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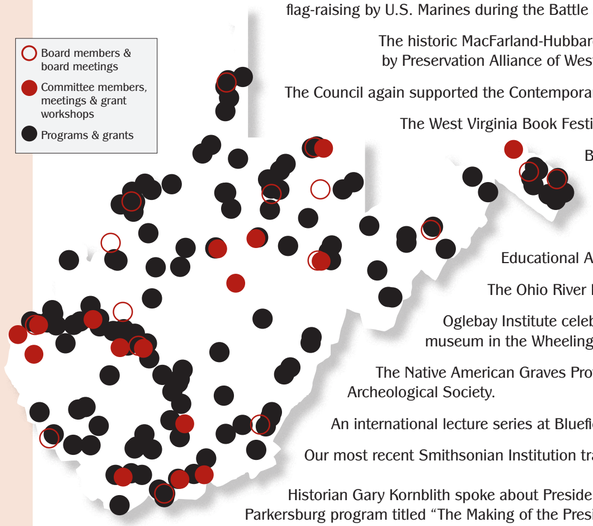

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia was introduced to West Virginians at a public launch for the online encyclopedia in Charleston. Verizon contributed $150,000.

The Council-sponsored radio documentary *The Great Textbook War* won both Peabody and Edward R. Murrow awards.

Our popular *John Henry* traveling exhibit closed out a 22-site run with a special coalfields tour, bringing the famous Steel Driver home to southern West Virginia.

Author James Bradley delivered the 2010 McCreight Lecture in the Humanities on the subject of the flag-raising by U.S. Marines during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

The historic MacFarland-Hubbard House hosted a window restoration workshop sponsored by Preservation Alliance of West Virginia.

The Council again supported the Contemporary American Theater Festival in Shepherdstown.

The West Virginia Book Festival marked its 10th anniversary.

Billy Edd Wheeler kicked off the Little Lecture Series.

The Lost River Museum mounted an exhibit of local Indian artifacts honoring "Those Who Came Before."

Pendleton County water mills were documented by the Fort Seybert Heritage Educational Association.

The Ohio River Festival of Books celebrated regional literature.

Oglebay Institute celebrated its 80th anniversary with lectures related to the role of the park and museum in the Wheeling community.

The Native American Graves Protection Act was the subject of a conference sponsored by the West Virginia Archeological Society.

An international lecture series at Bluefield State College brought speakers from Nigeria, Nepal, India, and China.

Our most recent Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit concluded a two-year statewide tour in Petersburg.

Historian Gary Kornblith spoke about President Abraham Lincoln during a Parkersburg program titled "The Making of the President 1860."

Humanities Council supporters joined Ken Sullivan and Michelle Walker for a two-day road and river trip from Charleston to Point Pleasant, Parkersburg and back.

In 2010, 632 supporters contributed $292,211 to the West Virginia Humanities Council.

The folk instruments of West Virginia were the subject of the Augusta Heritage Center's "Made to Play" exhibit in Elkins.

Concord University students presented Shakespeare on campus.

The Underground Railroad was the subject of an African-American history program in Williamson about how coded quilt messages helped slaves escape.

Former newspaper editor Becky Calwell was hired as *e-WV* editor.

Courthouses in Jefferson, Randolph, Greenbrier, Mercer, Marshall, Wirt, Marion, Fayette, Barbour, Cabell, Doddridge, Kanawha, Wood, Wyoming, and McDowell counties were the subject of a documentary highlighting their architecture and historical significance.

Report Card and Annual Honor Roll

From Our President

Dear Friends:

We recently heard from an inmate in the correctional system, requesting a copy of the West Virginia history that the Humanities Council published a few years ago for use in adult education classes. We sent the little book with our best wishes, reminding me of the wide variety of programs and constituencies our organization serves.

A look at recent highlights confirms the broad range of Council work:

*Our programs and grants served every part of West Virginia, and many places repeatedly.

*We launched the online *West Virginia Encyclopedia*. In a few months, "*e-WV*" has carried the West Virginia story to tens of thousands of people — in every state and in more than 75 countries worldwide.

*We sent several lucky high school teachers to India, continuing a long tradition of Humanities Council teacher institutes. Past groups have studied in England, Japan and at many places in West Virginia.

*We hosted one of the last public appearances of the late Ted Sorensen, advisor and confidant to President Kennedy. Sorensen recalled West Virginia's historic 1960 presidential primary.

Children's author Marc Harshman works with students in Mingo County.

*And we had a good year financially, with income surpassing projections and expenditures within budget.

That's the real trick, of course, to field literally hundreds of programs yearly and still keep our organization in sound financial health. At the West Virginia Humanities Council we manage that with the support of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts, and many corporate, foundation and individual donors. You'll find them all in the Annual Honor Roll beginning at right.

The purpose of this Report Card is to recognize those good supporters and to provide the level of accountability West Virginians expect of us. We welcome your review of our work, and certainly we welcome your support.

Sincerely,

Steve Hopta, President

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The Humanities Council had a strong year in 2010. Revenues increased to $1,527,940, more than 107 percent of projections and $201,771 higher than 2009. We spent $1,382,550, ending the year with a surplus of $145,390.

REVENUE	
National Endowment for the Humanities	$717,050
State of West Virginia	$450,000
All other sources	$360,890
Total revenues	**$1,527,940**
EXPENSES	
Programs & grants	
grants	$269,144
direct programs	$432,099
related expenses	$177,411
Total programs & grants	**$878,654**
Administrative	$409,526
Development	$ 94,370
Total expenses	**$1,382,550**
Surplus (deficit)	$145,390

Michelle Walker raises funds for the Council.

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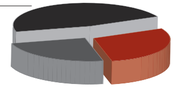

Again in 2010, the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency, provided the largest share of Humanities Council income, $717,050 or 47 percent of the total. This increased from $640,260 in 2009. The West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts provided $450,000, the same as the previous year and 29 percent of the total. The remaining $360,890, or 24 percent of the total, came largely from the private sector, including individual gifts and corporation and foundation support. Of this, Verizon provided $150,000 in support of *e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia*.

...and where the money went.

In 2010, 64 percent of Humanities Council expenses went to programs and grants, 29 percent to administrative costs, and seven percent to development. These percentages are unchanged from the previous year.

Looking back, we note that Humanities Council income has grown from year to year. Allowing for the exceptional year of 2006, when revenues spiked with publication of the *West Virginia Encyclopedia,* 2010 was our best year ever. Council assets have risen as well, exceeding $2 million for much of fiscal year 2010.

Looking forward, we aspire to another good year. The Humanities Council board of directors has approved a budget of $1,567,000 for fiscal year 2011, which includes a $110,000 grants reserve carried forward from 2010.

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