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Thank you for the honor you have given me by your confidence and support as President of BRAHM for the past three years. It has been with the unwavering support of the great Board of Directors of BRAHM, our tremendous Staff, and your joining in this journey we have been on together that makes BRAHM the jewel it is!

This past year has been one of extremes - that is an understatement! From record attendance and terrific exhibits, to the reinvention of BRAHM in a virtual world - our fabulous Staff has risen to every challenge and performed in a way beyond professional! Not enough praise can be given to them one and all. Thank you Staff, you are amazing!

There is not enough space on this page to talk about our many exhibits - I'll let the photos and memories do the talking and allow Executive Director Lee Carol Giduz, our Curator Dianna Cameron, the entire staff, and our many unsung heroes - our volunteers - to take the credit. It is for us the BRAHM family to say thank you! To the outgoing Board it is inadequate to say thank you for all you have done and given. To Sandy Huff, our incoming President and to the incoming Board, we have your back as you have had ours. Thank you each and everyone for being a member of The Blowing Rock Art and History Museum! You each make the Museum better.

Sincerely,
Bo Henderson
BRAHM Board President
ENRICH EXHIBITIONS

In perhaps our biggest accomplishment to date, BRAHM featured two monumental exhibitions highlighting the story of the Cone family in North Carolina and the famous art collection of Dr. Claribel and Miss Etta Cone. The sisters believed that art encouraged vital conversations and created a significant collection of modern art, including over 500 works by Henri Matisse.

Over 17,000 visitors came to see the Cone Sisters' collection and stories of the Cone family in ways that had not ever been shared before. We were fortunate to display artwork bequeathed to the Baltimore Museum of Art, Weatherspoon Art Museum, and private collections within the Cone family.

Modern Visions, Modern Art: The Cones Sisters in North Carolina
August 3 - November 30, 2019
Rankin West Gallery

Modern Visions, Mountain Views: The Cones of Flat Top Manor
July 20 - November 30, 2019
Rankin East Gallery

Special thanks to Wells Fargo, the lead presenting sponsor of Modern Visions, Modern Art, as well as Carrie Streeter, Historian and Guest Curator, the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Weatherspoon Art Museum, the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, the National Park Service, the Greensboro History Museum, the Blowing Rock Tourism Development Authority, Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital, Appalachian State University, Welborn & Patricia Alexander, Nancy Hirschland Ramage, Jane and Richard Levy, and many other members of the Cone and Lindau families for their collaboration and contributions to these exhibitions.

"For a small town like Blowing Rock, we are very fortunate to have such a fine facility filled with dedicated staff to make this significant contribution. We are proud to have a museum of such stature."

-CHARLES HARDIN, PRESIDENT BLOWING ROCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
The 152nd Annual International Exhibition of the American Watercolor Society
May 3 - July 21, 2019
Atwell Gallery

Southern Strands: North Carolina Fiber Art
May 25 - October 27, 2019
Fort Gallery

Photographs by Hugh Morton: An Uncommon Retrospective
Nov 9, 2019 - Feb 22, 2020
Fort Gallery

Sound Machines: Stringed Instruments by the Capozzoli Guitar Company
Nov 23, 2019 - April 11, 2020
Atwell Gallery

Sallie Middleton: A Life in the Forest
Dec 13, 2019 - March 21, 2020
Rankin West

Shared Spaces: Wildlife Wood Sculptures by Pete Lupo
Dec 13, 2019 - March 21, 2020
Rankin West
The Alexander Community Gallery highlights local talent and pressing issues that face High Country communities today and in the past.
Providing hands-on art education inspired by art history and local artists, the Wilson Education Center remains a premier studio and workshop destination for all ages and abilities. The newly formed partnership with the Southern Highland Craft Guild provided opportunities to learn new skills from doll-making to basket weaving.

14  Hands-on workshops for adults

154  Hands-on workshops for kids

21  Elementary classrooms brought to the museum

"Though the Wilson Education Center does not have a specific mission statement, I believe it is our calling to bring joy through nurturing and enabling creative expression for all ages and populations. 2019 was a year filled with such opportunities."

-JENNIFER GARONZIK, EDUCATION CENTER DIRECTOR
Recurring programs expand upon exhibition offerings through lectures, film, and performance. From interactive demos with members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild to lectures on the latest in Appalachian scholarship, BRAHM provides top of the line humanities edu-tainment.

"I only know what I'm attending half of the time, but I enjoy it everytime!"

- Carol Dabbs, BRAHM Board of Trustees
CONNECT
SPECIAL EVENTS THAT SUPPORT THE MUSEUM & BRING US TOGETHER

Our seasonal and special events provide much more than needed funding for the museum. They offer unique experiences outside of BRAHM’s regular programming and are a platform for gathering together in celebration of the museum's many accomplishments and our region's talented artists.

Unique special events organized and offered to the community

23

Visitors & members in attendance

2,283

- LINDA RUSSELL, GALA COMMITTEE CHAIR

The African proverb, “It takes a Village...,” couldn’t be truer than in the instance of producing a grand exhibition like BRAHM's Gala "A Brush with Genius." To the village of people who contributed their time, their creative ideas, their ceaseless energy, their tireless efforts and their financial support, (including staff and volunteers), we sincerely thank you.

Plein Air Festival artist paints an outdoor scene near Chetola. (above)

A scene from the 2019 BRAHM Gala, "A Brush with Genius." (left).

Friends gather at the Winter Exhibition Celebration. (far left)
Gross Operating Expenses (inner circle) $920,777

Note: 2019 Payroll & Expenses have been allocated by department areas, such as Administration, Facility, etc.

Depreciation $186,845

TOTAL EXPENSES $1,107,622

Gross Operating Revenue (outer circle) $976,734

Restricted, Investments, Endowments, Permanent Collection Donations $488,838

TOTAL REVENUE $1,465,572

STEWARDSHIP
ENSURING THE FUTURE THROUGH RESPONSIBLE FINANCING

21% Special Exhibition (Cone)

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13% Fundraising & Events

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