



# BELTRAMI COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

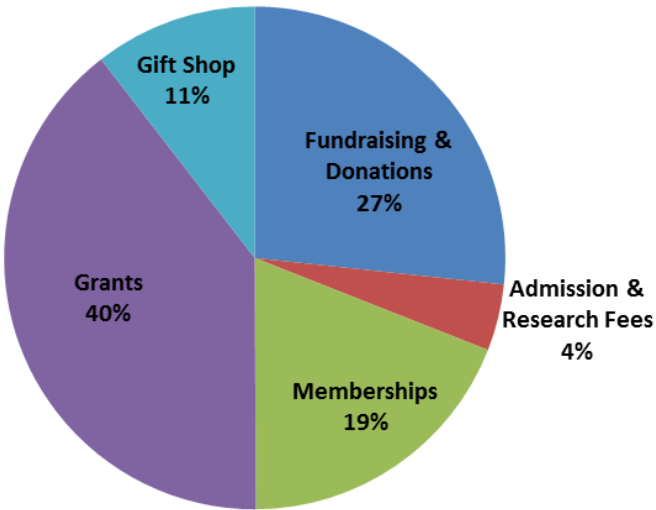
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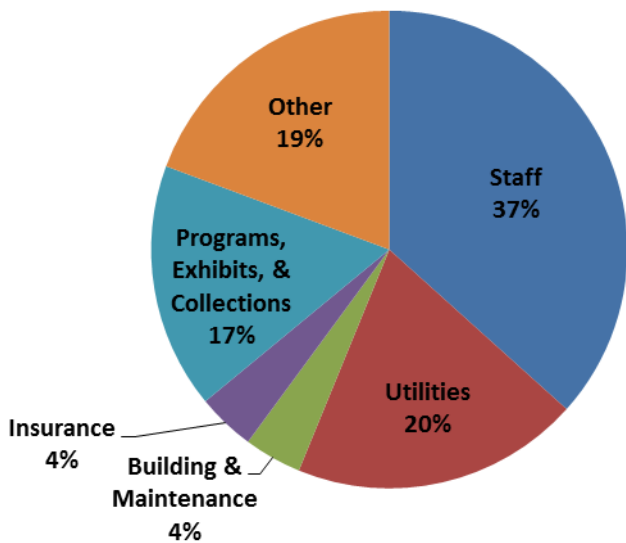
## 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

### 2013 Income



Grants:	\$ 33,000.00
Donations & Fundraising:	\$ 22,262.51
Memberships:	\$ 15,825.00
Gift Shop:	\$ 8,760.39
Admission & Research Fees:	\$ 3,565.15
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 83,413.05</b>

### 2013 Expenses



Staff:	\$ 23,792.50
Utilities:	\$ 12,699.70
Other:	\$ 12,549.96
Programs, Exhibits, & Collections	\$ 10,795.56
Insurance	\$ 2,554.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 2,539.07
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 64,930.79</b>

## GENEROUS GRANTS RECEIVED IN 2013

### George W. Neilson Foundation Grant

BCHS received \$30,000 from the George W. Neilson Foundation in January 2013 to develop the *Trails Through Time* exhibit, detailing the history of Beltrami County. The generous grant allowed BCHS to hire Bemidji State University Visual Arts Professor Steve Sundahl to design and construct the exhibit, increasing BCHS display assets. It also enabled BCHS to fund staff for research and story development. *Trails Through Time* opened in July 2013 and remains on display, featuring touchscreen displays and historical artifacts and photographs from the BCHS archives, partner organizations, and community members. BCHS plans to update the exhibit with more hands-on components and new content in 2014 and 2015.

### Beltrami County Development Grant

Beltrami County awarded BCHS \$3,000 in February 2013 to improve research resources and access. BCHS used the funds to purchase two computers and a copy machine, as well as upgrade its collections software. With the improvements, staff can better manage BCHS collections and researchers have guest access to the BCHS records database and the option to scan documents to reduce costs and paper.

## BCHS MADE HISTORY IN 2013

*Bemidji The Middle Years: 1941-1961* premiered at the Chief Theater in Bemidji, January 2013.

Former director Nicole Foss entertained and educated students with the *Time Travel Minnesota Style* lecture series at the Bemidji Public Library, January & February 2013.



Cecelia Wattles McKeig showcased her latest book, *Bemidji (Images of America)* featuring photographs from BCHS, June 2013.

BCHS held its Annual Meeting, reporting the hire of Dan Karalus as the new director and electing officers for 2013-14, June 2013.



The *Trails Through Time* exhibit opened, July 2013.

Fairgoers made ice cream, explored the Sunnyside School and Doud Cabin, and admired the new Doud Cabin sign with BCHS at the Beltrami County Fair, July & August 2013.



BCHS guests enjoyed railroad stories and marveled at the History Center on Depot Day, August 2013.

Diane Mostad fascinated dozens with the history of the Big Bog at the BCHS Semi-Annual Meeting at Saum School, October 2013.



The Night We Light Bonfire welcomed crowds to the Great Northern Depot for hot drinks, cookies, and local history experiences, November 2013.

BCHS worked with area businesses to publish the 2014 Beltrami County History Calendar, November 2013.

Paul M. Sailer shared the story of Don Beerbower from his book *The Oranges Are Sweet* with BCHS visitors and members, December 2013.

## HUGE THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTERS

Director Dan Karalus and the BCHS Board of Directors thank all volunteers, members, donors, and other supporters who gave their dedication, time, talents, historical items, and financial support to help BCHS meet its mission and create new memories and stories for individuals and communities in 2013.

*The mission of the Beltrami County Historical Society is to provide connections to county history through public archives, collections, interpretive exhibits, and programs that educate, invite dialogue, and inspire self-reflection.*

## 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## MORE HISTORY IN HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S FUTURE

BCHS organized a history lecture series hosted by the Bemidji Public Library in January & February 2014. Local author Dan Rice talked about his book, *This Side of a Wilderness*, in April. And the History on the Move bus tour introduced participants to parts of Beltrami County in May. Over the rest of 2014, look for BCHS to:

Host the *Minnesota Disasters* traveling exhibit in June, made possible by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on November 4, 2008, and administered by the Minnesota Historical Society.

Launch the *Revisiting Beltrami County* repeat photography exhibit, made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant awarded in March 2014 from the Region 2 Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



Continue to digitize negatives and photographs for preservation and public access with funding in part from a grant provided by the State of Minnesota through the Minnesota Historical Society from the Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund in January 2014.

Host annual events, like Depot Day and the Night We Light Bonfire, and bring other book-signings, activities, and programs to visitors and members.

For the latest updates visit: [beltramihistory.org](http://beltramihistory.org)

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