD JIM KENNEY JULIA KING FREDERICK MILLHISER GORDON & ROSE MOE PAUL & MELLIE NELSON VIRGINIA PETTIT AMY ROCHE EILEEN ROYS MARJORIE & MICHAEL RUBALA PATRICIA SIMONETTA JUDITH STERLING PHILIP & SUSAN STINCHCOMB STEPHANIE WAIKART ROBERT WALKER JOAN WARCZYNSKI KATHLEEN WERNER JOHN & BARBARA WOOD CHRISTINE WRAY MARY & WILLIAM WRIGHSON SOMD PIN-UPS FOR PAWS



Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums

Join the Friends today. Benefits include free museum admission, the quarterly *Finer Points* newsletter, email updates for special events, NARM benefits, and a 10% museum store discount. Benefits vary by level and can also include guest passes and water taxi passes. To become a member of the Friends, download the membership form at www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/friends.



CALL FOR EVENT SPONSORS

The Friends of the St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums are looking for community businesses to help support our expanded educational and community-focused event calendar. **The Friends have introduced a new Business Membership program with sponsorship opportunities and year-round benefits.** Sponsorships help to support our museums and our local history. Email friendsfundraisingcoordinator@gmail.com for more information.



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