

2024 Annual Report: A Year of Partnerships



The Newberry Museum

2024 Visitors

Visitors to The Newberry Museum in 2024 represented **38** states and **11** different countries.

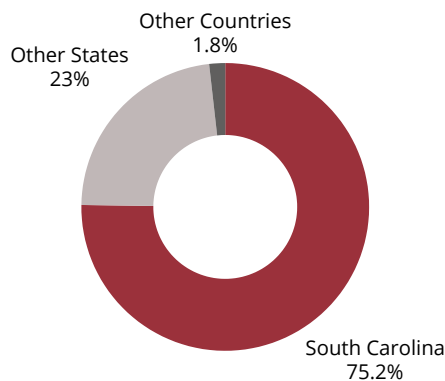


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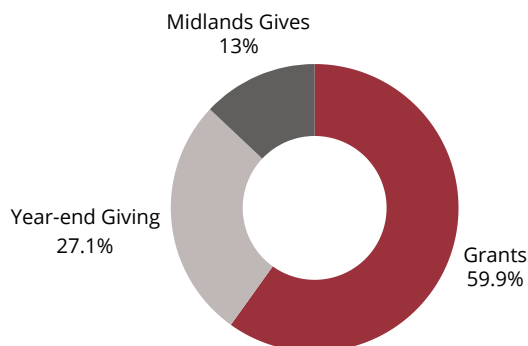
TOTAL

Visitors: 3,684



2024 Fundraising

The Newberry Museum received over **\$40,000** through grants and gifts from friends like you! We are very grateful for our partnerships* with Newberry City, Newberry County, and Newberry College that provide additional, generous funding for The Newberry Museum.



** Graphic does not include funds received through Newberry City, Newberry County, or Newberry College.*

From the Director

2024 was an exciting year for the Newberry Museum!

It was a year of expanding networks, thought provoking exhibits, and new partnerships.

We saw a notable increase in visitation and research requests. Visitors from all over the country and state visited the museum, as well as guests from Australia, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Germany, South Africa, and Colombia. Researchers have contacted the museum from across the country delving into genealogy, events, and notable figures from Newberry's past.

The museum has been busy working with several organizations to document the history of the Rosenwald Schools in Newberry County. And, we're continuing to work closely with the SC250 Commission to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.


Coming up in 2025 the Museum will highlight the many nationalities which have and continue to call Newberry County home. We will also create an exhibit on the importance of the textile industry in Newberry County.

Join us in 2025 as we continue to explore and celebrate the rich history of Newberry County!

Sincerely,
Steven K. Knapp
Executive Director



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Highlight: New Display

In 2024, the Veterans' Display was revamped to tell the unique story of the Mayes family. From Newberry County, all three siblings answered the call of duty during World War II.

John Mayes served as a B-17 pilot. Agnes Mayes worked as a cryptographer in Washington D.C., assisting in the breaking of Axis codes. Nancy Mayes joined the Women's Air Service Pilots.

The story of the Mayes siblings is an exciting addition to the museum's exhibits and helps to tell the story of Newberry County's contributions during the Second World War.

Learn more about the Mayes Family, visit www.thenewberrymuseum.com/mayes.



Pictured: Artifacts owner, Betsy Lippitt (daughter of Agnes Mayes Lippitt) in front of the exhibit.



The Newberry City Fire Department: 150 Years of Firefighting

Sept. 2023-March 2024

Visitors: 1376

2024 opened with the conclusion of our exhibit celebrating the Newberry Fire Department's 150th anniversary, in which the museum partnered with the fire department on an exhibit highlighting the history of firefighting in the City of Newberry.



The Toll of War

March 2024- Sept. 2024

Visitors: 1633

For the second half of the year, the museum partnered with the National Museum of Civil War Medicine to present "The Toll of War." This exhibit delved into the history of medical care, trauma, and the experience on the home front during the American Civil War. Stories featured in this exhibit included Henry McNeal Turner, Spencer Glasgow Welch's surgical kit, and the letters of George and Melissa Higgins.

We also partnered with the Nosegay Garden Club to highlight plants from the era in the botanical garden.

Festival of Trees

November 2024-January 2025

Visitors: 1144

We closed out the year with our extremely popular "Festival of Trees" exhibit, highlighting twelve uniquely themed tribute trees related to the history of Newberry County.



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The Newberry Museum's Botanical Garden Dedicated May 21, 2024

The Newberry Museum proudly announced the opening of its new Botanical Gardens in 2024!

Developed in partnership with the Nosegay Garden Club of Newberry, this installation was designed to expand the temporary exhibit entitled "The Toll of War" by showcasing medicinal plants whose properties were utilized during the mid-1800's.


The newly established Botanical Garden was the result of the vision and partnership between a Museum benefactor, Newberry's Nosegay Garden Club, the Museum's Executive Director, Museum staff, and the Board of Directors.

Re-purposing the Museum's courtyard with new outdoor furnishings and creating garden space to supplement and expand exhibit topics, the Botanical Garden is an inviting space which will serve as an outdoor classroom and a venue for expanded programming.

The Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of The Newberry Museum are grateful to the Garden Club and to the generous benefactor and supporters who have all served to make this expansion possible. ***The seed was planted, and the vision grew.***



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