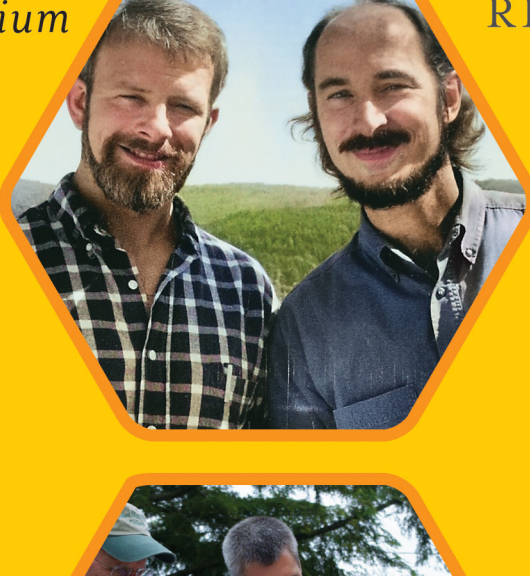


Mark Breen and Steve Maleski celebrated 40 years of Eye on the Sky.



Executive Director Adam Kane described plans for the Tang Science Annex to Congressman Peter Welch.



Vermont State Climatologist Dr. Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux presented the William Eddy Lecture.



We welcomed visitors from across the country during one of our busiest summers ever!



## 2021 by the Numbers

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)

**Total Operating Revenues** ..... \$1,296,048  
**Total Operating Expenses** ..... (\$1,285,670)  
**Income from Investments** ..... \$35,809  
**Net Surplus (Deficit)** ..... \$46,187

#### Unrestricted Funds

12/31/21 Balance ..... \$463,593

#### Inspire Campaign (Science Annex)

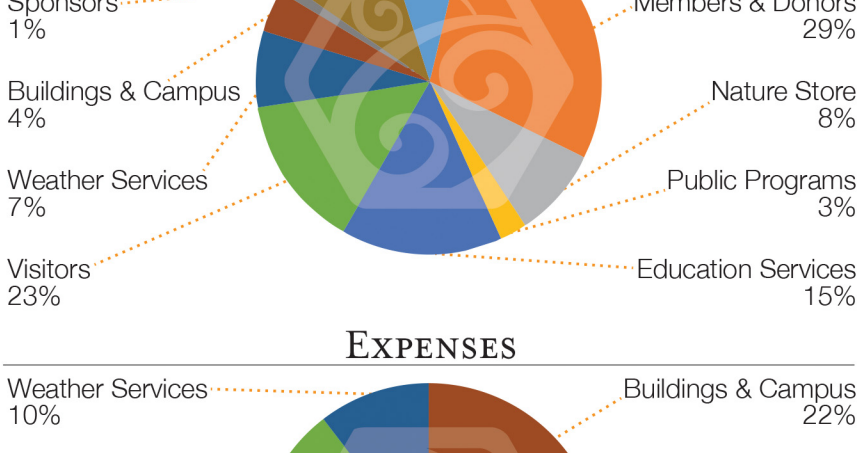
12/31/21 Balance ..... \$1,321,620

#### Restricted Funds\* (Endowment)

12/31/21 Balance ..... \$1,463,571

\*Restricted funds include the Eli Tripp Endowment and legacy gifts that promote the long-term vision of the Fairbanks Museum. Support for the William Eddy Lecture Series and other planned gifts are managed through our partnership with the Vermont Community Foundation.

### SOURCES OF INCOME



### EXPENSES



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**2021** is one for the books! We broke records, ending the year with more members than ever. Thousands came to St. Johnsbury to visit our galleries, blast off in our planetarium, and stroll through our butterfly house. At the same time, we faced unexpected obstacles that postponed plans to build our Tang Science Annex.

This institution was founded on fundamental questions about the vastness of our universe and the variety of life in all its wondrous forms. The spark that motivated Franklin and Frances Fairbanks to share their passion for the natural world shines more brightly than ever at this uncertain time. While the methodologies we use to measure scientific discoveries have changed since the Museum's doors opened, the desire to embrace and celebrate our known world remains at the heart of everything we do. The past 12 months reinforced our commitment to what's essential.

It's not enough to keep doing what we've been doing. We've stretched and morphed and uncovered exciting new ways to remain vital. We reached back into the archives and historic collections to reveal timeless truths, and we're poised to carry this vision into the future. Through each month, our focus remained on the experiences of students, families, and friends who visited our galleries, took in a planetarium presentation, or enjoyed an event. We learned so much.

Being a gathering place during a pandemic means keeping guests and staff safe while delivering inspired experiences. We've taken this challenge and upped the game to build and grow: to encourage more students to follow their passions for science, technology, engineering and math ... guiding them toward rewarding careers. We listened to your concerns about how climate is affecting our working lands by producing a one-of-a-kind discussion with people who know this topic best. And we're committed to bridging gaps in diversity, equity, and inclusion by addressing long-overdue obstacles that have kept parts of our collections and programs out of reach for some.

You remain our guiding light. Your smiles, questions, and "ah-ha!" moments are why we're here. We'll weather this storm together, and we'll come through better equipped to meet the needs of today and tomorrow.



Adam Kane, Executive Director  
 Paige Crosby, Board Chair



## 2021 Unpacked

Through a year of challenges, our dedication to natural science learning and inspiration remained constant. Here are just a few of the ways we continued to make a difference:

### Reaching kids and families

43 schools engaged with our education team for enrichment and curriculum-based classes.

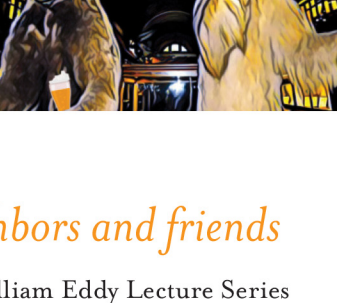
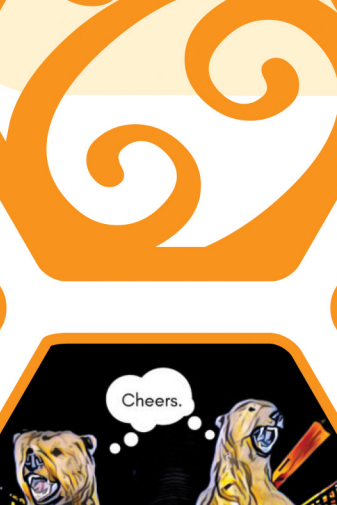
54 campers ages 4 – 8 explored the outdoors during 6 weeks of Discovery Camps.

11 Franklin's Guides gained experience and skills working with Museum educators to interpret exhibits.

62 students accessed the state-of-the-art resources in our STEM Lab.

160 homeschoolers took part in weekly lessons and gallery activities.

19 preschool children from 14 families gathered for Nature Buddies playgroup sessions.



### Taking care of business

We're tending to our Wildflower Table to make data about first bloom dates available. Thanks to a team of students from Middlebury College, we're in the process of digitizing records that date back to 1903!

Our Herbarium includes approximately 12,000 specimens, about half of these collected in northern Vermont. We're digitizing the collections to make them available to researchers around the world.

Museum entomology collections contributed to a better understanding of the lady beetle population in Vermont, as we partnered with the Vermont Center for Ecotudies to publish data.

The elements have taken their toll on our beloved building, so we repaired areas of the slate roof. It's a labor of love. This project was funded by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, and was the prelude to a bigger restoration project in 2022.

We invested in preschool teachers through Outdoor Adventure Science, a professional development program supported by the A.D. Henderson Foundation. Our Balch Nature School continues to serve pre-K children with nature-based learning.

### Neighbors and friends

Our William Eddy Lecture Series hosted 2 online discussions focused on the science of climate change in Vermont. Dr. Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, Vermont State Climatologist, and experts from the Vermont Center for Ecotudies and Northern Vermont University considered the impacts of climate change on wildlife, agriculture, recreation, and our own communities.

For the second year, we hosted 10 micro-breweries to sample their unique flavors and talk about their processes. Bears & Brews welcomed over 200 guests at this sold-out, outdoor event.

Night Owl Club launched with monthly conversations about astronomy and space exploration. This online conversation is guided by planetarium presenters from the Museum and expert guests.

### Community

1,141 Museum Members – that's nearly double the number of members who supported the Museum in 2019.

18,958 visitors toured our galleries.

7,389 guests journeyed to the cosmos or back in time in our planetarium.

### Thank you

You're at the center of everything we do.

We're grateful for every membership and each contribution.

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