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& Season Review













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GMHA President's Letter

By Walt Bradeen

GMHA has concluded another successful year providing a wide array of opportunities for its members and competitors to enjoy spending time with their horses. Attendance at all the events was strong once again. You will find the details for each specific discipline later in this report. Every year we try to thank everyone who helps keep GMHA at the top of its game.

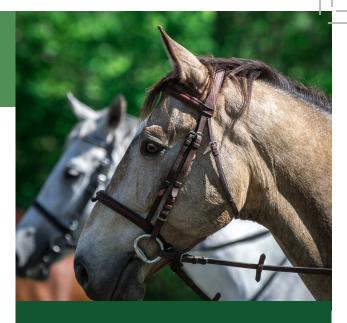
Volunteers, volunteers! The largely unsung heroes of GMHA's success came through again this year to provide competitors with a truly positive experience. I mention this in every letter I write, but it needs to be said yet again: please take the time to volunteer! I may not be ready to tackle the cross country course or execute a perfect canter pirouette, but I have a much better appreciation of what it takes to be able to accomplish those feats after volunteering. In addition to this learning experience, you'll have a delicious meal and the opportunity to meet new people equally passionate about horses. To all those who spent many hours supporting our events, we cannot thank you enough.

The office staff and grounds crew at GMHA have once again pulled through to keep the events running on schedule. The behind-thescenes effort they make is amazing. I believe that many people think the office staff has the winter off. However, nothing could be further from the truth. No less important is the grounds

crew who manage to have all those dressage arenas, stadium jumps, cross country courses, and obstacles in place and ready for each event. It might be interesting to attach a GPS device to any one of them to determine how many miles they travel on GMHA's 65 acres in the course of a summer. On second thought, maybe we don't want to know! The important message here is that we take the time to realize and appreciate all the hard work that goes into each event.

GMHA is fortunate to find itself on solid financial footing, but the need for donations never ceases. The Annual Fund provides support for the day-to-day operation of GMHA, and I urge you to donate at whatever level is comfortable for you. I am happy to report that the Upwey Barn's new roof has been completed, and we can rest easy knowing that the barn is protected for years to come. We were fortunate to induct some new Silver Stirrup Legacy Society members this year; please consider joining the many supporters who are helping to ensure GMHA's legacy. Do not be intimidated by the name; joining is a simple process, and Tracy will be happy to discuss the various options with you.

Planning is already underway to make next year even more successful. You can expect a few changes not the least of which is the inclusion of more members' days to allow greater access to the grounds and trails. I wish all of you the very best as we prepare for a fabulous 2018!



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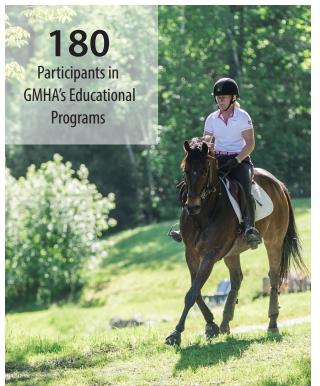
2017 at a Glance

92 GMHA Event Days 3,136
Event Participants

50Members'
Days



4,635Volunteer Hours















There's Something Happening at GMHA on

147 Days

out of

186 Days in the Season



of French Fries

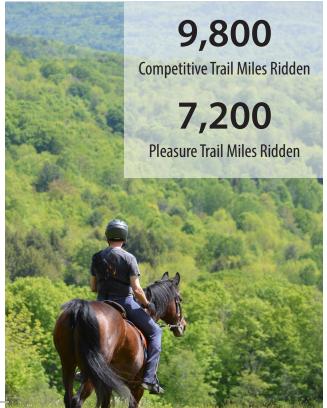
Cups of Coffee

Youth Scholarships & Awards Given to 24 Young Riders From the Cafe: 51 Pounds 4,631

\$7,745

2,904 **Bags of Shavings**

70 Miles of Permanently-Marked Member's Trails





302 **Annual Fund Donors**



61st Annual

Junior Horsemanship Clinic





Riding Instructors

Lindsey Elwell

Madison Gallien Chloe Hood Ann Geoghegan Karen Lorenzo • Emily Tasker







78 2017 Campers

50% Increase in Entries from 2016





Thanks to Our **Dedicated & Talented Team** **Barn Managers**

Kathryn Wakeman

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Jane Soule • Molly Hutchins • Maggie Stavish



Educational Programs



The USEA
Festival of
Eventing Clinic
August 7–9, 2017

3 Days

39 Riders

4 Clinicians

Robert Costello Allison Springer Sharon White Rebecca Vick

The USEA
GMHA
Eventing Clinic
June 6–8, 2017

3 Days

28 Riders

3 Clinicians
Jane Hamlin
John Zopatti
Sinead Halpin



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Trail Riding





22 Trail Event Days







GMHA Trail Horse of the Year: Aikane's Sunflower

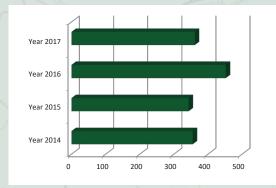


361 2017 CTR & Endurance Competitors

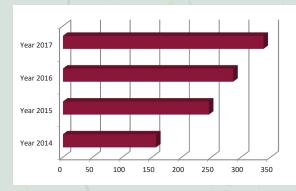
542 2016 CTR & **Endurance** Competitors

Trends on the Trails

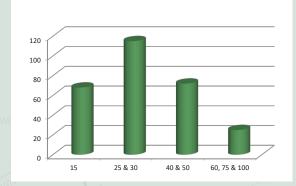
Competitive Trail Yearly Attendance 2016 bump from the 80th Anniversary of the 100-Mile



Pleasure Ride Yearly Attendance



Competitive Trail Entries by Distance



Competitive Trail & **Endurance Champions**

Mud Ride: Aikane's Sunflower/Robin McGrath Spring CTR 25-Mile: Tazz/Rhonda Batchelder Spring CDR 15-Mile: Rushcreek Cable/Christina Van Zandt Endurance 25-Mile: The Shaker AF/ Carolyn Beckstrom (1st to Finish); Daystar Masserotti/Susan Boyer (Best Condition) Spring Endurance 50-Mile: DB Prophet/Debra Fisk Hunter Pace: Mighty Morgans (Hunting), Gerstner & Dow (Hacking) August 5 CTR 25-Mile: WGA Amadeus/Jane Rathbun August 6 CTR 25-Mile: Dusty/Frieda Garrison (Ride); In Due Time/Robin

Groves (Drive) 2-Day 50-Mile CTR: Texas Sonset SSH+/Catherine Demick Distance Days 15-Mile CDR: Austin/Lucy Goodrum Distance Days 25-Mile: Roxy/ Chelsea Bouchard Distance Days 35-Mile: AM Professor

Mystery/Robin Malkasian Distance Days 40-Mile: Langwood's Great Bay/Nancy Folbre

60-Mile: AM Hamlet/Ashley Crihfield

75-Mile: Dioner/Sarah McDonald 100-Mile: Tupelo Ace/Steve Rojek Trail Horse of the Year:

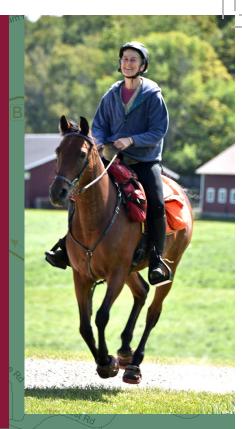
Aikane's Sunflower/Robin McGrath

349

Pleasure Riders in 2017

287

Pleasure Riders in 2016





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Eventing







June Horse Trials Winners

JYOP: Erica Jarrell/Uni Sprite

Open Prelim: Ferial Johnson/Great Recession Prelim Rider: Megan Tardiff/Cabana Boy Jr Tr: Elizabeth Gill/Quizz D'Orange Open Tr: Michelle Chester/Paladin Tr Horse: Marcia Kulak/Electric Daisy Tr Rider A: Olivia Alminde/Moonstruck Tr Rider B: Melanie Loschiavo/Spartacus Q Jr Nov: Magdalene Meek/Sly Fox Nov Horse: Marcia Kulak/Gran Torino Nov Rider A: Sarah Noble/Man About Town Nov Rider B: Paige Beliveau/Pippen McGee O Nov A: Emily van Gemeren/Carlingford Open Nov B: Jennifer Fitch/JEF Finn Lad BN Horse: Jocelyn Hawe/Cadbury VT BN Rider: Susanne Lichten/Womble Jr BN: Elle Stetson Dibble/Road House

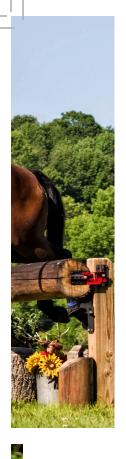
Open BN: Lourie Yelton/Ripleigh

8 Days of Competition

The 2017 Starter Horse Trials were called off due to storms.







Festival of Eventing Winners

CIC 1*: Bruce (Buck) Davidson, Jr./Harry Open Intermediate: Cornelia Dorr/Louis M

JYOP: Ryan Keefe/Hoodwink

Open Prelim: Anna Loschiavo/Fernhill Swatch Prelim Horse: Hallie Coon/Captain Chacco Prelim Rider: Lila Gendal/BT Just A Rebel Open Tr: Kylie Lyman/Glynnwood Mer Calido Prelim/Tr: Ellis Hargadon/Husaar Sunset

Tr Horse: Sharon White/Juneau Tr Jr: Emma Weir/Sapphire

Tr Rider A: Anne Grenier/Almost Famous Tr Rider B: Abigail Niles/Black Tie Affair Nov Horse: Susan Provenzano/Barrichello Nov Jr A: Laura Considine/Stunt Pilot

Nov Jr B: Lilah Whitcomb/Maximum Velocity Nov Jr: Isabel Linfield/Burraun Jeseabelle Nov Rider A: Nancy Read/Caribe PCH Nov Rider B: Ashley Miller/Irish Sea

Nov Rider: Kathrine Midgley/The Minnick Verse

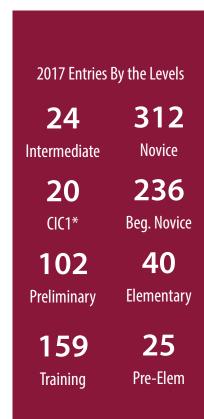
Open Nov: Kate Nolfi/Wild Pioneer

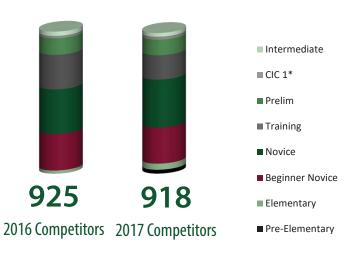
Open Nov (weekend): Jane Hamlin/Laduma

BN Horse: Maddie Lichten/Piper BN Jr A: Hilda Ronn/Quarter Irish BN Jr B: Irene Turner/Open Rebellion BN Rider A: Kara Comeau/Running Outta BN Rider B: Jessie Hayes/FMF Liesl

Open BN: Sally Davis/MFF Manhattan Affair







September Horse Trials Winners

JYOP: Katie Licthen/RF Luminati
Prelim Horse: Hallie Coon/Azrael
Prelim Rider: Caroline Teich/Kingslayer
Open Tr: Michelle Kulak/Paladin

Tr Horse: Madison Gallien/Royal Landino

Tr Jr: Emma Weir/Sapphire; Tr Rider A: Kevin Roche/Lou

Tr Rider B: Meredith Webb/Precious Z Nov Horse: Jocelyn Hawe/Cadbury VT

Nov Jr A: Madi Luce/Allie III

Nov Jr B: Hannah Smith/Bittersweet's Aurora Nov Rider A: Ayden Schain/Pyxylated Magic Nov Rider B: Sarah Noble/Man About Town Open N A: Alison Eastman-Lawler/Time to Fly Open N B: Jessica Champagne/Gallud Benni BN Horse: Susan Berrill/Lally Move On BN Jr: Abigail McDonough/Easy Flight BN Rider: Andrea Brainard/Watson's Beijing Open BN: Jocelyn VanBokkelen/Wauwinet



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Driving



12
Days of Competition







Jan 6, 7, 21, 22 Sleighing Events

May 13–14 Combined Test & Arena Driving Trial

Aug. 25-27 Combined Driving Event & CAI* & CT

Sept. 22-24 Fall Driving Classic & Pleasure Show

Apr. - Oct. Wheel Runners Clinics





Season Review

Driving at GMHA continued to flourish in 2017! GMHA appeals to all styles of driving. Throughout the season GMHA offered Combined Tests, Arena Driving Trials, a Continuous Event, a Combined Driving Event, Pleasure Shows, and Clinics.

Despite cold and rainy weather for the spring event attendance was solid. The Combined Driving Event featured the second CAI* and an increase in participation, with 110 entries over 3 days. The new date for the Fall Driving Classic, further into the beautiful foliage season, seemed to be a popular one as the entries grew for 2017.

Photos by Nature of Light Photography.

179

Competitors in 2017

VS

170 Competitors in 2016

Congratulations

May Combined Test & ADT Champions

CT Training - Dwayne Pash, Parfait CT Preliminary - Gale Hepfinger, Black Diamond Nikita CT Intermediate - Hilary Mroz-Blythe, Bijou

CT Advanced - Pat Mann, Winds of Gaspee

ADT Training - Kassi Farrar, Bentley

ADT Preliminary - Gale Hepfinger, Black Diamond Devin ADT Intermediate - Nancy Dimick, Narnia

Combined Driving Event Champions

CAI* - Brooke Tadlock, LR Ami Sahib CDE Intermediate II - Denis Martin, Senna CDE Intermediate - Anna Koopman, Night Chief CDE Prelim - Suzy Stafford, Isobel Ypkje van het Kasteel CDE Training - Cynthia Bliven, Spencer

Fall Driving Classic Champions

CT Training - Pat Mann, Purdy Cat
CT Preliminary - Deana White, My Summer Vacation
CE Training - Maya Dobush, Inky
CE Preliminary - Kelsi Breslend, Rohan Dionysus
CE Intermediate - Nancy Dimick, Randallane Narnia
ADT Training - Tracey Turner, Chardonnay 76
ADT Preliminary - Cheryl Pratt-Rivers, UVM Tirzah
ADT Intermediate - Robin Groves, In Due Time
Pleasure Show Open - Robin Groves, Thor's Toy Truck
Pleasure Show Novice - Jenny Kimberly, Lucas

1 CDE

in New England Right here at GMHA







7Days of
Driving Clinics

Hunter Jumper







432 Trips

Spring Show

1,591 Trips

Summer Show

567 Trips

Fall Show

2,590

Total Trips for 2017

The Events

May 20–21 Spring Hunter Jumper Show

NEHC - VHJA - NH - M&S Affiliated

July 12–16 Summer Hunter Jumper Show

& Team Jumper Challenge NEHC - VHJA - M&S Affiliated

Sept 9–10 Fall Hunter Jumper Show

NEHC - VHJA - NH Affiliated



Season Review

& Congratulations

The Spring Hunter Jumper Show kicked off the season with a rainy start to 2017.

2'6" Derby Winner: Sophia Channel on Cocoa Kick 3' Derby Winner: Olivia Rooney on Savoire Faire

The Bateman Horse Transportation Team Jumper Challenge saw an increase in entries. While everyone enjoyed tasty lobsters, we watched these teams clinch the TJC Champion titles in these three divisions:

2'6" TJC Winners: "Spur Of The Moment"

Amy Atkins, Amy Jenne, Kristen Miller & Megan Skalla

3'TJC Winners: "Willow Hill 1"

Eleanor Bola, Tawn Edwards, Emma Mooney & Jessie Schwartz

3'6" Winners: "Team A"

Susan Berrill, Madison Gallien, Lila Gendal & Daryl Kinney

The Fall Hunter Jumper show thrived on its new date in September. The Fall Derby was picturesque on the Jump Field as foliage season rolled in.

2'6" Jr/Adult Am Equitation & Hunter Derby Winner: Sage Pecor on Good For Me

3' Jr/Adult Amateur Equitation Derby Winner: Larissa Russin on Sands Of Time

3' Hunter Derby Winner: Sophia Comi on Enzo VDL

Photos by Reflections Horse Show Photography.









517Competitors in 2017

593 Competitors in 2016







Dressage



8Days of Competition



1,389

Rides Down Centerline

The Events

June 16–18 June Dressage Day & Show

USEF/USDF Level 3 Competitions

July 28–30 Dressage Day & Days

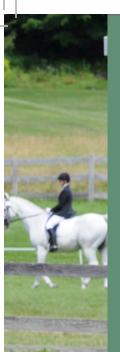
USEF/USDF Level 3 Competitions

October 7–8 Fall Dressage Show

USEF/USDF Level 2 Competition







There's Only

1
Cecilia Hoyt
Volunteer Extraordinaire







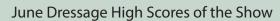
632 Competitors in 2017

VS

646 Competitors in 2016



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Tr Jr: Silhouette/Grace Pooler; Tr AA: Johannes/Samantha Andrews; Tr Open: Bimisi/Nancy Harrod

1st Jr: Stelina/Eden Smith; 1st AA: Freedom/Michelle Hirshberg; 1st Open: Grambling/Katie Bachli

2nd Jr: Furst Story/Callie O'Connell; 2nd AA: Sir Galahad/Katie Letourneau; 2nd Open: Alexander/Jennifer Narbonne

3rd Jr: Tanner/Ava Dzilenski; 3rd AA: Galileo/Sara Smith; 3rd Open: Beaujolais/Colleen O'Connor-Dzik

4th Jr: Xique HM/Sydney Horgan; 4th AA: Napali/Mary Piro; 4th Open: Don Bosse/Heidi Hauri-Gill

FEI Jr: Hot Chocolate W/Hope Cooper; FEI AA: Fynn*/*/*/*/Candace Platz; FEI Open: Avignon/Katie Robicheaux

Dressage Days High Scores of the Show

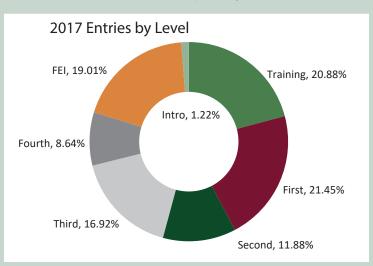
Tr JR: TLF Valdemar/Colleen Barrett; Tr AA: Donnerblitz/Lisa Whalen; TR Open: Corleone/Adam Cropper

1st Jr: Sly Fox/Magdalene Meek; 1st AA: Wilhelm II 121/Paula Enos; 1st Open: Zafari Soholm/Jocelyn Kraenzle

2nd Jr: Air Count/Riley Reardon; 2nd AA: Expert ACB/Beth Harbin; 2nd Open: Azucena/Suzanne Fraser

3rd Jr: Reina/Isabella Thorpe; 3rd AA: Merlin/Christina Morin-Graham; 3rd Open: Flingh's Dream/Roberta Carleton

4th Jr: Pernod/Caroline Hermann; 4th AA: Dontruschels Christina Morin-Graham; 4th Open: Grace Jones/Alexandra Reid FEI Jr: Usela/Tessa Holloran; FEI AA: Diamond/Kathleen Fuller; FEI Open: Avignon/Katie Robicheaux





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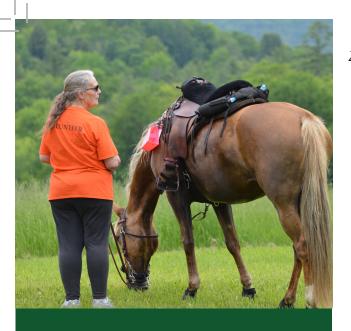
Elizabeth McEglin

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Thank You • Thank You • Thank You • Thank You

Laura Lewis



"Your volunteers are a wonderful group of people—helpful, courteous, and friendly. There are a lot of terrific things about GMHA but the people are what make it really special."

-Excerpt from a Competitor Survey



2017 Volunteers Continued...

Iav Newton Sandy Niles Krista Nordgren Mara Novak Sophie Roe Geoffrey O'Brien Deb Rose Beth Oliphant Shirley Ouelette Linda Saba

Iane Ashley Pakenham

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Thank You • Thank You • Thank You • Thank You

Trail Resources & Conservation

In 2017, we got to work on a lot of trail maintenance. The wet weather ensured that! Thanks to donations to our Trail Fund and the work of many who volunteered time and equipment, we removed trees, repaired water bars and culverts, mowed, clipped branches and re-routed or closed sections of trail when necessary. The dry spell in August and September was a welcome relief!

It was a year of new beginnings as well with many miles of new trails being shared for the first time by landowners in our community. We have also been strengthening our relationships with many important conservation and trail user organizations as we continue to seek ways to preserve trails and open spaces. Highlights of this effort include:



Participation in the Vermont Horse Council's Equine Economic Study Collaborative which is working with the University of Vermont, Vermont Technical College and State Representatives to quantify and leverage the impact of equine activities on the state economy.



Hosting a Winter workshop on Sustainable Trail Design for the community and participation in a 3-Day intensive course on design and construction of sustainable trails.



Collaboration with the Towns of Weathersfield and West Windsor, and Ascutney Outdoors, to examine the feasibility of a multi-use trail around Ascutney Mountain.



Trail exploration and maintenance in cooperation with the local snowmobile clubs.



Planning an equine and mountain bike meet and greet with the goal of doing more joint events to promote education on safe trail sharing between these two user groups.

32 Miles

of New Trails Added to the Network in 2017 Countless water bars were cleaned out and re-built once it was dry enough to get out on the trails.

Thank You to the 88 **Private Landowners** Whose Trails We Used in 2017



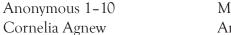


LEFT: Jay Newton from West Windsor helped us to remove dangerous old fencing from alongside a trail.

ABOVE: Chelle Grald completed the Trail Master Certification Program sponsored by the AERC. This education was put to work exploring new trails and consulting with landowners on improving existing ones.



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2017 saw two large capital improvements on the grounds, and several other small projects. First, the Upwey Roof project is complete! The entire roof has been replaced and looks fantastic. Thanks to everyone who donated to the project. We could not have done it without your help.

The second big project we completed in 2017 is the Jump Shed. You might remember that the old shed was destroyed by a car in 2016. The new shed is bigger, providing storage for all of our stadium jumps, and has an improved "crow's nest" viewing area.

Other notable upgrades include a new concrete manure pit for the Upwey Barn, lighting for the Pavilion, a newly painted Ranch House, and the creation of the Mound on the cross-country course.



Silver Stirrup Legacy Society

GMHA is excited to welcome Giuliana Robertson and Jack and Beverly Schofield to the Silver Stirrup Legacy Society.

On a much sadder note, GMHA is sorry to report that Silver Stirrup member Willard Rhodes passed away on Saturday, September 16, 2017.



Photo: Jack Schofield and GMHA President Walter Bradeen.

Silver Stirrup Legacy Society Members

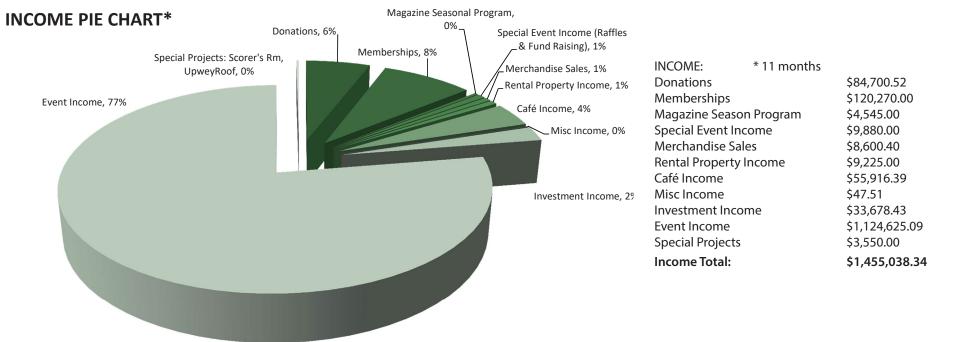
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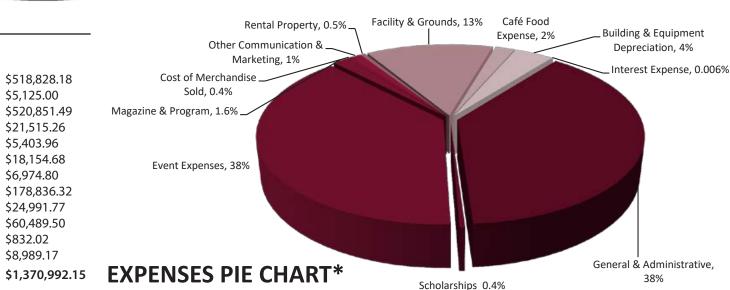
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Analysis of Revenue Sources



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EXPENSES * 11 months	
General & Administrative	\$518,828.18
Scholarships	\$5,125.00
Event Expenses	\$520,851.49
Magazine & Program	\$21,515.26
Cost of Merchandise Sold	\$5,403.96
Other Communication & Mkting	\$18,154.68
Rental Property	\$6,974.80
Facility & Grounds	\$178,836.32
Café Food Expense	\$24,991.77
Building & Equip Depreciation	\$60,489.50
Interest Expense	\$832.02
Investment Account	\$8,989.17
Expense Total:	\$1,370,992.1



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