



PRESERVE
MONTANA

Annual Report

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About Us

Since 1987, Preserve Montana has served as the statewide nonprofit preservation organization for Big Sky Country. We provide individuals and communities with the leadership and knowledge to preserve our past for the future. Preserve Montana protects Montana's heritage today, for tomorrow.



We make a difference across Montana through four program areas:
Advocacy, Outreach & Education, Documentation, and Restoration & Training.

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Our Mission

Preserve Montana protects the historic places, traditional landscapes and cultural heritage in Montana.



Places



Landscapes



Heritage



Our Vision

1

Foster deep appreciation of our diverse historic places, from our main streets to our rural landscapes.

2

Build recognition that history and historical landscapes are integral parts of our daily experience.

3

Enable historical places to act as major economic drivers throughout the state.

4

Serve as a respected resource to elected officials and public agencies to preserve historic places.

5

Engage people of all ages and backgrounds in preserving our heritage.

A Year of Growth

The year 2024 was one of growth and building for Preserve Montana. Our non-profit established greater organizational stability and governance to make bigger impacts in communities across Montana.

The results are exciting. Here is some of what we achieved:

- Expanded programming with the launch of the Preserve Montana Trades Corps--our hands-on training program for young adults exploring preservation trades careers.
- Engaged hundreds of new supporters through the *Explore Montana: Hidden Helena* event.
- Increased individual donations and corporate sponsorships by 46% compared to the previous year.

We believe that a strong organizational foundation is critical to our success. A big part of that strength comes from the supporters and partners who actively believe in our mission. People like you.

Together, we preserve Montana.

Preserve Montana staff and members of the inaugural Preserve Montana Trades Corps at the Baxendale Schoolhouse Preservation Center.



Our Team

Preserve Montana is led by a small but mighty staff of three passionate and talented preservationists and an 11-member board of directors.



Jenny Buddenborg
Executive Director



Eli Smith
Restoration Director



Emory Padgett
Restoration & Research
Specialist

Board of Directors

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Jenny Buddenborg and Lesley Gilmore enjoying a tour of Fort Benton at the Montana History Conference.



A Year in Review

In 2024, we launched the Preserve Montana Trades Corps, reinvigorated the popular *Explore Montana: Hidden Helena* historic building tour, replaced the roof and built an ADA ramp at our Baxendale Schoolhouse Preservation Center, garnered legislative support to re-authorize the Montana historic tax credit, published two technical preservation guidance reports, and much more.

21

preservation trade
students trained

historic
properties
rehabilitated

10 ✂

25

gallons of linseed oil and
linseed oil paint used

2

technical preservation
reports published

59

first-time donors



34

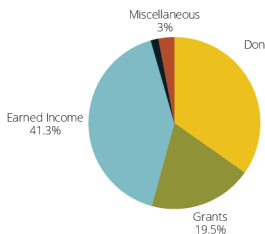
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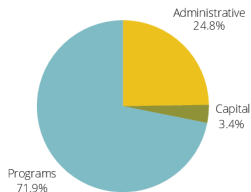
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ticketed guests at the
*Explore Montana: Hidden
Helena* tour

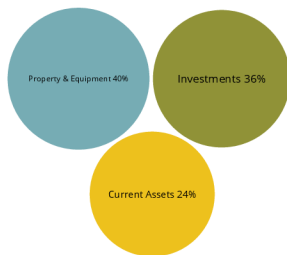




Revenue = \$434,872



Expenses = \$425,101



Total Assets = \$302,483

What's Next?

Build upon Preserve Montana's rich legacy with a new three-year roadmap that will enable us to make bigger and more relevant differences in Montana's communities.

In 2025, Preserve Montana adopted a new strategic vision that will guide us to our 40th anniversary in 2027.





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Thank You

To the many volunteers, donors, sponsors, grantors and partners who helped Preserve Montana make a difference across Montana in 2024. Our meaningful impacts could not have been made without you.

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