

The Pratt Museum continues to strengthen relationships between people and place through the preservation and exhibition of stories relevant to Kachemak Bay. All stories, whether they describe the experiences of individuals, cultures, or ecosystems are relevant to understanding this interdependent community of people and place that we call home. Through its mission, the Pratt Museum hopes to sustain these unique relationships far into the future. 2018 marked a significant period of transition as the Museum celebrated 50 years of serving the community while simultaneously embarking on a renovation project that will improve accessibility and collections stewardship into a new era!

Key Accomplishments in 2018



50 YEARS OF INSPIRATION

On July 28, a *Ritz Garden Gala* was held to celebrate the anniversary of the Museum first opening its doors to the public on June 1, 1968. The Homer Society of Natural History, Inc., which formed in 1955, worked with the City of Homer to create a museum where the community could learn about and become inspired by the natural wonders of Kachemak Bay. The Museum, named for Sam and Vega Pratt who donated the land on which the Museum sits, continues to preserve inspiring human and ecological stories.

PRATT MUSEUM LEADERSHIP

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2018 EXHIBITS SERIES

To celebrate its 50th anniversary, the Pratt Museum curated a special series of exhibits throughout the year. 2018 began with “Curator’s Closet”, a retrospective collaboration between current and prior curators. “Curator’s Closet” highlighted staff favorites from the collection and included discussions about how artifacts come to be included in the permanent collection. We asked the community what tangible items in their homes were passed from generation to generation and what gave those items value over time.

April–June showcased “What Ties Us Together” by Shirlene Cline. Cline explored cultural themes that tie the Kachemak Bay community together. Also in these months, artwork from local students gave us hundreds of colorful ideas about what the Kachemak Bay communities might look like in the next 50 years. Student ideas ranged anywhere from dinosaurs to a Pratt Museum in space!

OUTREACH IMPACT



20,830 Visitors through Admissions & Tours
 1,988 Students & Adults through Programs

In July-September, Nathan Shafer’s exhibit “Dirigibles of Denali” gave visitors a *paleofuture* experience as they experienced digital renditions of futuristic Alaskan communities that were originally designed in the 1960s. At the end of the summer, artist Katie Craney also showcased an exhibit inspired by her favorite Alaskan female writers.



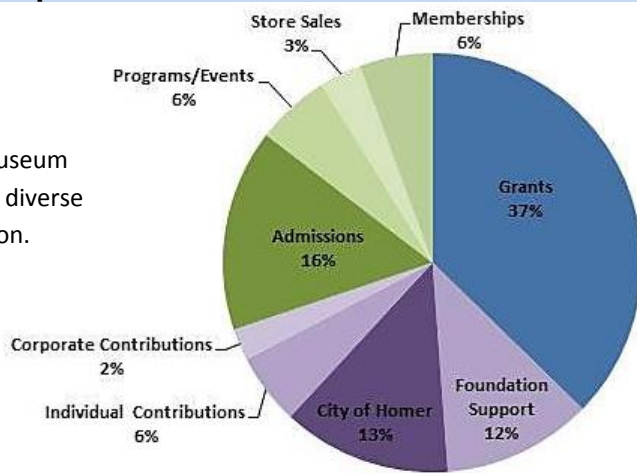
RENOVATIONS BEGIN

On September 5, the Museum closed its doors and began much-needed renovations to improve accessibility throughout the building, including an internal ramp and two hydraulic lifts. The downstairs is being redesigned into an expanded Collections stewardship area with a new library and dedicated education meeting space. Improvements are also being made on fire, security, and climate systems. These renovations have been funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the State of Alaska, Wynn Foundation, Patrons for the Pratt Society, and numerous local donors. Our doors will open again on May 4, 2019!

Annual Financial Report

Data from 2017 Audit Report
Approved April 2018

As a non-profit, the Pratt Museum relies on contributions from diverse sectors to achieve our mission.

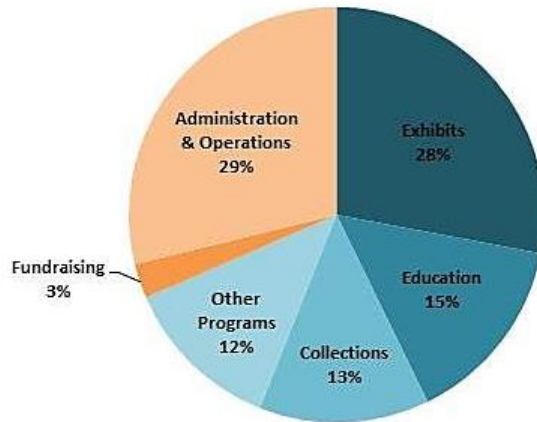


2017 Revenue - \$528,851

Category	Sub-category	Amount
RESTRICTED 37%	Grants	\$197,230
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	CONTRIBUTIONS 33%	
	Foundation Support	\$61,000
	City of Homer	\$69,000
	Individual Contributions	\$29,152
	Corporate Contributions	\$12,885
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EARNED REVENUE 31%	Admissions	\$82,501
	Programs/Events	\$30,295
	Store Sales	\$17,015
	Memberships	\$29,773

Our greatest source of unrestricted funds comes from the support of individual donors, members, and visitors.

On the expense side, over two-thirds of our budget continues to be dedicated to the mission-based programs that serve our community.



2017 Expenses - \$573,947

Category	Sub-category	Amount
PROGRAMS 68%	Exhibits	\$160,568
	Education	\$84,964
	Collections	\$76,091
	Other Programs	\$71,479
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ADMINISTRATION 32%	Fundraising	\$15,465
	Admin/Operations	\$165,380

Donors, Sponsors, and Members!

THANK YOU to the individuals, local businesses, corporations, foundations, community organizations, and agencies that supported the Pratt Museum's mission through gifts, grants, memberships, sponsorships, and donations at the \$250+ level in 2017-2018.

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Wild North Photography

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Alaska State Museum
City of Homer
Institute of Museum & Library Services
National Endowment for the Arts
National Endowment for the Humanities

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Thank you!