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FY2024 Annual Report



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Bouncing Back: A Note From Our Board President

The Fall issue of *Preservation Magazine* featured a cover story proclaiming: “Brucemore Bounces Back.” With generous support from the community, a committed Board of Trustees, and a remarkable professional staff, that is exactly what we have been able to do. Brucemore is positioned well for the future.

The roof restoration project completed in late 2023 included the full replacement of the slate roof, repair of the copper gutters, and the re-installation of the roof crests removed in 2019. This marked the formal end to three years and \$3 million in structural repairs of damage caused by the August 2020 derecho. That milestone is significant, and the absence of mansion scaffolding for the first summer in several years is especially satisfying.

Of course, the gardens and grounds also suffered devastating losses in that terrible storm, but we have continued to recover on that front as well. A silver lining in the storm has been the opportunity to reinterpret the O.C. Simonds’ design, fostered by Irene Douglas, and executed on site between 1907 and 1930. The plan called for a series of “outdoor rooms,” native plant species, and an implied flow from the mansion’s west lawn to the woods beyond the pond. Last fall the Brucemore facilities team planted 600 feet of mock-orange shrubs, providing a spine for the early 20th century landscape plan. Brucemore’s 26-acre estate is arguably the most significant cultural landscape in the Midwest, and it is inspiring to see it thrive.

Finally, the most exciting aspect of bouncing back has been the continued growth in public programming. Tours of the site exceeded pre-pandemic numbers; ongoing partnerships with Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre, Theatre Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids Community Orchestra, Iowa Ceramics Center and Glass Studio, and SPT Theatre benefited local artists and arts organizations; and Brucemore’s Music in the Courtyard and Artisan Studio Showcase Series continued to enliven the spaces and build relationships with the organization. Brucemore earned the distinction of “Best Cultural Attraction” in the region by the *Corridor Business Journal*, which is evidence of the impact the programs make.

There are always challenges and opportunities ahead, but it is important to take moments like this and reflect on our accomplishments. With your encouragement and investment, we took huge steps forward in FY2024. On behalf of our Board and staff, thank you for participating in our mission to inspire community interaction with history, preservation, and the arts. This irreplaceable community asset continues to thrive for you, and because of you.

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Doug Neumann
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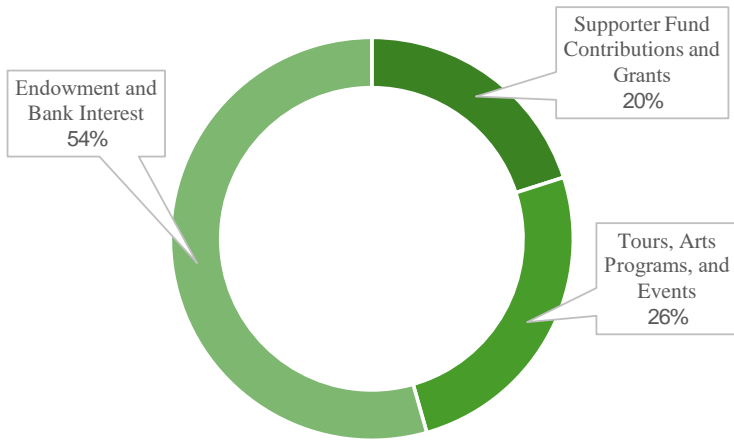
FY2024 Financial Statement (April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024)

Brucemore's financial support comes from diverse sources, ensuring a sustainable organizational foundation. Brucemore has two budgets that track the inflows and outflows of the operation versus preservation and capital projects. The organization is grateful to the individuals, corporations, foundations, clubs, and government entities listed in this report for their support.

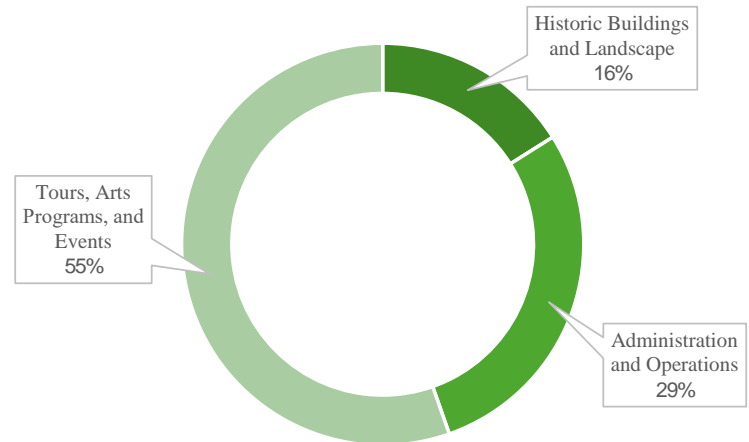
FY2024 Operating Budget: \$1.5 million

The organization's operating budget supports heritage programs, arts events, building and landscape maintenance, utilities, staffing, and administration. These expenses are sustained by Supporter Fund donations and grants, Legacy Fund gifts, event and ticket revenue, and endowment income.

Revenue



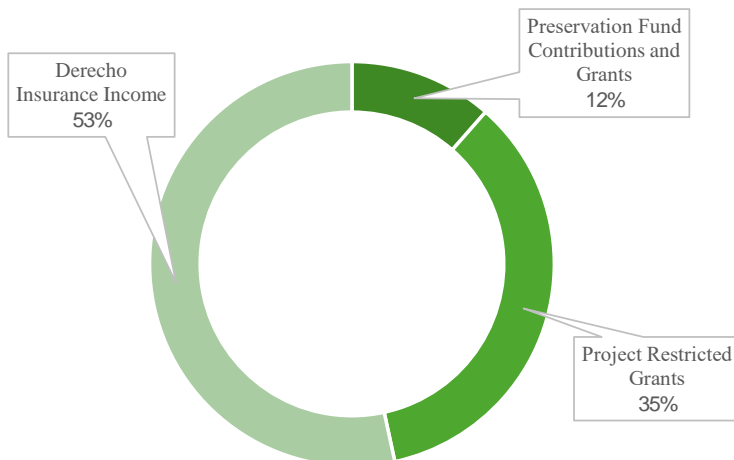
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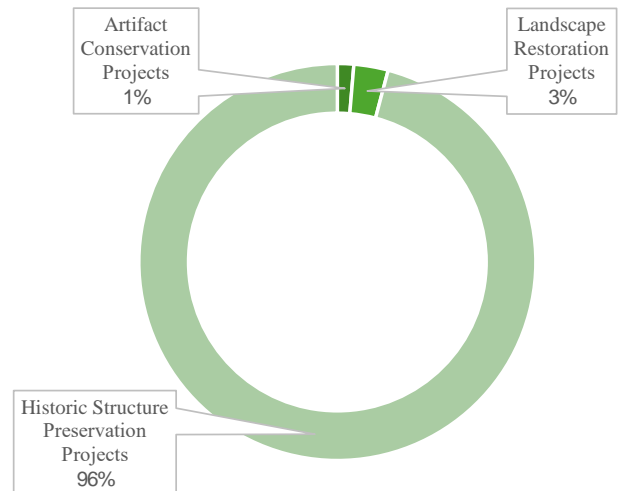
FY2024 Preservation Budget: \$1.8 million

Large-scale historic preservation and capital projects are critical to the many programs and events loved by audiences. Expenses for projects such as the Mansion Roof Replacement Project and Landscape Restoration Project are supported by Preservation Fund donations and grants, derecho insurance reimbursements, and a grant from The Hall-Perrine Foundation.

Revenue



Expenses





FY2024 Contributors to Brucemore (April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024)

This list recognizes total donations to Brucemore between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024. This includes donations to the Supporter Fund, Preservation Fund, and Legacy Fund, as well as competitive and donor-advised grants, sponsorships, in-kind gifts, and special project contributions. Every effort has been made to ensure this report is accurate. If your name has been omitted, misspelled, or misplaced, we sincerely apologize. Please contact us with questions or corrections.

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Supporter Fund

Supports Brucemore's mission impact, including programs and maintenance of the estate.

Preservation Fund

Preserves the estate's seven historic structures, 26 acres of gardens and landscape, and historic artifacts for future generations.

Legacy Fund

Leaves a legacy to create a long-lasting impact through planned or endowed gifts.

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| ∩ | Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation |
| ◊ | Special Project |
| ~ | Preservation Fund As an individual gift or in addition to other gifts. |
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Brucemore partnered with the Iowa Ceramics Center and Glass Studio to offer several glass and ceramic workshops throughout 2024.



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Left: The Youth Leadership for Five Seasons class of 2023 toured the estate as part of history day and reflected on the legacy they want to leave in their community.

Right: Visitors looked at photos of Howard Hall with celebrities and animals in the basement Tahitian Room.

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The mansion slate roof required a full replacement in 2023 following damage resulting from the 2020 derecho. This work had been delayed due to contractor and material availability.

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Brucemore welcomed Johnson STEAM Academy for their end of school year field day in May 2023. The students enjoyed activities on the First Avenue Lawn.

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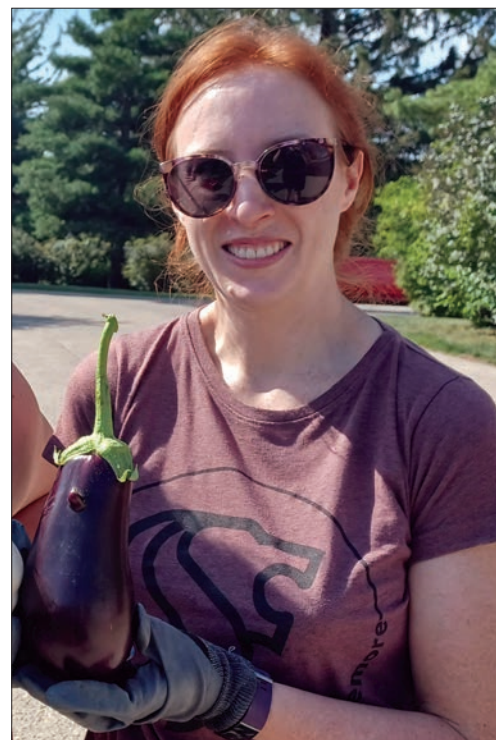
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Service



Facing Forward: A Note From Our CEO

Over the last decade, we've been responding to a series of challenges at BruceMuseum. First was the need to accelerate our preservation work and invite the community to support this through Pride & Preservation, our first capital campaign. On the heels of that success came the dual disasters in 2020 of the pandemic and derecho. I am exceptionally proud of how our supporters, staff, and Board responded. Today, BruceMuseum is in a stronger position than ever before. While challenges remain, we are turning a corner in 2024, focusing on the opportunities ahead.

Reflect for a moment on all the ways we have used BruceMuseum since it opened to the public in 1981. Over one million people have visited the site for mansion tours, music in the carriage house courtyard, theater near the pond, sprawling concerts on the front lawn, and estate-wide community events. The buildings and grounds were not designed for those purposes, but for over 40 years, BruceMuseum staff have explored innovative ways to create experiences that allow people to enjoy the property.

Our staff are continuing that legacy in FY2025. Performing arts staged on the lawn in the Formal Garden, mansion circle drive, and near the Night Garden will provide audiences with new perspectives and experiences. Experimenting with new locations for programs this season will also provide learning opportunities in anticipation of spaces around the Servants' Duplex, Bookbindery, and Lord & Burnham Greenhouse being unavailable due to planned restoration projects that will address critical issues on these structures in the future. We are also focusing on expanding programming through the BruceMuseum Artisan Studio in 2024 and 2025. This will enhance our impact and grow our audiences beyond the gates. Artist mentorship programs, a BruceMuseum Artisan Studio YouTube channel, and other initiatives will showcase, promote, and cultivate the arts sector in Iowa and the Midwest.

Perhaps the most gratifying work to anticipate is the ongoing recovery of the most important cultural landscape in the Midwest. The silver lining of the 2020 derecho was the opportunity to undertake a thoughtful, meticulous, energizing restoration of the Douglas-era estate of the 1920s. This includes a 600-foot hedgerow of Mock Orange shrubs from the tennis court to the pond, an extensive hedgerow of Juneberries along the perimeter expanse of Crescent Street and Linden Drive, and over 1,000 trees and shrubs planted in key locations throughout the estate. The Landscape Plan melds the historic design with contemporary use, modern maintenance capacity, and the impact of climate change. The estate serves as a beautiful symbol of resilience, and a case study for other landscape recovery efforts around the world.

That is what is ahead for BruceMuseum. With your support, we will continue our pioneering tradition of balancing historic preservation and contemporary relevance.

David A. Janssen
CEO



Pride of BruceMuseum Legacy Society Members

This list celebrates and honors the people who have notified BruceMuseum of their plans to support the organization in the future, whether through a legacy gift or an endowed gift.

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The Artisan Studio Continues to Grow

In 2019, Bruce more proudly launched the Artisan Studio to build on the organization’s efforts to support underserved artists. Through access to mentorship, technologies, and trusting audiences, the Studio serves as a hub for talent and community-building in a variety of genres and mediums.

In FY2024, Artisan Studio work expanded to grow audiences through five areas of focus:

- **Artisan Development Projects:** Several talented artists eager to expand their horizons teamed up with seasoned creatives and technicians to work on projects supported by Bruce more. This has included working with a magician seeking to develop a live show, developing a film that visualizes spoken word poetry, and creating a mini-documentary that shares the journey of a songwriter recording an album. The public had the opportunity to learn more about the work through live events.
- **Live from the Artisan Studio Streaming Series:** Episodes on YouTube capture the essence of live performance and candid interviews, recorded at Bruce more in front of a live studio audience. Audiences had an opportunity to dive into the personal and creative realms of each artist to discover their sources of inspiration and musical processes.
- **Nooks and Crannies of History Digital Episodes:** These engaging mini-documentaries feature Bruce more staff sharing captivating stories about individuals and events from history, such as a mobster who knew the Halls or a model and actress featured in the Black Leopards painting in the Library.
- **A Day in the Life of a Garden Episodes:** Tag along with Bruce more staff to see what it takes to keep going and growing the 26-acre cultural landscape. Each episode offers a chance to learn a little, laugh a bit, and get to know the team working behind-the-scenes.
- **Live Events:** Live events produced by Bruce more or featuring a partner organization continued to bring the estate to life, set amongst the various backdrops.



Best Cultural Attraction

Bruce more was voted the “Best Cultural Attraction” in the *Corridor Business Journal’s* 2023 and 2024 “Best of the Corridor” competition. This was the fifth time that Bruce more has received this honor.

Top: Duo Brad and Kate participated in a Live from the Artisan Studio session in which they performed and were interviewed in front of a live studio audience. The event was filmed and released on the Bruce more Artisan Studio YouTube channel.

Bottom: Events and Communications Coordinator Jennifer Beall preparing to film an episode of Nooks and Crannies of History, a series about interesting people and topics that streams on Bruce more Artisan Studio YouTube channel.



Investing in the Landscape

Work continued throughout FY2024 and remains ongoing in FY2025 to recover from the loss of over 70% of the tree canopy during the 2020 derecho. The design process completion led to a planting plan for the estate. Several key areas have been replanted with an eye towards climate change and maintenance resources, including:

Arched Hedge Row

Over 600-feet long, a three-arched edge originally created a walking path from the Garden House to the woodland during the Douglas era. In the fall of 2023, staff planted over 200 mock oranges that will be maintained between eight and 10 feet tall and feature seasonal blooms to reestablish this key feature that provides both privacy from the neighborhood and forms the “walls” of several interior garden spaces that are a signature component of the 20th century O. C. Simonds’ design. This project was partially funded by New Leader Manufacturing.

Crescent and Linden Frontage

Staff planted 205 Juneberries along a portion of the Crescent Street and Linden Drive frontage and perimeter fence in the spring of 2024. These shrubs will be maintained to be six feet tall when fully grown. This project was partially funded by a Collins Aerospace grant and donations to the landscape restoration.

Miscellaneous Trees

Approximately 140 trees have been planted in 2024 in various locations, but primarily on the First Avenue lawn, along Dows Lane, and near the Pet Cemetery. In the fall of 2024, the hemlocks along the main drive near the Servants’ Village were removed due to being in poor condition. They will be replanted and maintained at 12 to 15 feet when fully grown. Many of these trees were donated by the Monarch Research Project and Trees Forever.



Top: Captured in June 2024, this aerial view shows several areas of focus on the landscape from 2023 to 2024 including the Juneberries planted along the perimeter fence; a portion of the arched hedge row; and the Night Garden Restoration in progress.

Middle: Landscape Manager Greg Billman and Site Maintenance Specialist Scott Humeston placing mulch around the newly planted mock oranges that make up the three-arched hedge in September 2023.

Bottom: Seasonal Garden and Landscape Assistants Kaitlyn Walter and Ernie Cole planting 200 Juneberries along the perimeter fence off of Crescent St. in June 2024.

Statuary Conservation

Several pieces of outdoor statuary have been conserved in line with landscape restoration efforts. One of the pond urns was removed for treatment and remains in storage on site, and will be reinstalled once work on the pond is completed. The second urn has been treated in location and will be protected during any future work on the pond. The deer statue typically located near the Formal Garden is undergoing conservation and will be returned in 2024. This work is funded by a Historic Sites Fund Grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Night Garden Restoration

Research during the landscape restoration design phase identified the Night Garden, which had disappeared from the property until it was replanted based on limited research in the early 2000s, should be larger and have a slightly adjusted location. Work to restore the Night Garden began in the spring of 2024 and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2025.

To date, the garden plantings were removed and efforts to re-shape and re-locate the beds have begun. Contractors re-poured a foundation that will better survive freezing and thawing in the Iowa winter, and rebuilt the brick steps.

Perennials will be replanted in the garden this fall, with annuals in the spring. The garden will continue to showcase the white and light-reflecting flowers or leaves of this signature space meant to be enjoyed by moonlight. This project received funding from a private donor and the Linn County Historic Preservation Commission.

American Society of Landscape Architects Award

The American Society of Landscape Architects - Central States recognized the Woodland Restoration Project with a Historic Preservation Award of Merit at their meeting in Des Moines in April of 2024.

Landscape Restoration Projects Funding

Landscape Restoration Projects have been funded by the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and FEMA, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Monarch Research Project "Planting Forward," Alliant Energy, New Leader Manufacturing, Trees Forever Campus Canopy Program, and International Paper Foundation-Cedar River Mill, and the Preservation Fund.



You are invited to help!

Make a donation to help replant the flowers, shrubs, and trees that add beauty and character to the estate.

Your gift honors over a century of the site's history while enhancing the experiences that people will enjoy for the next 100 years. Every gift ensures this work and planting efforts continues!

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Left: An art handling company and art conservator transported one of the pond urns to a storage location for conservation to allow future work on the pond.

Right: SLA Landscape Architecture staff, Iowa State University Professor Heidi Hohmann, and American Society of Landscape Architect staff at the award ceremony in Des Moines.

Bottom Right: The steps into the Night Garden being rebuilt on top of the new foundation.





Roof Replacement Concludes Derecho Building Recovery, Crest Installation Completes Multi-Year Envelope Project

Brucemore completed the multi-year Mansion Envelope Restoration Project on the exterior of the 1886 mansion in early 2024 when the roof crests were re-installed. The overall project began in 2018 on the service porch and focused on addressing water infiltration around each elevation in subsequent years.

While the metal crests were removed in 2019 and treated off site, the re-installation was delayed in 2020 due to over \$3 million of derecho damage to the mansion roof and other buildings on the estate. A full slate roof replacement was delayed until 2023 due to challenges related to insurance approvals, and limited contractor and supply availability.

Removal of the crests presented an opportunity for the first significant maintenance on the crests since the mansion was built over 130 years ago. Contractors aided by Brucemore staff assessed each piece of roof cresting for decay, rust, and other damage. Original material was reused where possible with replicas constructed as needed.

The overall mansion envelope project addressed water and pest infiltration to the various wood, brick, slate, and other materials that make up the building's exterior to reduce risk to the mansion's interior collection.

The Mansion Envelope Project received several awards, including:

- 2019: Friends of Cedar Rapids Historic Preservation "Stewardship by an Organization" Award.
- 2020: Preservation Iowa "Preservation at its Best" award in 2020 in the category of Best Community Involvement.
- 2023: State Historical Society of Iowa "Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Archaeology and Historic Preservation."

This project was funded by insurance income, and donations and grants from The Hall-Perrine Foundation, Iowa Economic Development Authority, and over 700 individuals, foundations, government agencies, and businesses that contributed to the Pride & Preservation capital campaign (2018-2020).



DID YOU KNOW?

The Pride & Preservation campaign —now known as the Preservation Fund —supports estate-wide projects and ongoing work to care for the estate's physical assets.

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Top: Contractors hoisting a piece of cresting onto the mansion roof for re-installation.

Right: A piece of roof cresting being carried out of the operational greenhouse on the estate, where the roof cresting was stored after restoration and while awaiting the completion of other roof work.



Curator Honored with Award

In September of 2023, Curator of Museum Collections Jessica Peel-Austin received recognition through the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation's Spirit of Minnie Rubek award. She was one of 12 non-profit employees recognized for going above and beyond in their commitment and dedication to their organization and mission.

Peel-Austin celebrated her 10-year anniversary with Brucemore in October 2023. As the Curator of Museum Collections, she provides the foundation of knowledge, research, and access to the history of the 26-acre estate, seven historic structures, and thousands of artifacts. Her work enriches tours, programs, and outreach for Brucemore, and allows people to create tangible connections with the past. She has advocated for and helped ensure the historic assets remain part of our community for future generations.

She has helped the organization adapt during the multi-million-dollar investment in major preservation work and derecho recovery. She led research efforts into the archives to help the landscape restoration team understand the site's early period of significance. Cedar Rapids and Eastern Iowa area are stronger because of her dedication to preserving and sharing this living landmark.



Artisan Studio Performs at National Trust Site in California

Brucemore partnered with Filoli, a fellow site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Woodside, California, for a one-of-a-kind performance in August 2023. Chief Operating Officer Tara Richards and Director of Business as and Development Katie Benedix traveled with several participants from the Brucemore Artisan Studio, who performed as part of Filoli's Summer Stage series.

The production, directed by Brucemore's Artisan in Residence Gerard Estella, utilized the unique talents of the performers to mix music, magic, and original writing. The lineup featured music from Kelsey Madsen, Alicia Monee, Lincoln Ginsberg, and Gerard Estella, original comedic monologues from Adam Witte, and magic from Jackson Green.

Staff also met with members of Filoli's team and Board to learn about the operations of another site.



Brucemore Voted in Top 10 Historic Holiday Home Tours Nationally

Brucemore received recognition as one of the top 10 "Best Holiday Historic Home Tours" across the country in *USA Today's* 10Best Readers' Choice Awards in December of 2023. Brucemore was handpicked by the 10Best local experts as one of the top 20 historic houses and made it to the top 10 through online voting. Brucemore previously earned a spot in the top 10 list in 2019, 2021, and 2022. Annually, Brucemore provides opportunities for visitors to celebrate the season and enjoy festive decor beginning the day after Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve.

Left: Curator of Museum Collections Jessica Peel-Austin pictured with another honoree at the 2023 Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation Non-Profit Celebration as they were being presented with the Spirit of Minnie Rubek Award by GCRCF President and CEO Karla Twedt-Ball.

Right: Several musicians, a magician, and a writer performing a multi-genre show produced by Brucemore's Artisan Studio at fellow National Trust Historic Site, Filoli, in California in August 2023.

Bottom: A view from the Great Hall into the Library during the 2023 holiday season.



Brucemore Hosts National Trust Directors

In April of 2023, Brucemore hosted the spring National Trust Historic Sites meeting, which rotates between NTHP headquarters in Washington D.C. and other Sites twice a year. The meeting welcomed Directors from the 27 other Sites and Sites Department staff, many for the first time to Brucemore and Iowa. Brucemore staff showcased the estate's history, and coordinated visits to several other community museums and attractions. Vice President of Historic Sites, Omar Eaton-Martinez, commented on the welcoming nature and overwhelming pride demonstrated from residents he encountered throughout his visit that made the greater Cedar Rapids area really shine.

Partnerships

In FY24, Brucemore leveraged its resources in collaboration with several other arts, culture, education, economic development, and community organizations within Eastern Iowa.

This included providing a venue, audience amenities, and services in support of programs and events for several cultural organizations such as Theatre Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre, SPT Theatre, and the Iowa Ceramics Center and Glass Studio.

Feed Iowa First utilized the estate's historic vegetable garden to grow thousands of pounds of fresh produce to be distributed to community food banks.

Brucemore staff provided tours and presentations to student and adult groups with the Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance, Coe College, and more.

Top: CEO David Janssen welcoming everyone to Brucemore for the National Trust's Site Director's meeting in April of 2023.

Volunteers (April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024)

Volunteers collectively contributed 3,000 hours by facilitating public programs, gardening, watering trees, and other activities.

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