



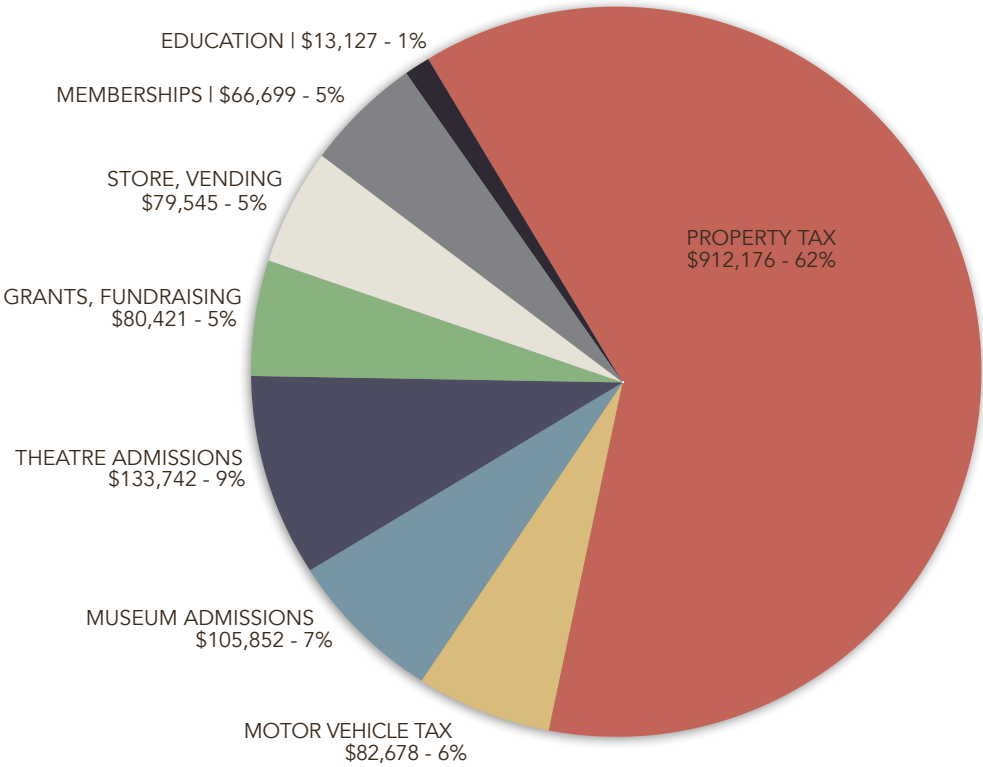
Life up close.

HastingsMuseum

Natural & Cultural History
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INCOME 2018-19



MESSAGE from our DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT

This year the Museum celebrated two of our nation’s most significant accomplishments: the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869 and the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing. For the railroad’s 150th anniversary the Museum hosted a special exhibit, large format film, and numerous programs for community members of all ages. The moon landing was celebrated by sky viewing with our telescopes, on our super screen with the *Apollo 11* documentary, and through several space-themed programs and events including *Pie & the Sky* and *Astronomy on Tap*.

While we took time this year to learn from our proud past, we also looked forward toward our promising future. In early 2019 we added online ticket sales for the first time. Patrons love how easy it is to sign up their kids for summer classes, purchase movie tickets, and renew their memberships. We also continued on our path to fully implementing Virtual

Field Trip (VFT) equipment into our program offerings. This year we *received* a VFT from the Henry Doorly Zoo during a premiere event, and *sent* a VFT to Good Samaritan Village.

Perhaps our most significant accomplishment of the year was the installation of compact shelving. This \$150,000 purchase nearly doubled our capacity for collections storage. We replaced stationary shelving with a modern moveable system on rails.

Thank you to our members, board members, patrons, the City of Hastings, the Hastings Museum Foundation, and the community of the Hastings for an amazing year.


Rebecca Matticks
Hastings Museum Director


Mark Funkey
President, Museum Board

MISSION STATEMENT

Hastings Museum connects Nebraska to the world while collecting and preserving the natural and cultural history of Hastings, Adams County, and Nebraska.



COLLECTIONS

4,093

objects were cleaned, photographed, rehoused, and catalogued.

5,693

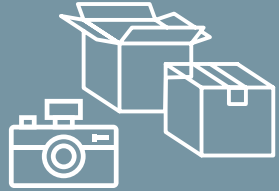
were moved into new compact storage.

1,972

hours from the Museum's 3 interns.

128

hours donated by volunteers to the collections department.



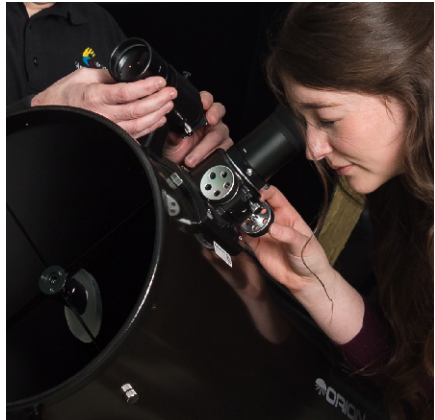
ATTENDANCE

29,986

Museum patrons

22,182

Theatre patrons



PROGRAMS

11,110

People in 701
Planetarium Shows



3,440

Students in 196
School Programs



385

Summer Fun Students in
23 Classes



MEMBERSHIPS

5,533

Members

1,051

Active Memberships



1,772

Twitter
followers

1,166

Instagram
followers

9,834

Facebook
fans



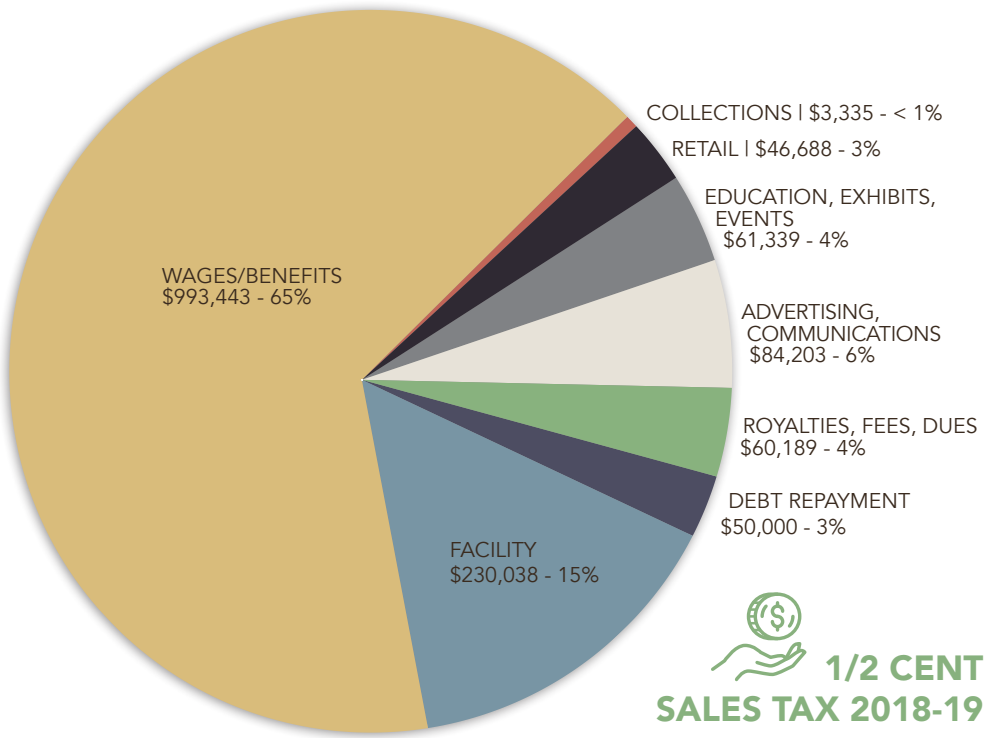
EVENTS, TOURS & MORE

Turnout for the following gatherings
is included in the attendance numbers for the Museum and Theatre above.

Cocktails with the Curators • WWII in Hastings Bus Tours • Dad Things Tours •
Spirits & Interesting People (SIP) • Dirty Things Tours • Pie & the Sky • Astronomy
on Tap • DeTours • Up Close Programs • Preschool Playdays • Molly the Fire Dog •
Community Conversations • Nature's Educators • Novel Film Nights with Hastings
Public Library • FREE First Fridays • Low Sensory Third Fridays • Free PBS kids' films •
Member Celebration • Premiere-Level Large Format Film Premieres • Private Parties •
Facility Rentals • Annual Girl and Boy Scout Overnights • Scouting Badges • Solar
Observing • Night Sky Viewing • Kool-Aid Days Activities • Dead Things Tours



EXPENSES 2018-19



**1/2 CENT
SALES TAX 2018-19**

\$218,549 **\$158,216**
Funds Received Funds Spent

“ So interesting! Love that so much of the museum is interactive. We had a great time! ”
— The Schaefer Family, Ocean Park WA



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ASTC provides Hastings Museum Members at all levels with free or discounted entry to numerous museums and science centers across the country, including the Omaha Children’s Museum; the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, Kansas; the Denver Museum of Nature and Science; and the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. This fiscal year alone, the ASTC Partnership brought 251 new visitors to the Museum.

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Special Donors contribute \$51,150 in 2018-19

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