



Alliance Historical
Society

Annual Report 2025

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The Year In Review



Above: Winners of the Fall 2025 Trivia Night

Below: Cast of Characters for Murder Mystery

Bottom: City Mausoleum researchers



In 2025, we experienced a revenue increase despite a decline in visitors and volunteers. Notably, the third-grade students visited in the fall of 2024 rather than the usual spring visit in 2025.

The rise in revenue can be attributed to two highly successful Trivia Night events and a surge in donations during our annual membership drive. We introduced the America 250 membership level, and five members decided to renew at that tier. Additionally, several life members contributed at the higher America 250 level, and we welcomed one new life member.

Volunteer activities remained robust, with John Gross and Don Shaffer managing the renovations of two Civil War cannons that had been stored in the Alliance City Cemetery for many years. The Confederate cannon is now proudly displayed in Memorial Park, accompanied by new memorials honoring 20th-century war veterans. Meanwhile, the Union cannon has been fitted with a new carriage designed based on historical plans and made its debut during the Carnation Festival. We eagerly anticipate its display at upcoming patriotic events.

As work progresses on the renovations of the City Mausoleum, the Historical Society assisted the Alliance City Parks Commission in researching the people interred within its walls.

In collaboration with the Castle Crusaders and the Alliance Area Preservation Society, the 3 Families, assisted by the Carnation City Players, staged their first murder mystery. This successful project was not only enjoyable but also a testament to our effective teamwork.

Karen Perone, president

By the Numbers

Visitors: 223
Home States of Visitors: 13

Volunteers: 31
Volunteer **Hours:** 1,787

Events: 12
Attendance: 459

Questions Answered: 211
Annual Members: 125
Life Members: 53

Item Donors: 58
Items Donated: 208



Volunteers restored this Civil War cannon to be used at civic events



Trivia Night continues to attract new participants while maintaining a loyal group of returning teams

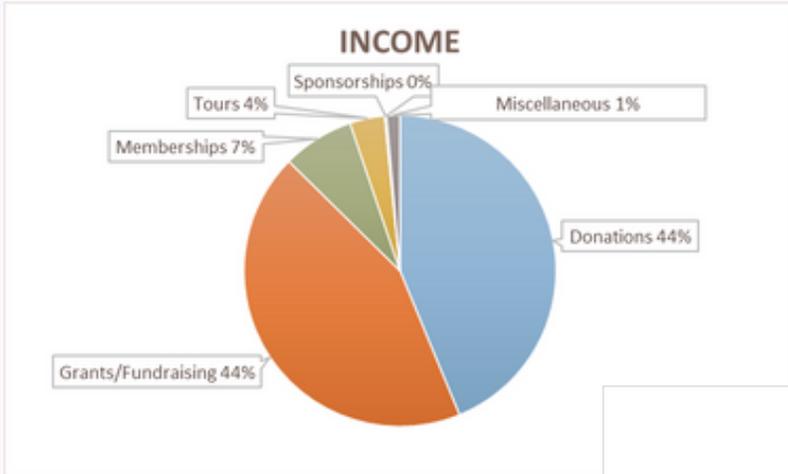
Social Media

Facebook: 4,437 Followers
30,299 Engagements

Instagram: 204 Followers
1,657 Interactions

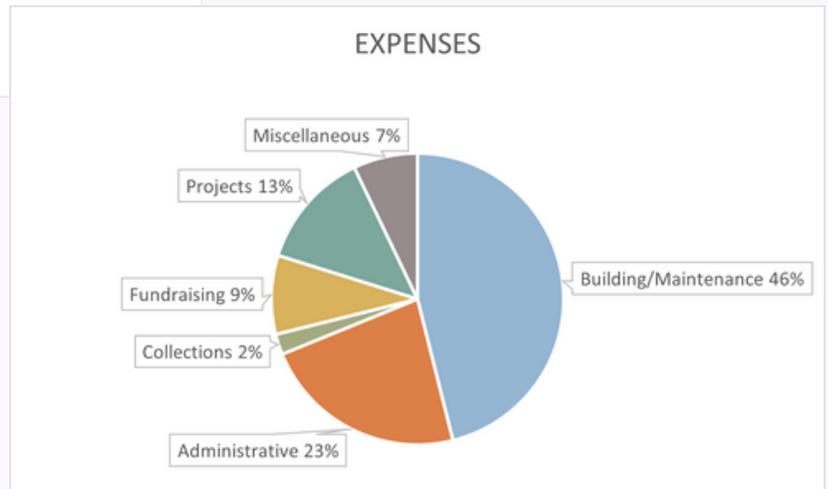
YouTube: 61 Videos
520 Subscribers
5,900 Views

Financial Review



Income for 2025 totaled \$35,508 and expenses totaled \$28,077. Interest from investments amounted to \$5,561 for a net profit of \$12,992. Excess funds are invested for future maintenance and building projects.

As a result of the increased donations, funds were allocated for targeted maintenance initiatives, such as tree trimming and landscape upkeep. A grant from the Alliance Civic Trust Fund facilitated the replanting of the flowerbed around the flagpole.



In 2026, the America 250 celebrations will be funded by grants received in 2025 from Visit Canton/ArtsinStark, Ohio Goes to the Movies, and the Pomeroy Foundation. These projects will be carried out in collaboration with the 3 Families, the Rotary Club of Alliance and University of Mount Union.

Left: Landscapers planting new bushes by the flagpole

Center: An employee from Pauli Electric paints the flagpole

Right: Tree trimming at the Mabel Hartzell Historical Home





Retired firefighter and Historical Society Board member Don Shaffer (seated) with current Alliance firefighter Will Kinser were on hand to talk with people about the Historical Society during the Carnation Festival Pump-In

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