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Annual Report

West Virginia Humanities Council

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through grants and direct programs in the humanities.*

From Our President



Dear Friends:

I am pleased to present the 2003 annual report of the West Virginia Humanities Council. It has been an honor to serve as president of the Council's board of directors in 2002 and 2003, and as a director during the preceding four years. I believe the Humanities Council is a remarkable organization and a proven treasure to the State of West Virginia.

The following report for fiscal year 2003 shows that the growth experienced by our Council in recent years continues, but at a moderating pace. Unaudited revenues stood at nearly \$1.4 million at year's end, up two percent from the previous year. Like other nonprofits, the Humanities Council found 2003 to be a difficult period in which to grow. However, we are encouraged that so many of our projects have been eagerly received and that initial response to our current fundraising efforts involving *The West Virginia Encyclopedia* has been so successful.

Demand for Council services continues to grow robustly. The Council provided \$314,000 in direct programs in fiscal year 2003, which ended October 31. Requests for Council grants totaled nearly three-quarters of a million dollars, of which 38 percent were awarded grants. Over two-thirds of Council resources went to support programs and grants for humanities projects and events in schools, colleges, libraries, museums and other venues in every corner of West Virginia.

As a new year begins, we look forward to new challenges and opportunities. In 2004, the West Virginia Humanities Council will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary. With the Council firmly established, and with a strong foundation, we pledge to continue expanding its reach and support of those discerning the truth regarding our human condition. We all look forward eagerly to the publication of *The West Virginia Encyclopedia* in 2004 and to expansion of services utilizing the Internet and other media for dissemination of scholarly work. Teacher training, the *History Alive!* characters, and study of our state's geographic and cultural history are just a few of the areas providing fertile soil for work in the coming year.

As I conclude my tenure as president, I take great pleasure in my memories of involvement with so many wonderful people through the West Virginia Humanities Council. I look forward to seeing the Humanities Council continue to flourish and grow, and am eager to remain a part of its network of donors and friends. I believe the West Virginia Humanities Council's most exciting opportunities lie yet ahead.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William H. Harmon".

William H. Harmon

President



Our Grants

Grantsmaking is one of the most important things we do at the West Virginia Humanities Council. Through a competitive application process, we identify the best humanities programming and scholarship in West Virginia and support that work by providing grants from funds available to us from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Through an active outreach program, we ensure that eligible organizations, institutions, and individuals are aware of the funding opportunities available from our Council, and we assist applicants throughout the process. Our goal is to encourage excellence in the humanities and to nurture a rich intellectual tradition for the benefit of all West Virginians.



Fiscal Year 2003 Grants

In the 2003 fiscal year, the West Virginia Humanities Council awarded nearly \$275,000 in grants to organizations and scholars throughout the state.

Grants were awarded in thirty-three counties to scholars, colleges and universities, museums, libraries, and other organizations.

Requests for grants reached an all-time high of \$720,297 in 2003, a 15 percent increase over the previous year. Grants were awarded in a vari-

ety of categories, including major grants, mini-grants, publication grants, media grants, and fellowships.

2003 Grant Highlights

Bethany College Japanese Teacher Institute

This program, in which the Council partnered with Bethany College, allowed 20 West Virginia high school teachers the opportunity for intensive study of Japanese language and culture on the Bethany campus, followed by a trip to Japan to travel, study, and meet with Japanese teachers and students.



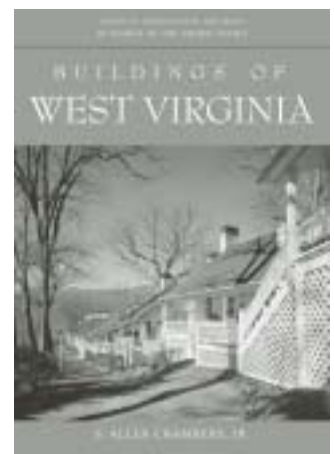
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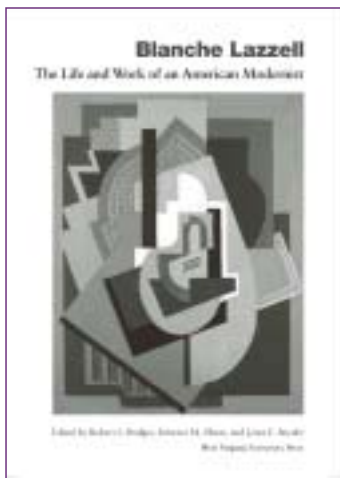
Chief Justice John Marshall

A grant to support Marshall University's Chief Justice John Marshall video documentary project, which chronicles the life and times of our nation's most influential legal philosopher.

Buildings of West Virginia

A grant to support publication of an upcoming book, part of the Oxford University Press series on American architecture, which documents the unique buildings of the Mountain State.





Blanche Lazzell, An American Modernist

A grant to support the publication by West Virginia University Press of a biography of noted West Virginia artist Blanche Lazzell.

The Electric Fairy

A grant to support a film by the regional arts organization, Appalshop, that documents the arrival of electric power in rural Appalachia.

In Step With Lewis and Clark

A traveling living history project through the Center for Educational Technologies at Wheeling Jesuit

University that allows students to become modern-day discoverers, acting as naturalists, historians, ethnographers, diplomats, and cartographers in the same way Lewis and Clark's original Corps of Discovery did 200 years ago.



MUMMY!

An exhibit featuring the art and artifacts of ancient Egypt, which opened at the Huntington Museum of Art in 2003 and runs through 2005. The exhibit includes several items on loan from major museums and cultural institutions, including the Metropolitan Museum in New York City, and the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory University.

Congratulations to our 2003 Fellowship Winners

Darla Spencer, Milton

"An Archaeological Survey of the Lower Kanawha Valley"

Hannah N. Geffert, Shepherdstown

"Antebellum Free Black Militant Resistance to Slavery"

Jeffrey Powell, Huntington

"The Transformation of Language in Early Heidegger"

Katherine Rodier, Huntington

"Writings of Bessie Woodson Yancey"

Kirk Hazen, Morgantown

"Variation in Mountain Speech"

Lachlan Whalen, Huntington

"Republican and Irish Republican Army Prison Writing, 1971 - 2000"

Linda Tate, Shepherdstown

"Writing the Self to Wellness: Reflective Memoir and the Understanding of Illness"

Lisa McCleod-Simmons, Buckhannon

"Explanations for Low Participation in Grassroots Environmental Groups in Appalachia"

Martin Japtok, Charleston

"Memories in Black and White: A German's View of Race Relations"

Matthew Vester, Morgantown

"*Furor populi* in the Maritime Alps: Mountain Border Disputes"

Robert Bridges, Morgantown

"Research for Blanche Lazzell Exhibition"

Susan Power, Huntington

"Cherokee Art History Research"

Humanities Council fellowships, supporting research and writing in any discipline of the humanities, are among our most competitive grant offerings. We congratulate the 2003 Humanities Fellows and invite other college and independent scholars to apply for 2004 awards.

2003
To the People

Our Direct Programs

The West Virginia Humanities Council, with assistance from the state of West Virginia and contributions from generous foundations, individuals, and corporate donors, offers many direct programs. Unlike grants projects, these programs are managed by Council staff and are generally offered to the public free of charge.

Among the Council's direct programs are the spring Little Lecture series, the Speakers Bureau, the annual Betsy K. McCreight Lecture in the Humanities, and *History Alive!*, interactive presentations which allow audiences to meet and question historical figures. The programs below are among the year's highlights.

The Council maintains a changing repertoire of projects, exhibits and other events. In 2003, we brought *Yesterday's Tomorrows*, a traveling Smithsonian Institution exhibit, to West Virginia. In addition, the Council sponsored several events related to the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and brought renowned speakers, including author Mary Lee Settle and presidential scholar and historian Stanley Kutler, to the Mountain State.

The Betsy K. McCreight Lecture in the Humanities



An annual lecture series honoring a founder of the West Virginia Humanities Council, the McCreight Lecture brings America's most noted scholars and social commentators to West Virginia. Past speakers have included filmmaker Ken Burns, author Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Civil War historian James McPherson.

The 2003 McCreight Lecture guest was the Pulitzer-winning reporter and writer David Halberstam, whose remarks "America and the World: New Challenges in a Time of Uncertainty" offered a thoughtful and timely perspective on our nation's foreign policy.

West Virginia Book Festival

The West Virginia Humanities Council, along with the Library Foundation of Kanawha County and the *Charleston Gazette* and *Charleston Daily Mail*, sponsors this annual celebration of reading and writing. The Festival emphasizes the exploration of Appalachian issues and themes. It offers something for all ages, with plenty of activities that families can enjoy together. Guest authors at this year's festival included Tony Brown, Allan Eckert, and Jayne Anne Phillips, who were among the many writers present at workshops, panel discussions, and readings. Year three of the West Virginia Book Festival was a great success, and planning for next year is already underway!



Mary Lee Settle Tour

Winner of two Guggenheim Fellowships, the National Book Award, and numerous other honors, West Virginia native Mary Lee Settle is a distinguished voice in American letters. With the support of former Governor Gaston Caperton, the Council brought her home to the Mountain State for a tour of six state colleges during the spring and autumn of 2003. Ms. Settle's visits were an opportunity for young West

Virginians to meet this legendary author in person, and to experience the pleasure of hearing a great writer read her own work.

Yesterday's Tomorrows Traveling Exhibit

A collaboration between the West Virginia Humanities Council and the Smithsonian Institution, *Yesterday's Tomorrows: Past Visions of the American Future* presented an overview of popular expectations and beliefs about the future from the late 19th through the late 20th centuries. The exhibit was on display beginning in March 2003 in Beckley, with stops in Mt. Zion, Madison, Moundsville, Weirton and, finally, Berkeley Springs, where it closed on December 29, 2003.

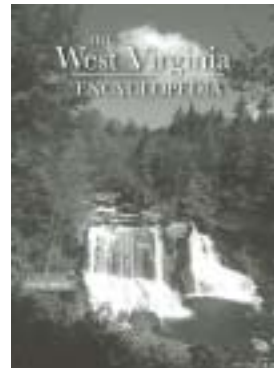


The West Virginia Encyclopedia

At the close of fiscal year 2003, typesetting and page layout for the new 1,000-page *West Virginia Encyclopedia* were well underway. Over 2,000 A to Z entries on the Mountain State, contributed by more than 600 freelancers, were largely complete.

The West Virginia Humanities Council undertook the massive job of compiling a state encyclopedia in 1997. Serious work began the following year with the completion of a working topics list and the recruitment of writers — experts from across West Virginia — in fields from archeology to zoology. During fiscal year 2003, the encyclopedia staff continued copy editing, fact-checking, and preparing the huge manuscript for production. Sidebar material and illustrations were also located for the big reference book.

The West Virginia Encyclopedia is scheduled for publication in 2004. Individual entries encompass state history, culture, literature, natural history, biography, geography, and the many other subjects which fit under the project slogan, “All there is to know about West Virginia.”



Restoration Continues



Construction crews returned to the Humanities Council’s headquarters complex in fiscal year 2003 to renovate the carriage house behind the historic MacFarland-Hubbard House. Actually an automobile garage with an apartment above, the small brick building was built about 1923 in a style compatible with the nearby main house. It is located on the site of an earlier wood-frame structure, an actual carriage house, to judge by early photographs.

“The carriage house is less historic than the 1836 big house,” said Ken Sullivan, the Council’s executive director. “Our understanding with the preservation community was to restore the exterior consistent with the overall appearance of the main house and grounds, which comprise one of Charleston’s very oldest residential properties. Inside

we had a freer hand. We completely refitted the garage space as a modern conference room, now the biggest room on the place and the only one permanently furnished for meetings.”

The upstairs apartment is now a small suite of offices, ready for future expansion, Sullivan noted. “We expect to house the online edition of our *West Virginia Encyclopedia* there, when the time comes for that exciting project. The phones and computer networks are hard-wired into the main house, with a conference line into the meeting room,” he added.

Construction was finished in May. The cost of the renovation, with the addition of a storage building and associated improvements to the drive, front walk, and grounds,

was \$236,000. Nearly two-thirds of the project costs had been raised by the end of the 2003 fiscal year, with a net increase of \$88,000 in the Council’s real estate debt.

With both buildings fully restored, the major task remaining is to complete the furnishings of the historic rooms in the MacFarland-Hubbard House. “We welcome tax-deductible gifts of suitable furniture, rugs, art and books,” Sullivan said. “And of course, cash is king.”



Finances at a Glance

Council Finances at a Glance

2003

Like other nonprofits, the West Virginia Humanities Council faced challenging operating conditions in 2003. While revenues grew for a seventh straight year, the increase was less than for 2002.

These pages detail our experience for the year just completed, set the 2003 experience within a five-year trend, and outline our expectations for the year ahead.

Where We Are...

...the 2003 Budget

Humanities Council revenues rose in 2003, to \$1,378,242 from \$1,350,372 the previous year, about two percent. The Council spent \$1,328,140, rising from \$1,215,075 for 2002, with an additional \$81,907 restricted for a biographical film project, producing an operating deficit of \$31,805.

REVENUES -

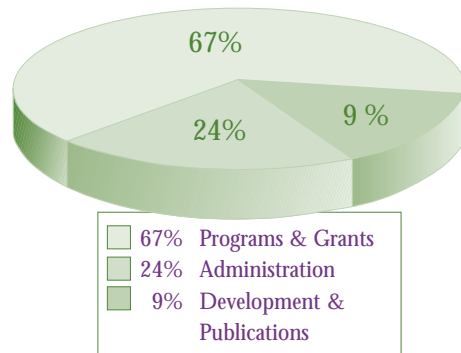
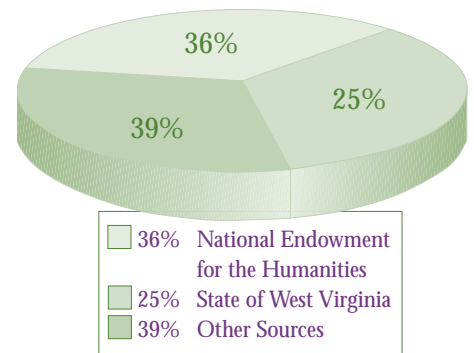
National Endowment for the Humanities	\$ 495,700
State of West Virginia	\$ 350,000
All Other Sources	\$ 532,542
Total Revenues	\$1,378,242

EXPENDITURES -

Programs & Grants:	
Regrants	\$ 254,693
Direct Programs	\$ 313,970
Related Expenses	\$ 324,801
Total Programs & Grants	\$ 893,464
Administration	\$ 314,696
Development & Publications	\$ 119,980
Total Expenditures	\$1,328,140
Restricted Funds	\$ (81,907)
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (31,805)

2003 Revenues

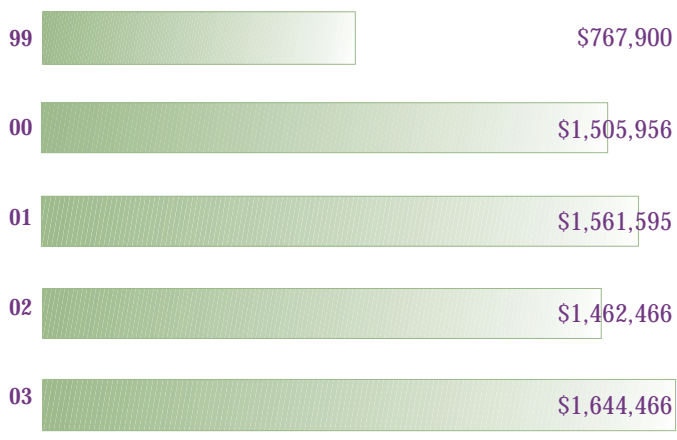
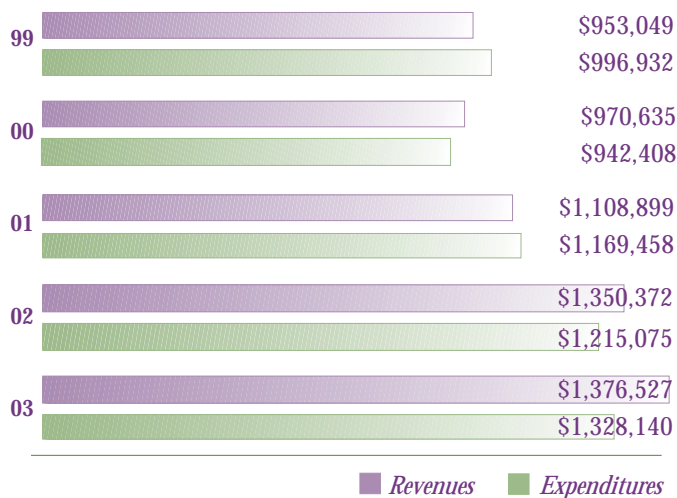
The Humanities Council receives income from public and private sources. The National Endowment for the Humanities remained the single most important income source in 2003, providing 36 percent of revenues. This is down from 37 percent in 2002, as these federal funds remained steady while other income grew. The West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts provided 25 percent of Council income in 2003, versus 28 percent in 2002, reflecting a loss of \$30,000 in state funds. Other sources grew significantly in 2003, representing 39 percent of the total, versus 35 percent in 2002 and 18 percent five years ago.



2003 Expenditures

Humanities Council expenditures are divided three ways and used for Programs & Grants, Administration, and Development & Publications. In 2003, 67 percent of expenditures went to Programs & Grants, 24 percent to Administration, and nine percent to Development & Publications. We were disappointed that Programs & Grants fell slightly (less than one percent) as a portion of the whole, although actual dollar expenditures in this area increased considerably (more than \$75,000) from the previous year. Our goal is to increase expenditures for Programs & Grants, in dollars and as a percentage of the whole.

Where We Have Been...



Looking Back Five Years

FIVE-YEAR REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Humanities Council revenues have risen for each of the last five years, although the increase was slight in 2003; for the period, revenues rose from \$953,049 in fiscal year 1999 to \$1,376,527 in 2003. Expenditures rose from \$996,932 to \$1,328,140 over the same period. The Council drafts a balanced budget each year. In practice, revenues slightly exceed expenditures some years, and in other years the opposite happens.

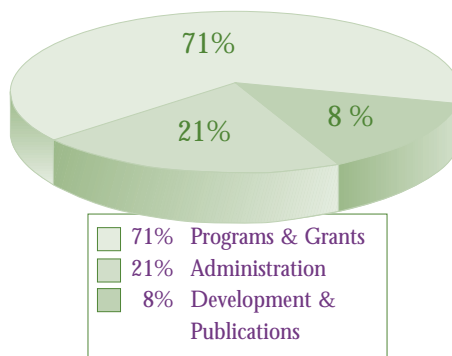
FIVE-YEAR ASSETS

Humanities Council assets grew strongly in fiscal year 2003, rising to \$1,644,466 from \$1,462,466 in 2002. This \$182,000 increase, more than 12 percent, resulted from the completion of the carriage house project and robust growth in the stock portfolio. Assets more than doubled for the five-year period, rising from \$767,900 in fiscal year 1999. With no further real estate improvements planned, we expect Council assets to plateau in the future.

Where We Are Going...

...the 2004 Budget

Each summer the board of directors of the West Virginia Humanities Council sets a budget for the next fiscal year. The fiscal 2004 budget projects revenues of \$1,387,600, a slight increase over the total received in 2003. A larger portion of revenues is allocated for Programs & Grants, 71 percent versus 67 percent in 2003, with proportionately less for Administration and Development & Publications. The 2004 fiscal year began November 1, 2003.



Note: Except as indicated, the figures and charts on these pages are based on actual, unaudited financial information from fiscal year 2003. The West Virginia Humanities Council is audited annually by an independent auditor, with each year's audit available for public inspection by March of the following year.

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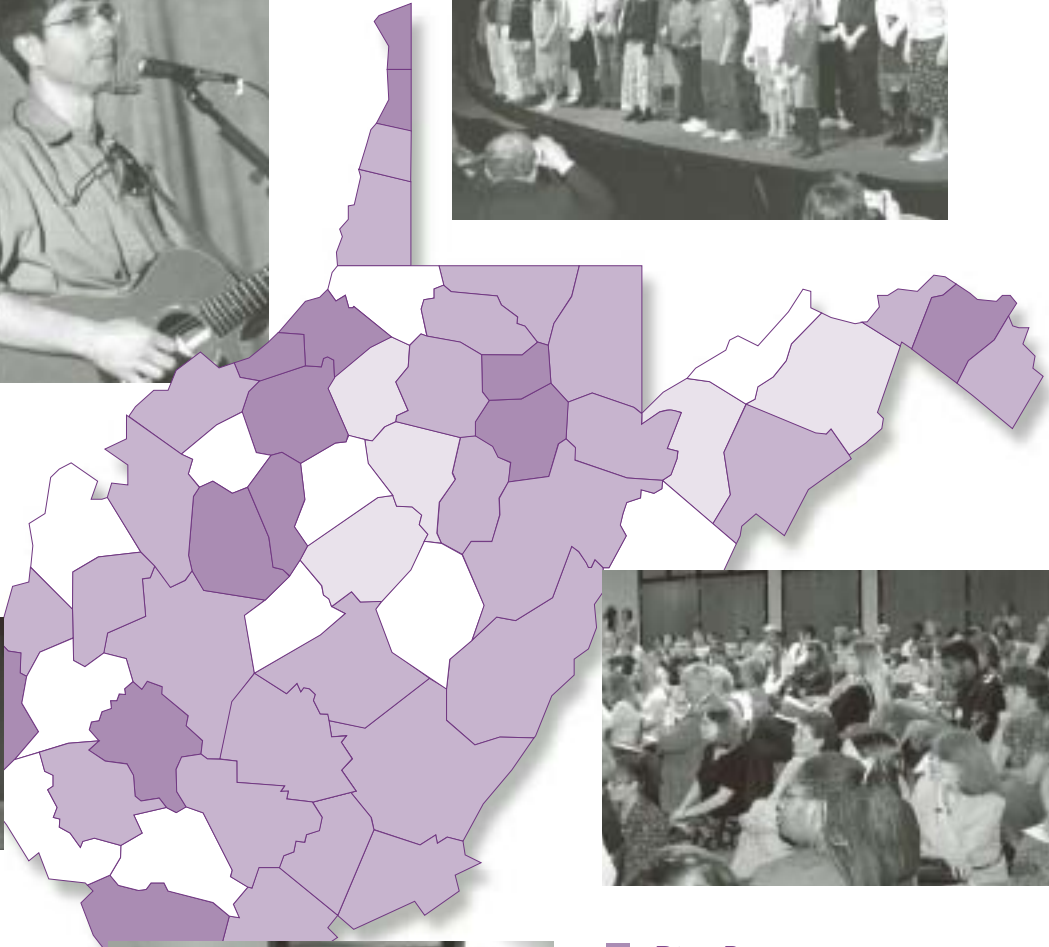
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